

Collier Charitable Fund ◊



2023 Annual Review



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2023 Year in Review

This year the Trustees continued to pursue some new initiatives and build on others that have been developed in prior years.

Operationally, in 2023 the number of grant applications increased by 4.9% and the total value of the grants requested increased by 8.3%. The average value of the grants approved this year was \$34,087. The Fund's investment portfolio saw an improvement in the value of the investments but a decline in the income available for grant distributions. The income for the financial year ended was \$4,757,434. The amount distributed was \$4,704,000 (a decline of \$196,000 or 4% on the grant distributions in 2022).

The Fund provided each of 10 Victorian Regional Public Hospitals with untied grant of \$67,200. The untied nature of the grants allows the hospitals to apply the funds to the priority area/s of need which they identify. Positive feedback continues to be received from the hospitals regarding the benefit of receiving untied funding. In 2023 the Trustees continued to refine "The Collier Approach" which began being rolled-out last year. As noted last year the approach aims to simplify how the Fund operates, for grant applicants.

The Trustees have decided that the website should be updated, and this is planned to roll-out in early 2024. Feedback received from grant applicants in 2022 and this year has informed some of the new design elements. In the year under review the Trustees held 4 lunchtime forums. Six organisations from similar sectors were invited to each forum to meet with the Trustees and discuss the issues currently facing their organisations as well as the issues facing their sectors.

The forums provided learning opportunities and insights for all attendees. The sectors represented by the organisations were progressing education & training in Australia, furthering faith and religious endeavours in Australia and supporting Victorians in need.

Some of the issues identified by all organisations included:

- Staffing shortages and retention challenges.
- Difficulty recruiting volunteers.
- Funding from government being under pressure with organisations acknowledging that there are issues about advocating for change when they are reliant on this funding.
- Philanthropic support being required "more than ever".
- With so many providers/organisations delivering services the need for more collaboration between organisations along with mergers and greater efforts to consolidate.

The organisations identified the need for:

- Capacity building grants
- Grants for operating expenses
- Material Aid
- Program funding
- Flexible funding
- Funding for evaluations
- Multi-year funding for certainty (especially if it is for staffing costs over the longer term)
- Resources to support writing grant applications (which can be a challenge).

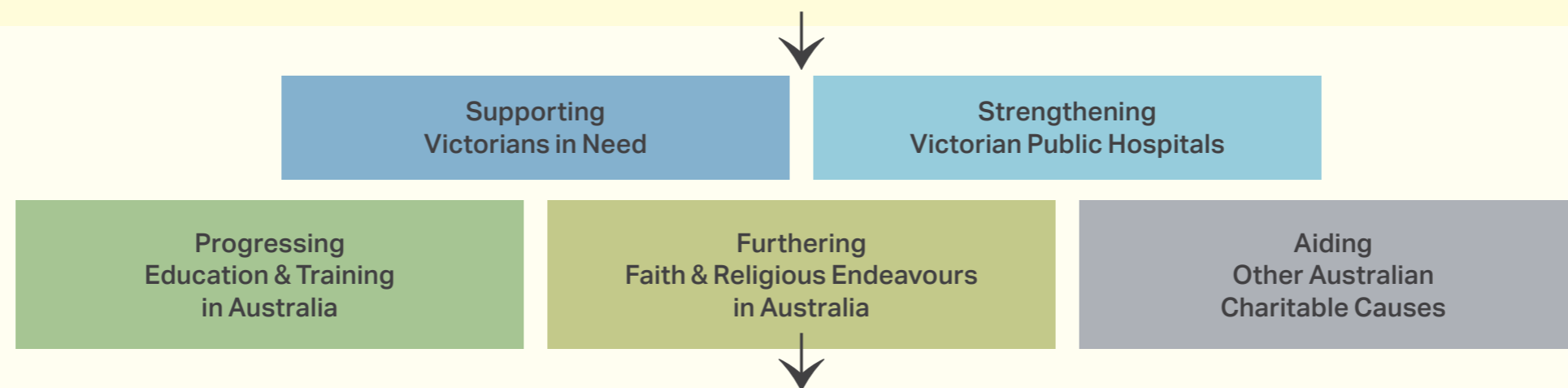
This review provides an overview of the work the Fund has undertaken for the year ended 30 June 2023. Further information is available on our website www.colliercharitable.org

Facts and Figures

In 2023 the Fund distributed \$4,704,000 to 138 organisations in Victoria and other parts of Australia. The distributions were allocated using the following approach and categories.

The Collier Approach

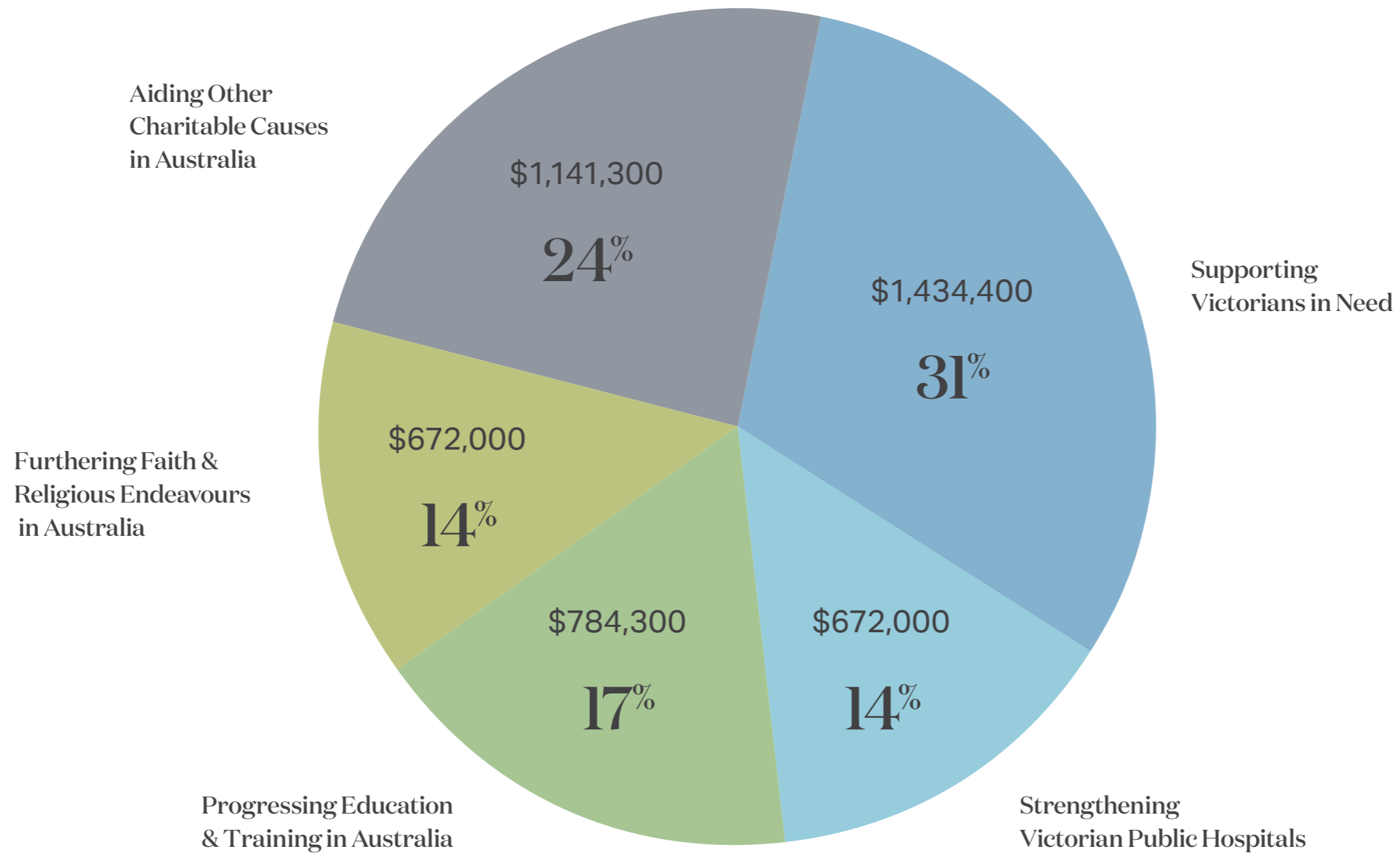
The Collier Charitable Fund provides support that will benefit the lives of Victorians and other Australians. The Fund's philosophy is to support those in need, develop the capacity of public hospitals and public education, and strengthen faith and spiritual development.



Open Grant Applications	The Fund accepts general applications between 1 April and 31 May each year.
Collaborations	Organisations may be invited to work with the Fund through a formal relationship in a specified area over a number of years. Open grant applications are not accepted under this approach.
Trustee grants	From time to time the Trustees make grants in their own initiative, rather than in response to an application.
General funding approach:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Open, flexible and guided by our applicants as to the priorities ◆ Recognising the importance of developing the capacity of charities ◆ Encouraging collaboration by and among charities ◆ Collaborating or co-funding with other grant-makers, especially for large and complex grants ◆ To limit the number of larger grants. The average grant in 2023 was \$34,000 ◆ Considering requests for genuinely urgent needs at any time, where our funds permit

Facts and Figures

2023 Grant Distributions by Category:



How We Funded

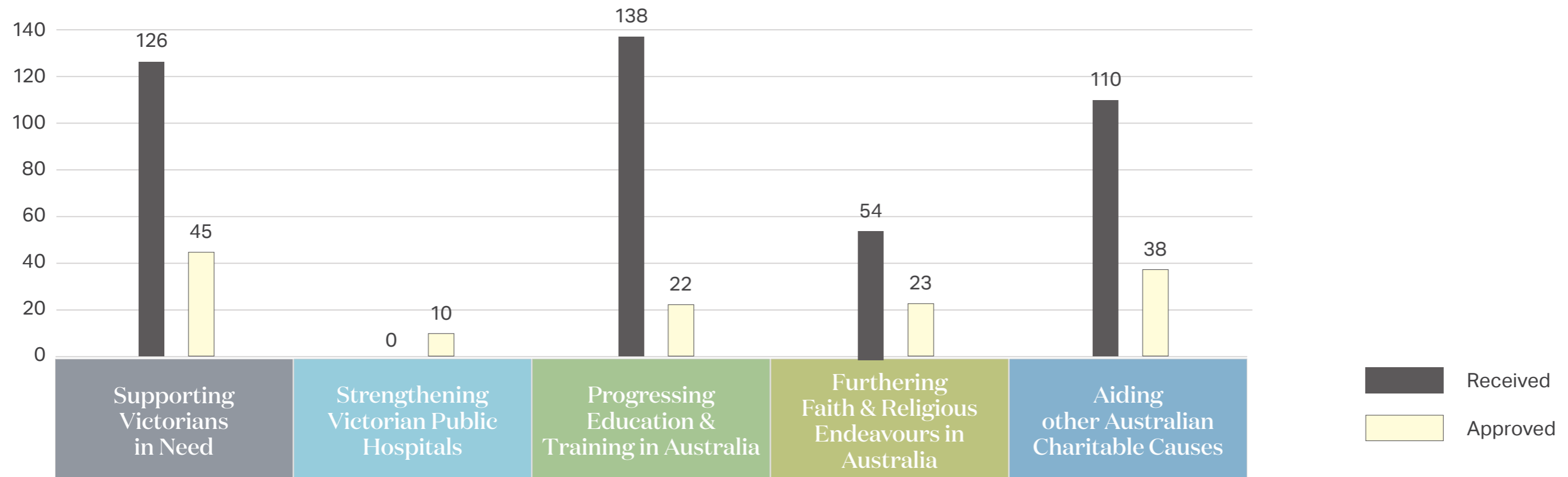
Distributions

The funding distributed in 2023 was \$4,704,000 (2022 - \$4,900,000). The number of grant applications received increased by 4.9% over those received in 2022.

The Fund has one open grant round each year. As in previous years the value of grant applications received (in excess of \$15.5m) exceeded the amount available for distribution.

This year the Trustees provided untied funding to 10 selected rural & regional hospitals.

2023 Applications Received and Approved by Area of Focus



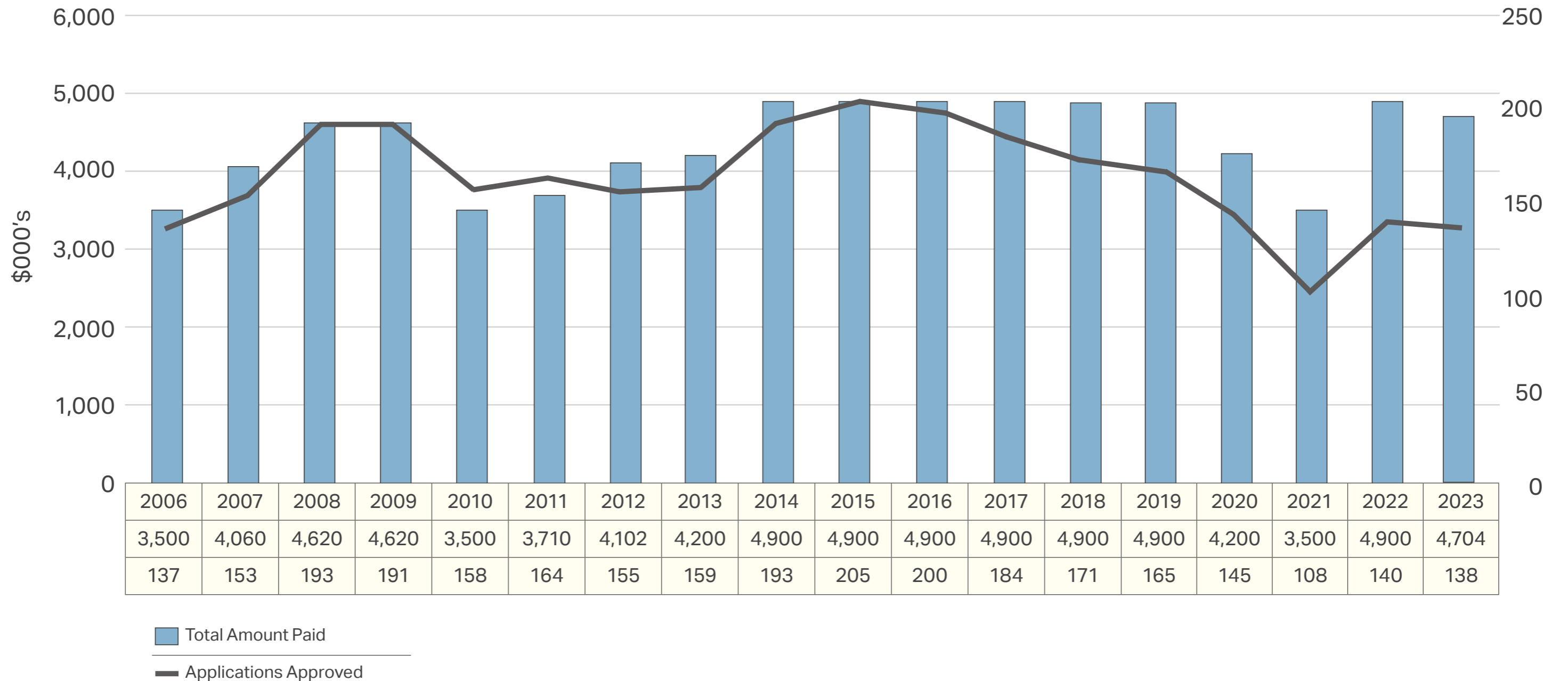
How We Funded

In 2023 over 85% of applications approved were fully funded. In other cases, smaller amounts have been granted but only where it is clear that the funds can still be applied effectively. The average value of a grant for 2023 was \$34,087 (2022 - \$35,000).

	2022 / 2023	2021 / 2022
Total Value of Applications Received	\$15,546,200	\$14,347,000
Total Number of Applications Received	428	408
Total Annual Distributions	\$4,704,00	\$4,900,00
Total Number of Applications Funded	138	140
Overall Average Value of Grant	\$34,087	\$35,000

How We Funded

2006 to 2023 Total Distributions Paid and Applications Approved



Stories of Impact

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The following stories
have been provided by
our grant recipients.



Melbourne City Mission



Melbourne City Mission (MCM) is a leading non-profit community service organisation in Victoria that uplifts and empowers the most vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community through a broad range of support in homelessness, disability, mental health, early childhood and secondary level education, child and family services and palliative care.

MCM focuses on addressing the needs of the whole person through a holistic healing-oriented approach to drive lasting systematic change in people's lives.

The Collier Charitable Fund has been a valued MCM supporter for several decades for which we are extremely grateful. Grants in recent years have assisted MCM's Parenting Support (PS) Program, an integral part of MCM's Youth Refuges and Intensive Child and Family Services Program.

Homelessness is a complex issue with no quick solution. At MCM, we understand that homelessness can affect anyone at any time. We know that housing is only part of the problem. People experiencing homelessness may be dealing with a range of issues; therefore, we conduct programs to give each person the life skills needed to move beyond homelessness. Our holistic, trauma-informed support considers the physical, social, and emotional needs of each young person which is crucial to break the cycle of homelessness.

2023 Grant	\$30,000
Title of initiative	Parenting support program
Beneficiaries	Adults
Geographical area supported	Metropolitan and regional
Total Grants to date	\$899,072
Area	Supporting Victorians in need

Melbourne City Mission

The PS Program uses evidence-based practices to provide parenting support for marginalised young parents with children (aged 0-5 years) already accessing MCM services. The program builds parenting confidence and parent-child relationships through tailored individual support and group-based experiences that interrupt the inter-generational disadvantage often sighted within this vulnerable cohort.

The families referred to the program receive specialist support from a dedicated Family Support Worker (FSW) who conducts mentoring sessions and facilitates parent-child bonding through guided indoor and outdoor play therapy sessions. The FSW also provides referrals to external specialist support and services to help them in their parenting role.

The PS Program offers a mix of online and face-to-face support appropriate to each client's needs. Additionally, parents can access further resources from the program's online portal. This is crucial for parenting young children around bedtime and at other points of distress.

On 20th November, MCM's Youth Refuges and Intensive Child and Family Services Program received the 'Award for Excellence in ending homelessness among children and families' from the Council to Homeless Persons at the 2023 Victorian Homelessness Conference.

We sincerely thank the Trustees of the Collier Charitable Fund for their unwavering support towards our work and hope they are proud of the significant impacts we have achieved together.

To learn more about Melbourne City Mission please visit their website mcm.org.au



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Mildura Base Public Hospital



Last year Mildura Base Public Hospital (MBPH) was lucky to receive a donation of \$67,200 from the Collier Charitable Fund. This untied donation has allowed MBPH to proceed with the construction of an aquarium wall in our Paediatric ward.

The aquarium wall is interactive and allows children to create images of fish which then appear on the screen. The therapeutic benefits of this amazing wall are incredible and will make a child’s stay in hospital a little more pleasant. Without the funds received through the Collier Charitable Fund MBPH would not have been in a position to install this wall.

MBPH is one of Victoria’s busiest rural hospitals with a staff of over 1250 and caring for communities across three States.

Raising funds for projects like this are often difficult, but through this donation we have been able to fast track the project.

2023 Grant	\$67,200
Title of initiative	Untied Funding
Beneficiaries	Hospital patients
Geographical area supported	Mildura, Victoria
Total Grants to date	\$170,650.00
Area	Strengthening Victorian Public Hospitals

Mildura Base Public Hospital

At MBPH we are very proud of the care we provide for our community of the Northern Mallee and anyway we can further enhance this we are grateful.

The aquarium wall is certainly something which has enabled us to improve our service and is such an amazing addition to our paediatrics ward.

The generosity of the Collier Charitable Fund again reminds us of the amazing work they do and the support they provide.

To learn more about Mildura Base Public Hospital please visit their website mbph.com.au



Menzies Foundation



Building from the work of the Menzies School Leadership Incubator, The Collier Charitable Fund, in collaboration with the Menzies Foundation, are delighted to have jointly awarded an additional grant for an initiative to explore how a whole of community approach can best support young people disengaged from the education system. The project will kick off in February 2024.

Supported by Paper Giant, the partnership between Murdoch Children’s Research Institute, Warakirri College and Katherine High School will explore how ‘multi-opportunity hubs’ schools might bring together adjacent activities to holistically address student health and well-being needs alongside education support to achieve better student learning outcomes. Warakirri College is an independent alternative pathway high school for students aged 15–22 based in metro NSW. Katherine High School is a remote high school in NT with over 60% Indigenous student population and a flexible learning program.

2023 Grant	\$50,000
Title of initiative	Disengaged students - what next?
Beneficiaries	Disengaged young people
Geographical area supported	Blacktown, New South Wales
Total Grants to date	\$425,000
Area	Progressing Education & Training in Australia

Menzies Foundation

Murdoch Children’s Research Institute will undertake a current state review, which will set the scene and identify the system challenges, including the academic and alternative knowledge sets informing policy and practice. Paper Giants will lead a student and parent/carer co-design process at Warakirri College and Katherine High School. Engaging both school communities as part of the research fieldwork will provide complementary perspectives and detailed insight into the lived experience of students and parent/careers from extremely diverse backgrounds.

The learnings from the current state review and lived experience engagement will be summarised into a Future State Considerations Summary that will provide the platform for future pilots of models and interventions that can equip schools to holistically support young people. This will focus on supporting deeper student engagement approaches at both Warakirri College and Katherine High School, which will in turn inform a broader system-wide platform to support disengaged students.

We look forward to sharing the outcomes of this important initiative.

To learn more about the Menzies Foundation please visit their website **menziesfoundation.org.au**

Dhiiyaan Aboriginal Corporation



Dhiiyaan is an Aboriginal-inspired faith family located in North Brisbane that also manages a 40 acre property in Dalby, QLD. (dhiiyaan is a ‘Gamilaraay’ language word that means ‘family’).

Dhiiyaan’s True Fella initiative builds Christ-centred relationships of unconditional love and respect with disadvantaged youth at-risk of offending or involved with the youth justice system. Having delivered a highly successful pilot initiative, Dhiiyaan is positioned to scale up the impact and reach of True Fella with a view to sustainability.

The Queensland Government (2021) reported that involvement in crime peaks in adolescence and early adulthood and that the rate of detention for Indigenous youth is 19 times higher than for non-Indigenous youth. Most of these young people have experienced intergenerational and complex trauma, including disconnection from culture.

There is an urgent need for:

- deep, stable relationships of healing and connection with mature Christian people from Indigenous and culturally diverse backgrounds.
- relationships that include a sense of place, belonging, purpose, connection with culture and Christian faith, and unconditional love and respect.

These relationships are built through:

- prevention programs that work: wholistic and relevant, delivered by Indigenous and culturally diverse people who have lived experience of trauma and the justice system.
- intensive transition support: walking beside young people before and as they leave juvenile detention. Supporting them in all aspects including housing, employment, social, cultural and Christian faith connection.
- wrap around support: a stable, long-term community where young people can gain a sense of belonging, explore culture and Christian faith, and remove themselves from harmful influences.

2023 Grant	\$50,000
Purpose	Scaling up True Fella
Beneficiaries	Disadvantaged young people
Geographical area supported	Dalby, Queensland
Total Grants to date	\$50,000
Area	Furthering Faith & Religious endeavours in Australia

Dhiyaan Aboriginal Corporation

The funding being provide by the Collier Charitable Fund will assist in supporting 260 disadvantaged youth (approx 70% Indigenous) to:

- connect positively with their cultural heritage and build a sense of cultural identity
- build stable relationships of unconditional positive regard with mature indigenous and non-indigenous Christians
- build connection to a sense of place, respect for the land and creation care
- consider their relationship to the Creator God and Jesus Christ in a culturally relevant and gracious way
- build an ongoing connection to the Dhiyaan community
- build practical, emotional and professional skills

We envision that the relationships established with young people in the program will continue for many more years. The Dhiyaan Church Community provides a long-term, safe place for disadvantaged young people to connect, so the relationships we build, and the positive impact of these relationships can be ongoing.

We wanted to say to Collier- maarubaaban.gaan ("thanks alot!" in the Gamilaraay language of north-western NSW). Your support will help us to continue to invest in young people and see a difference.

To learn more about the Dhiyaan Aboriginal Corporation please visit their website dhiyaan.org.au



Asylum Seekers Centre Inc



The Asylum Seekers Centre (ASC) was funded to cover the cost of a front-of-house worker throughout 2023, to help manage a higher demand from people in crisis facing destitution and homelessness; a result of borders reopening after COVID lockdowns and the twin economic and housing crises.

The intensity of needs that people seeking our help are dealing with at this time requires ongoing training and stable supervision of reception volunteers by our staff. Collier Charitable funding of a paid front-of-house worker enabled ongoing support and training of our dedicated team of reception volunteers.

The funding contributed to reducing the overload experienced by ASC's reception team and the need to ensure timely care and response to crisis situations, in which people are arriving to our centre homeless, destitute and/or fleeing domestic violence. It also enabled us to more effectively respond to people's need for vital resources and for social support and mental health intervention.

2023 Grant	\$20,000
Purpose	Relief for people seeking asylum in Sydney
Beneficiaries	Families
Geographical area supported	Sydney
Total Grants to date	\$296,400
Area	Aiding Other Australian charitable causes

Asylum Seekers Centre Inc

ASC Welcome & Registration Manager, Juliette Mitchell, reflects:

“During the 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup we saw a marked increase in the number of people seeking asylum who were newly arrived to the country presenting to ASC in crisis.

As each person presenting was homeless, had no access to Medicare or healthcare and was destitute, these ‘crisis intakes’ required a significant amount of Front-of-House (FOH) resources.

Most spoke of trauma experienced back in their home country and one was a survivor of domestic violence. An incredibly manic time for us, as this influx of complex cases pushed our already stretched service team even further.

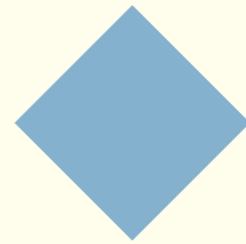
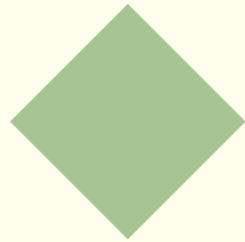
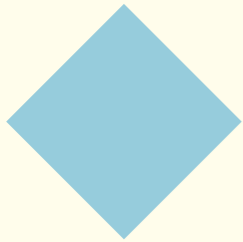
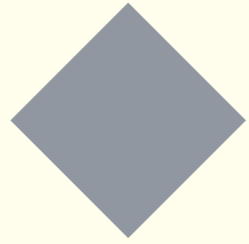
The additional resources we had within the FOH Team thanks to Collier Charitable were invaluable, giving us more capacity to react to crisis requests immediately and work with ASC’s Intensive Support Team to bring them through Intake, provide assistance and support, and submit external referrals (including for legal support for their asylum applications) in a timely manner. The FOH Team worked so hard to ensure that these clients were properly supported during this incredibly difficult period.

This group is now fully housed, accessing healthcare via our Health Clinic, and many are working with our Employment Team to find ongoing employment. It is fantastic to see them come to the Centre for support and to see the difference in their situation since they first appeared on our doorstep. Thank you for helping make this happen!”

To learn more about Asylum Seekers Centre Inc please visit their website asylumseekerscentre.org.au



2023 Distributions



2023 DISTRIBUTIONS – SUPPORTING VICTORIANS IN NEED

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
Albury Wodonga Regional FoodShare Operational Support	\$30,000
Anglicare Victoria Reducing educational inequity in Melbourne's West	\$40,000
Banyule Support and Information Centre Inc Foodhub operation	\$2,500
Bayview Care Bayview Gathering Tree	\$25,000
Big Group Hug IT Best Practice creates Better Output	\$25,000
Bridge Darebin (trading name of Preston Neighbourhood House Inc.) Pathways for Women	\$24,000
C Care Inc Pantry Program for 141 Victorian Families	\$20,000
Cabrini Health Ltd A sensory outdoor space for asylum seekers	\$20,000
Calvary Healthcare Bethlehem Wheelchair essential for quality MND care	\$18,000
CareWorks SunRanges Inc Helping Hand	\$10,000

Casey North Community Information & Support Services Inc Emergency Relief	\$30,000
Christ Church Mission Inc. Community Food: Emergency Support	\$30,000
Community Information & Support Victoria Food and material aid	\$25,000
Compass Community Care Incorporated "Welcome Hubs" for displaced Ukrainians	\$25,000
Cornerstone Contact Centre Support services for homeless and disadvantaged	\$25,000
Djirra Emergency relief support for Aboriginal women	\$25,000
East Loddon Food Share Program Incorporated Disaster relief for rural families	\$12,000
Eat Up Australia Feeding hungry VIC kids to grow, learn and succeed!	\$27,600
Feed One Feed All Inc Relieving food insecurity in Knox/Yarra Ranges	\$12,500
First Step The Road Home Project, South Melbourne	\$25,000
Foodbank Victoria Healthy Food Basket Program	\$50,000

2023 DISTRIBUTIONS – SUPPORTING VICTORIANS IN NEED

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
Interchange Loddon Mallee Region Ltd Wheelchair-accessible vehicle	\$40,000
Kids Under Cover Increasing Social Housing for Young People at Risk	\$20,000
Launch Housing Zero Project: Ending rough sleeping in Melbourne	\$50,000
Life Saving Victoria Ltd All Abilities CALD Youth Aquatic Project	\$25,000
Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation Annual Distribution	\$336,000
Make A Difference Dingley Village Inc Help End Poverty One Family At A Time	\$30,000
Melbourne City Mission Parenting support program	\$30,000
Open Table Open Pantry	\$20,000
Operation Larder Incorporated Operation Larder Inc	\$10,000
Oz Assist Assisting the socially disadvantaged	\$5,000

Sacred Heart Mission St Kilda Inc. Continuum of Care Demonstration Project for women	\$20,000
SisterWorks Incorporated Advancing SisterWorks' digital reach and capacity	\$35,400
St John Ambulance Australia (Victoria) Party Ready - program for Year 9 and 10 students	\$30,000
St Kilda Gatehouse Inc Strengthening Data Impact Project	\$35,000
St Mary's House of Welcome Look Good, Feel Good	\$25,000
The One Box The One Box ~ supporting families	\$16,000
The Queen's Fund Limited as Trustee for The Queen's Fund Emergency relief for disadvantageded Victorian women	\$20,000
The Salvation Army Journey to Independence Education Pathway Housing	\$87,700
Theodora House Inc. Food purchases for emergency food relief	\$20,000
UnitingCare Hotham Mission Food for Youth Power	\$15,000

2023 DISTRIBUTIONS – SUPPORTING VICTORIANS IN NEED

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
Wellsprings for Women Emergency relief	\$20,000
Women and Mentoring - WAM Limited Creating & embedding a lived experience framework	\$12,700
Women's Property Initiative Teapot auction	\$10,000
Women's Property Initiative Donation (Crowd Funding)	\$20,000
TOTAL: SUPPORTING VICTORIANS IN NEED	\$1,434,400

2023 DISTRIBUTIONS – STRENGTHENING VICTORIAN PUBLIC HOSPITALS

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
University Hospital Geelong Untied funding for rural and regional hospitals	\$67,200
Ballarat (Grampians Health) CCF Untied Funding for Rural & Regional Hospitals	\$67,200
Bendigo Health Untied funding for rural and regional hospitals	\$67,200
Albury Wodonga - Wodonga Campus Untied funding for rural and regional hospitals	\$67,200
Goulburn Valley Hospital (Shepparton) Untied funding for rural and regional hospitals	\$67,200
Mildura Base Hospital Untied funding for rural and regional hospitals	\$67,200
Warrnambool Base Hospital Untied funding for rural and regional hospitals	\$67,200
Wangaratta (Northeast Health) Untied funding for rural and regional hospitals	\$67,200

Latrobe Hospital Untied funding for rural and regional hospitals	\$67,200
Sale Hospital Untied funding for rural and regional hospitals	\$67,200
TOTAL: STRENGTHENING VICTORIAN PUBLIC HOSPITALS	\$672,000

2022 DISTRIBUTIONS – PROGRESSING EDUCATION & TRAINING IN AUSTRALIA

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation The Early Language and Literacy (Nambucca) Project	\$40,000
Banksia Gardens Community Services Kenley Court Study Group	\$30,000
Central Highlands Science Centre Inc. Curiosity Club for Country Kids	\$30,000
Clontarf Foundation Education retention for Aboriginal boys	\$50,000
Cool Australia Literacy Skills PD for Teachers	\$25,000
Dementia Australia Digital Dementia Learning App: Ask Annie	\$20,000
Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal FRRR 2024 Back to School program	\$30,000
MacKillop Family Services Sounds to Soothe	\$30,000
Menzies Foundation Disengaged students - what next?	\$50,000
Menzies Foundation Collier Fellow Program	\$150,000
Monash University Inspiring student engagement in school mathematics	\$35,500

Mornington Peninsula Foundation Preschool programs	\$25,000
Murdoch Children's Research Institute School Refusal Model of Care	\$50,000
Ronald McDonald House Charities Victoria & Tasmania Bridging education gap for seriously ill children	\$18,100
Saturday School Saturday School	\$2,000
Social Ventures Australia The Connection: Digital Literacy and STEM Hub	\$50,000
Swinburne University of Technology STEM and Robotics Play	\$50,000
The Centre: Connecting Community in North & West Melbourne Home Away From Homework Club	\$20,000
Tweddle Child & Family Health Service Peer Support Improving Futures	\$33,700
Uniting (Victoria and Tasmania) Limited Barwon Education Program - Breaking the cycle of disadvantage	\$20,000
Western Chances Western Chances Scholarship Application Web Portal	\$15,000
TOTAL: PROGRESSING EDUCATION & TRAINING IN AUSTRALIA	\$784,300

2023 DISTRIBUTIONS – FURTHERING FAITH & RELIGIOUS ENDEAVOURS IN AUSTRALIA

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
Alice Springs Anglican Parish Youth/children's activity in Alice Springs	\$40,000
Alpha Australia Alpha Youth Series - National Expansion	\$42,500
Anglican Church of Rutherglen/Chiltern Repair vehicle driveway to St. Paul's Church	\$5,000
Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania Inc. Internship program subsidy	\$35,000
Dhiyaan Aboriginal Corporation Scaling up True Fella	\$50,000
Diocese of Bendigo (Anglican) Sustaining Churches & Empowering Children	\$30,000
East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc. The City of Melbourne Synagogue Improved Access at East Melbourne Synagogue	\$30,000
Friends of Dismas Strengthening community support - program delivery	\$20,000
Islamic Science & Research Academy of Australia SA chaplaincy program	\$22,000
Kingsthorpe State School P and C Assn School community chaplaincy programme	\$5,000

Life Links Church Ararat Church carpet refurbishment	\$15,000
Melbourne Anglican Foundation Preventing violence against women	\$47,500
MMM Australia MMM Going the Extra Mile Grant	\$70,000
PlentyLife Anglican Church Youth & Children's Minister	\$45,000
Prison Fellowship Australia National volunteer recruitment	\$30,000
Reedy Creek Baptist Church Installing environmentally friendly lighting	\$8,000
Ridley College Ridley Online Development	\$30,000
St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne Unichurch at St Paul's	\$30,000
The Crusader Union of Australia CRU mentoring program	\$27,000
The Interfaith Centre of Melbourne Interfaith services and spiritual wellbeing	\$30,000

2023 DISTRIBUTIONS – FURTHERING FAITH & RELIGIOUS ENDEAVOURS IN AUSTRALIA

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
Uniting Church in Australia Frontier Services Oodnadatta SA Bush Chaplain	\$30,000
Victorian Jewish Prison Chaplaincy Incorporated Travel support for chaplains	\$10,000
Xp. Ltd Xp. post-production costs	\$20,000
TOTAL: FURTHERING FAITH & RELIGIOUS ENDEAVOURS IN AUSTRALIA	\$672,000

2023 DISTRIBUTIONS – AIDING OTHER AUSTRALIAN CHARITABLE CAUSES

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
All Saints Anglican Church, Chermside Food and other supplies for the needy and elderly	\$15,000
Asylum Seekers Centre Inc. Relief for people seeking asylum in Sydney	\$20,000
Australian Chaldean Family Welfare Association ACFW Professionalism Project	\$25,000
Australian Red Cross Strengthening Red Cross Volunteer Workforce	\$90,000
Avon Community Employment Support Centre Inc Efficiency through digitisation	\$30,000
Belong Blue Mountains Inc. Home bin assistance	\$40,000
Bridge for Asylum Seekers Foundation Asylum Seekers Support Project (ASSP)	\$20,000
Carry On (Victoria) Crisis accommodation extension	\$40,000
City Community Care Incorporated Early Bird Cafe	\$20,000
Endeavour Industries Goulburn Inc. Keeping our dream alive!	\$35,000

Evolve Church Inc. EvolveHelpUkraine	\$34,500
Footscape Material Aid Project Evaluation	\$18,200
Generation Australia Employment Mentor: support "bridge" for jobseekers	\$40,000
Hobart City Mission Emergency relief	\$50,000
Kensington Neighbourhood House Community market	\$28,600
Kingsgrove RSL Sub Branch Strengthening resources for better veteran support	\$10,000
KU Children's Services Supporting children with additional needs	\$43,600
Lifeline Direct Limited Suicide Safer Western Melbourne	\$17,500
Little Things for Tiny Tots Connecting Communities Program	\$10,000
Mercy Community Services SEQ Ltd Community Housing Partnership expansion	\$40,400

2023 DISTRIBUTIONS – AIDING OTHER AUSTRALIAN CHARITABLE CAUSES

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
MercyWorks Mercy Connect: Refugee & asylum seeker mentoring	\$25,000
Monash Men's Shed Incorporated Saturday Kitchen Club	\$7,100
Orange Sky Australia Orange Sky Bidyadanga Laundry Service	\$50,000
Playford Community Fund Inc Feed The Need	\$20,000
ProjectKindness Re-establishment programme for families fleeing DV	\$20,000
Refugee Advice & Casework Service Refugee women at risk	\$30,000
Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section) Support for RFDS Townsville Base	\$28,500
SMART Recovery Australia SMART Recovery Digital Transformation Project	\$50,000
Solve Disability Solutions Occupational therapist services for regional areas	\$30,000
St Vincent de Paul Society NSW Vinnies Nagle Centre - Open Door Program	\$8,000

Strong Mothers HealingTrauma for Aboriginal Mothers and Infants	\$30,000
SYC Ltd Career Grit - supporting vulnerable young people	\$43,900
The Bower House to Home program	\$20,000
The Trustee for CatholicCare Sydney Trust Providing HOPE to young mums and their children.	\$25,000
Uniting Croydon Helping Hand Uniting Helping Hand – helping people in need	\$8,000
Women's Health in the South East WHISE capacity building with Sharepoint	\$18,000
Youngcare Youngcare Connect (YCC)	\$50,000
Youth Futures Djinda - Youth Homelessness Accommodation	\$50,000
TOTAL: AIDING OTHER CHARITABLE CAUSES IN AUSTRALIA	\$1,141,300

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS FOR 2023	\$4,704,000
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Governance and Financials

Governance

During the year ended 30 June 2023 the Trustees were Michael Kingston (Chair), Chris Beeny, Peter Kelly and Amanda Milledge.

Subject to the oversight of the Trustees, the Executive Officer is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Fund, including maintaining the Fund's accounts, monitoring the investments and administering the grant making process.

During the year ended 30 June 2023 there were 10 formal trustee meetings. The attendance details were:

Trustee	Number of Meetings Held	Number of Meetings Attended
E M Kingston	10	9
C M Beeny	10	9
A P J Kelly	10	10
A Milledge	10	10

Investments

The Fund aims to achieve, in perpetuity, a stream of income to maintain an annual distribution equivalent to at least 4% of corpus after expenses as well as maintaining a level of corpus that increases above inflation over the longer term.

The Trustees regularly review the Fund's investment performance and are mindful of fluctuations in the performance of investment markets.

At 30 June 2023, the Fund's investments were allocated as follows:

Investments Held	2023 \$'000's	2022 \$'000's
Global Equity Focus Fund (GEFF)	18,921	14,495
Vanguard High Yield Australian Shares Fund	62,256	59,214
Total Investments	82,177	73,709

The value of the Fund's investments grew by 11.5% over the 2022 value.

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Financial Overview

During 2023 the total investment income received was less than the amount received in 2022 (which was a very strong year); the cost to operate the Fund was less than 2022; the funds available for distribution were down slightly on 2022; and the value of net assets grew this year. The following table shows the percentage change against the previous year.

	2023 \$'000's	2022 \$'000's	Percentage change
Total Income from Investments	5,318	7,044	- 24.5%
Expenses	561	684	- 18.0%
Annual Distributions	4,704	4,900	- 4.0%
Net Assets	86,161	78,940	9.1%

For more detailed financial information, the 2023 Annual Accounts are available on the Fund's website.

Funding aligned with the Wills of the Collier Sisters

Since the Fund commenced in 1954 the Victorian and Australian charitable sector has changed significantly.

Over this period many organisations that have been supported have evolved or combined with other organisations but with the same purpose of supporting the community in their specialty area.

What we supported in 2023:

Fund 1	Public Benevolent Asylums or Institutions in the State of Victoria
Fund 2	Public Hospitals in the State of Victoria
Fund 3	The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
Fund 4	Public Educational Purposes in the Commonwealth of Australia
Fund 5	Religious Purposes in the Commonwealth of Australia
Fund 6	Directed Grants to the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
Fund 7	Relief of Poverty in Australia, the Australian Red Cross, the education of children of deceased or incapacitated sailors, soldiers or airmen and any other charitable purposes not (otherwise) provided for in any of the other Funds

Fund	Total Number of Grants made from 1955 - 2023	Total Amount Distributed by Fund 1955 - 2023
Fund 1	3,949	\$27,136,286
Fund 2	1,479	\$18,090,857
Fund 3	71	\$9,045,428
Fund 4	2,403	\$18,090,857
Fund 5	4,990	\$18,090,857
Fund 6	754	\$9,045,429
Fund 7	2,562	\$27,136,286
Grand Total	16,208	\$126,636,000

Alice



Edith



Annette.



About the Collier Sisters...

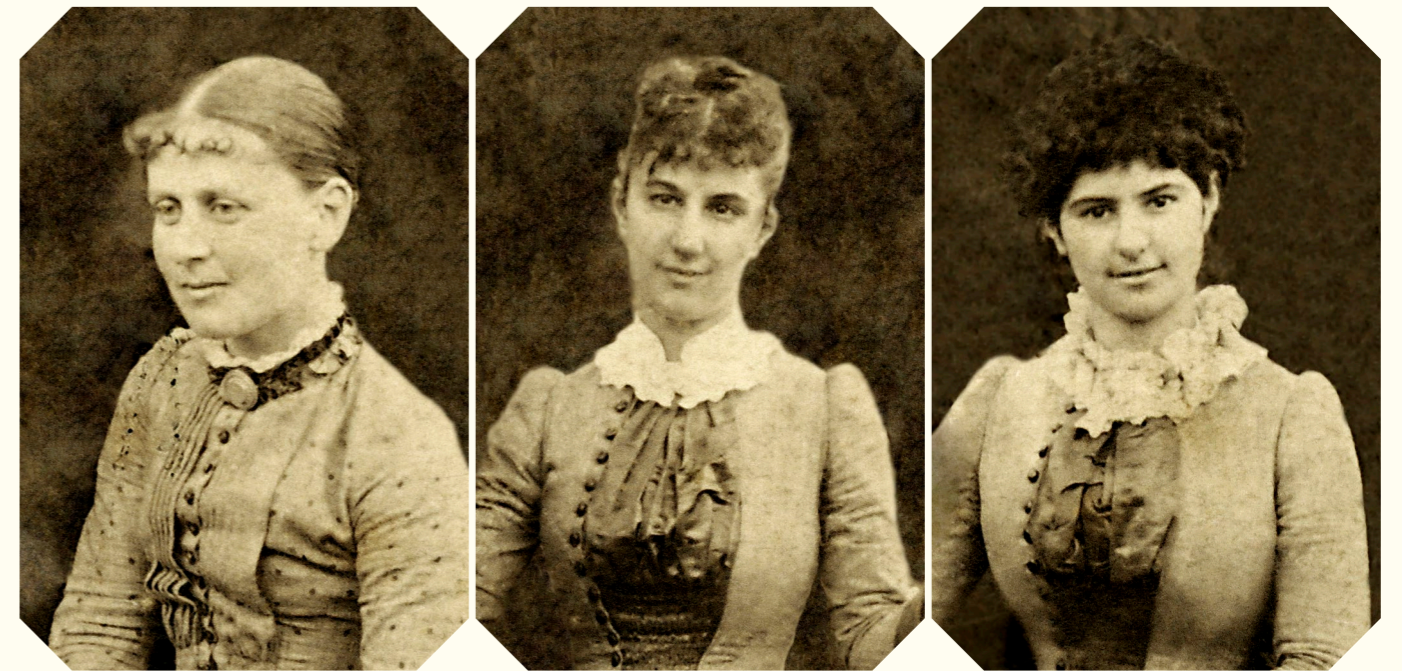
Enduring Legacy

The Collier Charitable Fund commenced operating in 1955 after the passing of Edith Collier in 1954 (Alice and Annette Collier died a few years earlier). The Wills of the sisters were made in the same way – each directing the establishment of a philanthropic trust upon the death of the survivor of them and specifying the seven charitable areas that they wished their gifts to support:

- ◆ Public Benevolent Institutions in Victoria
- ◆ Public Hospitals in Victoria
- ◆ The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
- ◆ Public Education in Australia
- ◆ Religious Purposes in Australia
- ◆ Directed Grants to the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
- ◆ Relief of Poverty in Australia

The Collier Charitable Fund Today

The legacy of the Collier sisters continues to grow and provide support to the community. In 2023 the Fund distributed an aggregate amount of \$4,704,000 to 138 organisations. Since 1955 the Fund has made 16,208 distributions to organisations within Australia, valued at over \$126,636,000.



Distributions since 1955:

\$126,636,000⁺



Collier Charitable Fund

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