

Objectives

The **Pelican Foundation** is a trust established in 1983 under the trusteeship of the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, for the purpose of receiving and managing investment and distribution of funds that come from a ministry unit or Diocesan agency following the sale of surplus property, or from individual donors who gift or bequeath money or property to the Pelican Foundation.

The assets of the Pelican Foundation are managed by the Board of the Pelican Foundation and the General Manager of the Diocese (or delegate) is the Secretary of the Board.

The Pelican Foundation must deliver against specific Diocesan Mission objectives. It functions as a means of expressing the vision of the Diocese and is therefore a mechanism for ***“engaging a world of difference with the love and truth of Jesus”***.

Preference for funding in 2027 will be given to projects that expand the mission of God. Specifically, priority will be given to initiatives that address two or more of the following mission objectives:

- **Engage the wider community with the love and truth of Jesus:** Share Jesus' teachings and compassion through initiatives supported by both the church and non-church community, reflecting His heart and teachings.
- **Develop missional leaders:** Train and mentor emerging ministry leaders, providing them with skills and experience to reach those who do not yet know Jesus.
- **Equip God's people for mission in the world and ministry in the church:** Strengthen the laity with initiatives that empower Christians to undertake ministry to both non-Christians and fellow believers beyond the life of the project.
- **Produce or strengthen new faith communities:** Foster the commencement or growth of new groups of believers to support and encourage each other in their spiritual journey.

Eligibility

Under Section 4 of the [Pelican Foundation Deed](#), the Foundation can only make grants available for purposes that are consistent with the **Objectives of the Pelican Foundation** and the current **Mission Plan of the Diocese**. The following eligibility criteria will apply.

- Grants are made available to assist the Diocese, a parish or a Diocesan organisation.
- There is an expectation of a **co-contribution** in cash, or in kind, *by applicants to the project*.
- Grants will generally be for *one year only*. However, the Pelican Foundation Board may provide a limited number of grants for projects running over 2-3 years where significant benefit can be gained.

- Projects which receive funding for only one year may apply for *extension funding* in the following year as part of the next funding round. Any future funding would be assessed based on the results of the first year and the strength of competing projects in the funding round.
- The Pelican Foundation Board prefers projects that can be *commenced quickly* once funding has been granted. Preference would be given to projects that have well developed implementation plans, preferably with identified personnel, resources, agreements and approvals in place or ready to commence.
- Grants will generally not be made available for capital projects such as building renovations; to fund parish budget deficits; or to maintain 'business as usual' ministry.

Application Process

In 2027, grants will be *up to \$20,000 per application*.

1. **Application Form.** The Application Form must be used to apply for funding. The Application Form is a separate document and can be downloaded from the Diocesan website. [Pelican Foundation - Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn](#)
2. **Declaration Signed.** The Declaration Section (in the Application Form) must be signed.
3. **Application Deadlines.** Applications will close on Friday 26th June 2026
4. **Application Address.** The Application and associated documents must be submitted electronically to the Pelican Foundation Board minute secretary Ms Barbara Chambers by email to: bchambers@anglicands.org.au
5. **Acknowledgement.** Your application will be acknowledged by a returned email.
6. **Assessment.** The Board will assess all applications for 2027 during July/August 2026 and applicants will be notified of the outcome in September 2026.

Expectations of Successful Applicants. As part of the shared partnership with the Pelican Foundation there will be ongoing feedback, support and annual reporting about the project. Successful applicants will be asked to contribute to Diocesan publications and Diocesan presentations about the ministry.

Thank you for your interest in the Pelican Foundation and its goal of supporting Diocesan initiatives and new ministries. For more information, please see the Pelican Foundation webpage ([Pelican Foundation - Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn](#)), or contact the Chair of the Pelican Foundation Board, the Very Rev Gavin Krebs.

In the service of Christ,



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