



“Let your light shine...” – Matthew 5:16

Grant Application Invitation 2027

**\$85,000
Available**

**Applications Close
13 November 2026**

Dear Brethren,

It is with great honour and thanksgiving that we invite grant applications for 2027. The Australian church of Christ Evangelistic Trust (ACCET) has made **\$85,000** available for grants to the church in Australia in 2027.

The Trustees would like to thank all those who have given to ACCET. Your generosity and love for church growth in Australia are greatly encouraging.

This brochure is designed to provide all the information you need to prepare your grant application. **Please note: all grant applications must be submitted on the 2027 Grant Application Form.** This form can be downloaded from www.accet.org.au/grants/, completed and emailed to grants@accet.org.au. If you experience difficulty accessing the form, please email us.

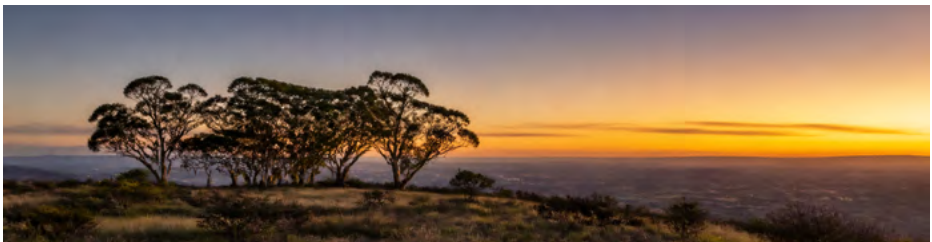
Applications close at 5:00pm AEDT on **Friday 13 November 2026**. Please don't hesitate to contact one of the Trustees if you have any questions.

Again, thanks for being interested in ACCET and church growth in Australia. May the gospel of Jesus Christ be proclaimed in 2027. We look forward to receiving your grant application.

In love,



Michael Bargholz
Chairman for the Trustees



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

As of 30 June 2026, ACCET continued to grow in financial strength and its capacity to support gospel work throughout Australia.

Highlights of ACCET's Journey since 27 November 2003:

- ✓ **\$1.37 million** has been donated to ACCET since inception.
- ✓ **\$1.46 million** in capital has been retained and invested—**\$87,753** more than cumulative donations.
- ✓ **\$501,850** has been provided in grants to churches and ministries since grants commenced.
- ✓ ACCET has provided **120 grants** to **24** different congregations and mission points.
- ✓ During 2025–26, ACCET distributed a record **\$72,500** in grants.
- ✓ Investment distributions and capital growth produced a total investment return equivalent to **7.4% p.a.**
- ✓ Operating expenses were held to **\$11,723**—just **0.80%** of Trust capital.
- ✓ The **\$85,000** grant pool for 2027 will mark ACCET's 20th consecutive annual grant round and the largest to date.

A Gift That Keeps on Giving

Every dollar donated to ACCET contributes to an enduring source of support for gospel work. Capital is invested prudently, and the resulting earnings help fund evangelism, preaching, training, missions, Bible resources and outreach across Australia—year after year.



TIMELINE FOR 2027 GRANTS

1 September 2026	2027 grant applications invited
13 November 2026	Applications close at 5:00pm AEDT
18 December 2026	Applicants notified of grant outcome
1 January 2027	First quarter grant payment made
1 April 2027	Second quarter grant payment made
1 July 2027	Third quarter grant payment made
1 October 2027	Fourth quarter grant payment made

Notes:

- ☒ *Late applications cannot be accepted.*
- ☒ *All grant payments are made quarterly by electronic funds transfer to the nominated congregation or ministry account.*



***Please submit
applications by
5:00pm AEDT,
13 November 2026***

GRANT GUIDELINES

- ✓ **The 2027 Grant Application Form must be used.**
Applications will only be considered when submitted using the official form (download from www.accet.org.au/grants/).
- ✓ **Applications must be submitted by 5:00pm AEDT on Friday 13 November 2026.**
Late applications cannot be accepted.
- ✓ **Applications must be lodged by a congregation of the church of Christ,** or a ministry run by Christians from the church of Christ within Australia. Individuals may not apply on their own behalf.
- ✓ **Applications must align with the ACCET Trust Deed.**
This includes supporting evangelists, preachers, schools, colleges, missions, and evangelistic materials.
- ✓ **All grants are awarded for a one-year term.**
If ongoing support is needed, a new application must be submitted each year.
- ✓ **ACCET does not fund capital expenditure.**
This includes buildings, cars, fittings, and furnishings.
- ✓ **ACCET does not fund ministries predominantly dependent on ACCET.**
ACCET funding should supplement other sources of ministry support, rather than be the ministry's main source of funding.
- ✓ **Successful applicants must provide progress updates.**
Updates may be used in ACCET reports and publications.
- ✓ **All grants are free gifts.**
No repayment is expected. Grants are funded from the investment earnings of the Trust.

Please ensure your application meets the above conditions before submission. Proposals that meet these guidelines will be prayerfully considered by the Trustees.

HOW TO APPLY

- ✓ Download the 2027 Grant Application Form
Available at www.accet.org.au/grants/ or by email request to: grants@accet.org.au
- ✓ Complete all required sections of the form.
- ✓ Ensure the application is submitted by a congregation or ministry affiliated with the church of Christ in Australia.

***Only one completed
copy of the official
2027 Grant Application
Form is required.***

Your completed application must be received by **5:00pm AEDT on Friday 13 November 2026.**

- ✓ Email is preferred. Send to: grants@accet.org.au
- ✓ Post (if necessary):
PO Box 86
Chirnside Park VIC 3116
Attn: David Payne –
ACCET Secretary
- ✓ Need help?
Contact David at
0468 719 025



PRIORITISING GRANTS

Although the Trustees would like to support every eligible request, demand is expected to exceed the investment earnings available for grants. To use ACCET funds effectively for gospel growth, Trustees assess each application against the following six priorities.

Please indicate on the application form which priority best aligns with your proposal:

- Priority 1: An existing worker requiring extra support.**
Help sustain gospel workers facing temporary funding shortfalls or increasing ministry costs.
- Priority 2: Assisting with the employment of a new worker.**
Provide initial support for a new evangelist, church planter, or ministry worker starting in Australia.
- Priority 3: Support students/workers in Bible or ministry training.**
Support students, ministry workers, teachers and instructors involved in formal Bible study, ministry internships or preacher training.
- Priority 4: Funding a short-term evangelistic mission.**
Support local or regional evangelism initiatives, campaigns, or outreach events.
- Priority 5: Producing evangelistic or Bible study resources.**
Fund the creation or printing of high-impact evangelistic materials, digital content, tracts, videos, or study guides.
- Priority 6: Advertising and promotion of gospel outreach.**
Support digital or print media campaigns that draw seekers to the message of Christ.

IF YOUR GRANT IS APPROVED

Grant conditions applying to successful recipients:

1. Use of Funds

Funds should be used for the purposes outlined in the approved application. ACCET must be informed of any significant changes to the application purpose, project or its timing.

2. Quarterly Payments

Grants will be paid in four quarterly instalments during 2027 (January, April, July, October). Each payment is provided as a non-repayable gift from the Trust and will be made by bank transfer to the nominated congregation / ministry account.

3. Reporting Requirements

Recipients must provide at least one brief progress update during the grant year. These updates help the Trustees understand how the funds have supported your work and allow us to encourage future giving. Updates can be brief and informal. They can be emailed to grants@accet.org.au

4. Public Acknowledgement

If appropriate, recipients are encouraged to acknowledge ACCET's support in newsletters, websites, or social media. This helps promote generosity and Trust growth.

5. Tax and Legal Compliance

Each recipient is responsible for using grant funds in accordance with all local tax, employment, and legal obligations. ACCET does not get involved in grant recipient employment matters, contracts, or arrangements.



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- ☐ Read this booklet thoroughly.
- ☐ Download the official [2027 Grant Application Form](#).
- ☐ Confirm the applicant is an eligible congregation or ministry.
- ☐ Confirm the application is made on behalf of an eligible congregation or ministry, not for an individual's personal benefit.
- ☐ Identify the ACCET priority that best fits the proposal.
- ☐ Gather project dates, worker details and background information.
- ☐ Determine the total project cost and exact amount requested.
- ☐ Identify congregational contributions and other funding.
- ☐ Be prepared to provide the congregation's or ministry's bank account details if the application is successful.

This page is a preparation guide, not the application form.



PREPARING A STRONG APPLICATION

A strong application clearly explains the ministry need, the proposed work and how ACCET funding will help. It does not need to be lengthy, but it should be specific and complete.

1. Explain the Need

Briefly describe the ministry need or opportunity. Tell the Trustees who will benefit, where the work will occur and why assistance is needed now.

2. Describe the Proposed Work

Explain what will be done, when it will happen and who will be responsible. Clearly identify what the requested grant will pay for.

3. Connect the Proposal to an ACCET Priority

Identify the priority that best fits your proposal and explain how the work will contribute to evangelism, preaching, training, missions or Bible teaching in Australia.

4. Demonstrate Local Commitment

Outline how the congregation or ministry will contribute through funding, volunteers, facilities, oversight, prayer or other practical support.

KEEP IT CLEAR

Trustees assess the information in the official form. Plain language, realistic figures and clear explanations are more helpful than promotional wording.

BUDGET AND OUTCOMES

The Trustees need to understand both the financial request and what the proposed work is expected to achieve.

5. Present a Complete Funding Picture

State the total project cost, the exact amount requested from ACCET and any other confirmed or proposed funding. Explain whether the project can proceed if ACCET offers only part of the amount requested.

6. Describe the Expected Results

Tell the Trustees what you hope will happen because of the project. Wherever possible, include results that can be observed or measured during the grant year.

ILLUSTRATIVE PROJECT BUDGET

Total worker / project cost	\$80,000
Congregational contribution	\$50,000
Other confirmed funding	\$20,000
Amount requested from ACCET	\$10,000

FROM GENERIC TO SPECIFIC

Rather than: “Funding will help us reach more people.”

Consider: “The congregation is seeking \$10,000 towards the evangelist’s 2027 salary package, enabling the worker to continue weekly Bible studies, preaching and teaching, member training and local outreach throughout the year.”

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once your application has been submitted, ACCET will follow these steps.

1. Receipt and Review

ACCET will acknowledge receipt by email. A Trustee may contact you if further information is needed.

2. Trustee Assessment

The Trustees prayerfully assess eligible applications against the Trust Deed, grant guidelines and six funding priorities. Demand often exceeds the funds available, so some applications may receive partial funding or be unsuccessful.

3. Notification

All applicants will be advised of the outcome by 18 December 2026.

4. Grant Payments

Successful grants will be paid in quarterly instalments on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October 2027.

5. Keeping in Touch

Recipients must provide at least one brief progress update during 2027. Tell us what has happened, how the grant has helped and any significant changes to the approved work.

Thank you for your commitment to sharing the gospel in Australia. We look forward to learning about your congregation's work.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is the trust administered?

The Trustees meet regularly throughout the year, with most meetings held via video conference and one face-to-face meeting in December. Each meeting reviews expenses, donations, investment performance, and grant matters. In August, Trustees receive the annual accounts and prepare forecasts to set the following year's grant pool. The December meeting is used to assess and decide on the grant applications. ACCET is blessed with Trustees from multiple states with diverse skills and experience. The roles of Chair and Secretary are appointed annually.

How are the funds invested?

The Trust is governed to preserve and grow donated capital, enabling ongoing grant support. ACCET aims for long-term returns through an investment strategy developed with professional advice.

ACCET invests primarily through index funds, supported by a cash reserve. The investment strategy seeks long-term growth while preserving sufficient liquidity to meet grants and operating expenses.

How many different congregations has ACCET provided grants to?

To date, ACCET has supported 24 different congregations or mission points — many receiving grants across multiple years.

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

Yes. For example, \$70,000 was available for 2026, but requests totalled \$120,000. We pray continued growth allows more requests to be supported each year.

Is ACCET the work of one or multiple congregations?

ACCET is an independent charitable trust and does not operate under the oversight of any one 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, ACT 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. ACCET only provides grants to congregations or ministries; it does not employ staff or workers directly.

Does ACCET pay income tax on the investment earnings?

No. ACCET is endorsed as an income-tax-exempt charity and therefore does not pay income tax on its investment earnings. This allows for more of the investment earnings to be applied to grants and giving.

Are donations to ACCET tax deductible?

ACCET is not endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient, so donations are not tax deductible. Its income-tax-exempt charitable status is separate from DGR endorsement.

Can ACCET provide grants to overseas missions?

The 2027 ACCET grant program is currently restricted to eligible ministry work conducted within Australia.

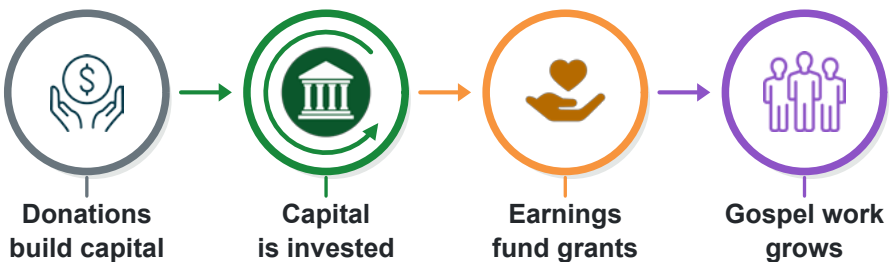
I am unsure if our grant request is suitable, can I talk to someone before the cut-off date?

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. However, the application must be submitted through an eligible congregation (or ministry) of the church of Christ. The congregation (or ministry) and applicant should prepare the proposal together, and any approved grant will be paid to and overseen by that congregation or ministry.

HOW ACCET WORKS



Donations remain invested as capital. Investment earnings help cover operating expenses and provide grants for evangelists, training, missions and gospel outreach across Australia.

**Each gift. Supporting gospel work
year after year.**

CONTACTING THE TRUSTEES

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



Visit accet.org.au
to download an
application form.

YOUR GIFT MEANS HELP FOR GENERATIONS

ACCET's annual grants are funded from investment earnings, while donated capital remains invested. Your gift therefore helps support gospel work in Australia year after year.

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

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



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***Regular gifts of any
size help grow the
capital base that
supports future
grants.***



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