State Trustees Australia Foundation

Purpose

Fighting the Tuberculosis Epidemic and helping sufferers of the disease.

Funding amount

- 3-year grants of up to $130,000 per year

Timeframes

- Opens 26th October 2026
- Closes 27th November 2026

Outcomes

- By 8th March 2027

Eligibility

Item 1 DGR organisations which are registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and endorsed with charity tax concessions.

COMBATTING THE TB EPIDEMIC

FY2026/27 – FY2028/29 Grant Round Guidelines

The Combatting the TB Epidemic Grant Program has been developed to support the fight against Tuberculosis (TB) in regions most afflicted by the disease.

The Grant Program is funded through The John Burge Trust Fund and The Thelma June Warren Donation.

The John Burge Trust Fund is a perpetual private charitable trust established in 1940 from the Will of Mr John Burge to ease the suffering from, support the treatment of and prevent the spread of TB.

The Thelma June Warren Donation is a sub-fund of the State Trustees Australia Foundation established in 2023 to advance International Aid.

***Facts About TB**

- TB is curable and preventable
- In 2024, 1.23 million people died from TB worldwide and an estimated 10.7 million people fell ill with TB
- The largest number of new TB cases occurred in the WHO South-East Asia Region (34%), followed by the Western Pacific Region (27%) and the African Region (25%)
- Ending the TB epidemic by 2030 is among the health targets of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

**Source*: https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/tuberculosis

What are the objectives of the Combatting the TB Epidemic Grant Round?

a) to support the fight against TB in regions most afflicted by the disease
b) to aid and help those who are suffering, or have suffered from, TB and who by reason of the disease are disabled
c) to provide funds to implement programs for identifying and treating those persons who are at a higher risk than other members of the population of having or contracting TB
d) to provide funds to implement educational programs to inform health workers about the prevention, recognition, and treatment of TB
e) to provide medication for, and supervision of the use of medication by, members of groups who are at a high risk of having or contracting TB

Who is eligible to apply?

An eligible entity is endorsed as item 1 Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), with charity tax concessions.

What are the funding exclusions?

- Organisations with overdue acquittals from any of State Trustees' granting programs
- Applications identical to a previously submitted, unsuccessful application
- Organisations can only apply for one project per round
- General fundraising appeals
- Organisations whose funded activity may seek to proselytise a particular faith or religion to its beneficiaries
- Universities and other institutions seeking funding for academic research projects or research positions with minimal or no research translation activity or no community-based partners
- Applications from Universities or Medical Research Institutes must come from the relevant Philanthropy / Fundraising office
- Retrospective funding
- 'For-profit' bodies and Commercial activities
- State and Commonwealth Government bodies
- Political parties or their candidates
- Individuals
- Personal living expenses
- Loans

What are the timeframes?

Round Opens	**Monday 26th October 2026, 9am**

Round Closes	**Friday 27th November 2026, 5pm**
Outcome notifications	By Monday 8th March 2027
Conditions of Awards	To be returned by the recipient within 5 business days of successful outcome notification

How much funding is available for a project?

The round provides 3-year grants of up to $130,000 per year.

What is the assessment process?

- Applicant organisations will be first reviewed to confirm if they are eligible entities.
- Applications will be assessed against the program application criteria, with applications which are most aligned with our preferences and objectives receiving a higher rating.
- Assessment is made using a blended assessment model, where ranking and qualitative analysis is used to inform decisions. Ratings are made on a 6-point scale:

  0 = application completely fails to address criterion
  1 = application largely fails to meet the criterion
  2 = application just fails to meet the criterion
  3 = application meets criterion
  4 = application meets criterion well
  5 = application meets criterion at a high level
- Notifications of outcomes will be issued via email and / or phone call.

How are payments made?

Payments will be made by electronic funds transfer only to the nominated bank account in the name of the *eligible entity* provided in the application within 5 business days of a returned Conditions of Award.

What reporting will be expected if the project is successful?

6-month phone update *Informal*	A member of our grant team will call to discuss the start of the project
Grantees Meet and Greet and/or other stakeholder engagement	During period of funded work – To be confirmed
Acquittal report	Due 1 month after project completion (as defined in Application and Conditions of Award)

Remember that you can call or email at any time if you have any questions about the progression of your project.

How do I apply?

We use SmartyGrants – an online application form. Remember to save each page when entering information. We recommend reading these tips on how to use SmartyGrants: **Help Guide for Applicants**.

Application Checklist

- ☐ Have you read the objectives and exclusions?
- ☐ Noted the important dates?
- ☐ Have copies of proof of eligibility including Item 1 deductible gift recipient, charity tax concession endorsements, and ACNC charity registration?
- ☐ Have details of your eligible entity, including ABN, Australian bank account?
- ☐ Links to your annual report or financial statements?

Who do I contact for more information?

Contact us on **(03) 9667 2845** or send us an email if you would like more information or to discuss your project: **charitable@statetrustees.com.au**

Examples of projects we've funded

Take a look at what we funded in recent years **Combatting the TB Epidemic**.