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Australian church of Christ Evangelistic Trust

Grant Application Invitation 2025

**\$75,000
Available**

**Applications Close
8 November 2024**

Dear Brethren,

It is with great honour and thanksgiving that we invite grant applications for 2025. The Australian church of Christ Evangelistic Trust (ACCET) can release **\$75,000** for grants to the church in Australia in 2025; this is the largest annual grant release in ACCET's history!

ACCET started operating in December 2003, and from an inaugural donation of just \$2, ACCET has **reached a capital balance of \$1.44 million** as at 30 June 2024 (maintaining every donation ever received). Some of the other highlights worth sharing include:

- ❑ From inception, **\$1,320,799** has been **donated** to ACCET.
- ❑ From inception, **\$361,850** has been **granted** by ACCET.
- ❑ With this latest grant release of **\$75,000**, funds allocated to grants now exceed \$430,000.
- ❑ 2025 will be the **18th year** in succession **that grants have been provided** by ACCET.
- ❑ From inception ACCET has **provided grants to 24 different** congregations and evangelistic ministries in Australia. Many grant recipients have been helped more than once.
- ❑ The **operating expenses** were just 0.69% of Trust capital in the 2023-2024 financial year.
- ❑ During 21 years of operation, ACCET has honoured the commitment to each donor, that each donation is retained within the capital balance to keep generating income for grants, year in, year out. Each donation is truly a gift that keeps on giving.



The Trustees would like to thank all those who have given to ACCET because your generosity and love for church growth in Australia has been overwhelming.



This brochure is designed to provide all the information you need to construct your grant application. **Please note that all grant applications must be submitted on the 2025 Grant Application Form (copy provided on pages 7-10).** This form can be downloaded from www.accet.org.au and completed online, or you can email our Secretary, David Payne, at grants@acct.org.au and David will send you the form promptly.

The applications for 2025 close on **Friday 8 November 2024.** Please don't hesitate to contact one of the Trustees if you have any questions.

Again, thanks for being interested in ACCET and church growth in Australia. May the gospel of Jesus Christ be proclaimed in 2025 and we look forward to receiving your grant application soon.

In love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Bargholz'.

Michael Bargholz
Chairman for the Trustees



TIME LINE FOR 2025 GRANTS

1 September, 2024	2025 grant applications invited.
8 November, 2024	Your grant application must be submitted by 5pm AESST on the 8/11/2024. Late applications can not be accepted.
2 December, 2024	Notifications will be sent to grant applicants informing them of whether or not their application has been approved.
1 January, 2025	First quarter grant payment made.
1 April, 2025	Second quarter grant payment made.
1 July, 2025	Third quarter grant payment made.
1 October, 2025	Fourth quarter grant payment made.



***Please submit
applications by
8 November 2024
Details on page 12***

GRANT GUIDELINES

- The **2025 Grant Application Form** must be used. Applications will only be considered using this form. (See copy on pages 7-10).
- The application must be received by cut off date - **8/11/2024**.
- The application must be lodged by a congregation of the nondenominational church of Christ or by a ministry run by Christians of the nondenominational church of Christ within Australia.
- The applicant must adhere to the application procedures outlined in this brochure.
- The application must be consistent with the purposes articulated in the Trust Deed.
- Applications cannot be lodged by an individual.
- Grants will be approved for a maximum one year term. Re-application should be lodged each consecutive year, if required.
- Grants will not be given for purposes that are predominantly dependent on ACCET for funding.
- Grants will not be given for capital expenditure (e.g.... Cars, buildings, fittings and furnishings).
- Payments for grants will only be made quarterly.
- Applicant must be willing to provide a regular update to ACCET on the progress of the work (worker) benefitting from the grant.
- All grants are provided as a non-repayable free gift.

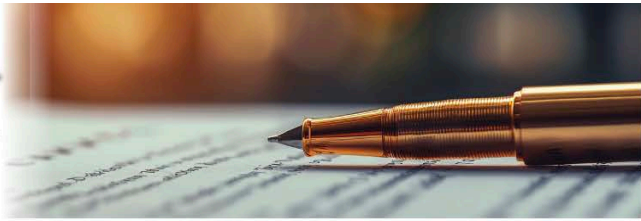


APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Trustees require applications to be lodged on the **2025 Grant Application Form**. Grant proposals should be completed by the elders, or the leading members of the congregation in the absence of elders, and submitted by the closing date of 8 November 2024.



- ❑ The **2025 Grant Application Form** can be downloaded from www.accet.org.au or alternatively please email David Payne at grants@acct.org.au and David will email you the form.
- ❑ The **2025 Grant Application Form** is in PDF format and should be completed electronically. All completed forms should be emailed to David Payne at grants@acct.org.au
- ❑ The **2025 Grant Application Form** has 4 sections, Sections 1-3 need to be completed by each applicant:
 - Section 1: Applicant Information
 - Section 2: Grant Request Summary
 - Section 3: Grant Request Details
 - Section 4: Grant Application Guidelines [Information only]
- ❑ Please note that applications will only be considered using the **2025 Grant Application Form**. A copy of this online form follows on pages 7-10.



2025 Grant Application Form

This form is to be completed when requesting a grant from the Australian church of Christ Evangelistic Trust (ACCET). **Please refer to the ACCET Grant Invitation 2025 booklet or go to www.accet.org.au for grant funding criteria, eligibility and additional details. Please note the guidelines in Section 4 of this form.**

Privacy Notice: ACCET is collecting the personal information you supply on this form for the purpose of receiving and considering your organisation's request for funding. Personal details will not be disclosed to any other person or agency external to ACCET without individual consent, unless required or authorised by law. ACCET funding recipients (congregations and ministries only - not individual names) may be listed or published in ACCET annual reports, websites and sundry articles.

Lodgement Details

Note: Applications must be received no later than 5pm on 8 November 2024

Please forward the completed Application Form by email or by post. **Email is preferred.** Please submit this form to:

David Payne Secretary Australian church of Christ Evangelistic Trust	Email: grants@accet.org.au Mobile: 0468 719 0255	Post: PO Box 86 Chirside Park VIC 3116
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Section 1: Applicant Information

Congregation / Ministry Name:	
Contact Name:	
Contact Email:	
Contact Number:	
Postal Address:	

Section 2: Grant Request Summary

<p>Amount <i>What is the specific \$ amount you require from ACCET for 2025?</i></p>	
<p>Name <i>Please provide the name of the particular worker/ministry you require funding for.</i></p>	
<p>Total Cost <i>What is the total \$ amount to support this worker/ministry for 2025? Where is this additional funding (beyond ACCET) sourced from (e.g. congregational support)?</i></p>	
<p>Alignment with ACCET <i>How the application fits with the Trust's objectives:</i></p> <p><i>Using the fund to help support evangelists, full-time workers, the training of preachers, domestic missions, schools and colleges, the creation of evangelistic publications and literature, etc.</i></p> <p><i>Please indicate which priority this application aligns with.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Priority 1. An existing worker requiring extra support. <input type="radio"/> Priority 2. Assist with the employment of a new worker. <input type="radio"/> Priority 3. Support of a student/teacher/worker/ministry undertaking Bible study or preacher training. <input type="radio"/> Priority 4. Funding a short-term evangelistic mission. <input type="radio"/> Priority 5. Design and publication of evangelistic material and Bible study material. <input type="radio"/> Priority 6. Advertising and marketing.

Section 3: Grant Request Details

<p>History and Background <i>Please provide us with a brief history of the congregation/ministry making the request.</i></p>	
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Description

Please provide a description of the proposed work for which this grant is being requested.

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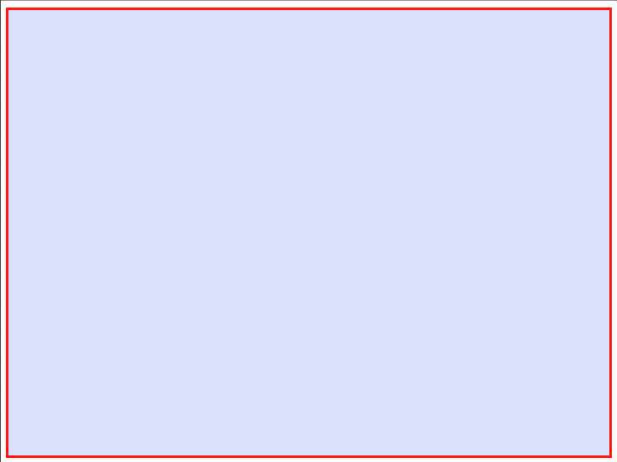
Goals and Objectives

Please provide us information with the measurable goals and objectives the congregation/ministry has in relation to this application.

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Additional Information

Please provide us with any other information that will help the ACCET Trustees understand your application.



Section 4: Grant Application Guidelines

Please have all sections above completed before submission. More information enables the Trustees to assess your application more effectively. **For 2025 \$75,000 is available for distribution.** ACCET typically receives a lot more grant requests in excess of the ability to fund. A decision to part-fund or not fund a proposal, does not necessarily reflect on the merits of the applicant or the value of the proposal.

Please keep in mind the application guidelines:

- This **2025 Grant Application Form** must be used. Applications will only be considered using this form.
- The application must be received by cut off date - **5pm AESST on the 8/11/2024.**
- The application must be lodged by a congregation of the non-denominational church of Christ or by a ministry run by Christians of the non-denominational church of Christ within Australia.
- The applicant must adhere to the application guidelines outlined in the **Grant Application Invitation 2025** booklet.
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- All grants are provided as a non-repayable free gift.

PRIORITISING GRANTS

Although the Trustees would like to support every grant request, it is anticipated that the demand for support will be greater than the investment returns ACCET allocates annually for grants. In this regard, the Trustees have determined a priority matrix that assists in the ranking of applications. The ranking is as follows:

- Priority 1)** An existing worker requiring extra support.
- Priority 2)** Assist with the employment of a new worker.
- Priority 3)** Support of a student/teacher/worker/ministry undertaking Bible study or preacher training.
- Priority 4)** Funding a short term evangelistic mission.
- Priority 5)** Design and publication of evangelistic material and Bible study aids.
- Priority 6)** Advertising and marketing.



NOT ALL PROJECTS CAN BE FUNDED

The Trustees of the Australian church of Christ Evangelistic Trust have responsibility for the final approval of each grant. Since ACCET will likely receive funding requests in excess of its ability to fund, only a portion of requests can be approved. A decision not to fund a proposal does not necessarily reflect on the merits of the applicant or the value of the proposal.



TRUSTEES

Peter Amos

Michael Bargholz

David Mowday

David Payne

Stuart Penhall

Geoff Thomas

Ray Walker

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Only one, unbound application is needed. Applications can be submitted by email or by post if the application form has been printed. **Email is preferred.** Please address grant correspondence to:

David Payne
Secretary
Australian church of Christ Evangelistic Trust

Email: grants@accet.org.au **Post:** PO Box 86
CHIRNSIDE PARK VIC 3116

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is the trust administered?

The trustees meet often throughout each year. Most meetings are by video conference and one meeting is held face to face. At each meeting we review our expenses, financial accounts, donations and investment performance. In August we receive our annual accounts and prepare annual and five year forecasts that assist in setting the size of the annual grant pool. Our face to face meeting in December allows us to evaluate grant requests and debate the relative merits of qualifying requests. We are blessed with trustees from three states who have diverse skills and perspectives. Chairman and Secretary roles are subject to vote each year.

How are the funds invested?

We govern the trust to ensure that donations are invested in order to generate returns to cover expenses and fund grants. At the same time our goal is to ensure that a gift to the trust keeps on giving year after year. In short we aim for attractive investment returns and aim to protect the capital invested over the long term. This calls for a conservative approach to risk. The trustees obtained independent financial advice in developing investment strategy. Today the trust invests in a mix of index funds, securities and bank deposits. In this way the trust receives returns from a diversified portfolio of Australian and International shares and government bonds; property securities and cash. The result has been investment returns well above bank deposit interest rates, achieved at low cost, and preservation of donated funds.



How many different congregations has ACCET provided grants to?

The Trust has provided grants to 24 different congregations and mission points within Australia. Many congregations have received grants over multiple years.

Does ACCET receive more grant requests than it can fund each year?

Yes. Each year a grant pool is advertised, for example \$75,000 is available for 2025. On average, ACCET receives double that amount in grant requests. Since inception the Trust has provided \$361,850 in grants but has received grant applications totalling \$812,099. It is the Trustees prayer that as the Trust grows a larger grant pool can be provided each year, thus funding more requests.

Is ACCET the work of one or multiple congregations?

The Trust is not a work of or comes under the oversight of any particular congregation. The Trustees are a group of devout Christians from a variety of congregations of the church of Christ. The current Trustees live in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. The Trustees donate their personal time and energy to serve as Trustees each year in keeping with the Trust Deed.

Does ACCET directly employ evangelists or ministry workers?

No. In fact it is a long term and current policy of the Trust to only gift the grants to congregations of the church of Christ. Each grant is provided as a non-refundable free gift to the congregation.

Does ACCET pay income tax on the investment earning?

No. ACCET is a registered charity for tax purposes and therefore is not required to pay income tax on investment earnings. This allows for more of the investment earnings to be applied to grants and giving.

Are donations to ACCET tax deductible?

The Trust is not a Deductible Gift Recipient charity so any donations to the Trust are not tax deductible for the donor. However, once the donation is received by the Trust it does not incur any income tax as per the previous question.

Can ACCET provide grants to overseas missions?

No. The Trust Deed and Charitable Status with the Australian Tax Office only permit grants to be distributed within Australia.

I am unsure if our grant request is suitable, can I talk to someone before the cut-off date?

Most certainly. David Payne is the current ACCET secretary. David will be able to answer any questions in the preparation of your application. Please contact David by email at grants@accet.org.au or phone on 0468 719 025. Please don't hesitate to contact any of the Trustees should that be easier for you.

I want to start a work in a new location, can I lodge a grant application?

Yes you can. We just ask that the grant application for the work go through a congregation of the church of Christ. It would therefore be beholden on you and the said congregation to work through and lodge the application together. Any approved grants are provided to a congregation.

Can I leave ACCET a donation in my estate or will?

Yes. In fact several people have informed ACCET that this has been done. The easiest way to do that is to nominate a portion of your estate to go to the Australian church of Christ Evangelistic Trust ABN 18 064 594 371. Recording the ABN allows the executor to locate the Trust.

CONTACTING THE TRUSTEES

Telephone: 0468 719 025
Email: enquiries@accet.org.au
Web: www.accet.org.au



DONATE TO THE TRUST AND HELP EVANGELISM

Evangelists in Australia need your support. Donating to ACCET is a way that you can help. ACCET requires continued help to grow to keep providing larger grants each year. Remember the grants only come from the investment earnings, so your gift to the capital base is a gift that keeps on giving.

Donations can be made direct to the ACCET bank account or through BPAY®:

Westpac Gosford, NSW
BSB: 032 669
Account No: 18 6499



Bill Code: 107748
Ref: 100016

***Just \$10 per month
donated to the
Trust from many,
would see the Trust
granting \$100,000
a year. Do you have
\$10 a month?***



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