



Ruth Whyte Bequest

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Overview

After marrying in England in the 1940s, Ruth Whyte came to Albury as a young woman and quickly joined in the musical life of the region. While she lived in Melbourne from 1953, the Albury-Wodonga region remained very dear to her.

She was a lover of classical music and during her life generously sponsored various local musical events.

On her death in 1998, she directed that part of her Estate be used for the **advancement of music in the Albury-Wodonga region**. A committee has been established to oversee the management of the Bequest.

The committee has established guidelines for the use of the Bequest, in terms of the management of the principal sum and the income accruing from its investment. These guidelines include that certain of the income of the Bequest shall be made available annually for worthwhile projects in accordance with the terms of the will of Ruth Whyte.

How much is the grant?

The grant may be any sum up to \$4000.

Who can apply?

Applicants and the project or other purpose of the grant must be located in the Albury-Wodonga region.

What can the funds be used for?

In accordance with the terms of the will of Ruth Whyte the funds must be used for the advancement of music within the Albury-Wodonga region such as:

- facilitating public performance;
- the acquisition of instruments, to be made available for music-making in the region;
- musical education not otherwise available in the region.

Are there any applicants that will not be considered for funding?

In addition to any organisation that does not meet the criteria the application will not be considered for funding, additionally if an organisation has received funding from the Ruth Whyte Memorial Bequest Grant previously and;

- has not provided a report on that expenditure by the deadline
- has not expended the funds in accordance with the grant purpose (or any variation agreed in writing by the committee); and/or
- has not expended the funds by designated report due date.

Can the funds be combined with other funding?

Yes. You can apply for a grant to meet part of the cost of your project. Where your application is for part-funding of a larger project that involves other expenditures, you will need to tell us the source of other funds (including if the other funds will be provided by your organisation) and whether this funding has been confirmed.

However, priority for funding will be given to projects that have not already secured large

Grants or funding. The committee may, in its absolute discretion, decide not to award a grant if other funding has not been confirmed, defer an application to a future year (subject to future funding), or make a grant conditional on other funding being confirmed.

Is there anything I can't ask for funding to do?

You may not ask for funding, or use funding, for the following:

- capital expenditure;
- debt reduction;
- ongoing operating expenses;
- indirect expenses that cannot be directly tied to the approved grant project.

How will the decision of the grant be made?

All applications will be assessed on their merits based on the:

- Capacity of the project or other purpose of the grant to meet the specific goal of advancement of music in the region
- Audience reach of the project and or other purpose of the grant
- Impact of the project or other purpose of the grant for the Albury-Wodonga region

Applications should be for projects or other purposes that could not be reasonably funded by other means. The committee may also take into account the capacity or appropriateness of the organisation to obtain funding from other sources for the project.

If I am successful in receiving a grant, can I ask the committee to change what I can spend the money on?

The committee may grant approval in writing, at its absolute discretion, to vary the purpose of the grant if it is consistent with the original terms of the grant.

Who can assist me with my application?

Charles Sturt University Community Relations Officer can assist with your grant application and can be contacted via engagealburywodonga@csu.edu.au with any questions.

