

Noongar Charitable Trust Advisory Council Application Process – 2021

1. About the Trust

The Noongar Charitable Trust (The Trust) was established in June 2011 to pool resources derived from the development of former Aboriginal Lands Trust Land in Gngangara and apply such funds to support specific charitable objectives for the Noongar peoples or organisations established for the benefit thereof.

The charitable objects and purposes of the Trust are – the relief of poverty, sickness, suffering, destitution misfortune and helplessness of the Noongar Community.

The beneficiaries of the Noongar Charitable Trust (NCT) are the Community – Noongar People and the organisations established for the benefit of same. The founder of the NCT was the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Corporation (SWALSC).

As Founder of the Trust, SWALSC will consider the nominations received and recommend nominees for appointment to the Advisory Council. The Trustee, under the Trust Deed, is required to consider the recommendations of SWALSC in making a decision to appoint members to the Advisory Council.

The original Trustee was ANZ Trustees Limited. ANZ Trustees became the Trustee in 2011 when the Trust was established, and by virtue of a corporate takeover, Equity Trustees (EQT) became Trustee in 2014.

The capital investments held within the Trust generate regular income for the use of the community now. This income must be distributed to members of the community according to the charitable objectives of the Trust. The capital base is to be preserved for future generations.

2. The Advisory Council

Under the Trust Deed, Equity Trustees is guided in the administration of the Trust by a group of Advisory Council members (the Advisory Council). The Advisory Council are the important link between Equity Trustees and the community and provide a critical role in advising on community needs and priorities for the expenditure of Trust funds according to the Trust's charitable objectives.

Advisory Council members are appointed by Equity Trustees. There shall be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 members of the Advisory Council appointed at one time. Appointments are made for two (2) years.

Equity Trustees are to give priority to those members nominated by representative bodies such as the SWALSC, who are considered to be representative of the Noongar Peoples.

3. Grant Program – Providing Assistance to Noongar Claimant Groups

The Advisory Council is responsible for the distribution of funds to the Noongar community via a *Community Grants Program*.

The *Community Grants Program* is aimed at providing support to small incorporated Aboriginal community-controlled organisations that are operating on Noongar country and delivering services to Noongar people.

Key priority areas for funding include: - Health, Crisis and Hardship; Aged; Housing; Cultural and Heritage; Education, Training and Employment; and Children and Youth (0-25 years). There are four (4) funding rounds per year: - January, April, July and October, and the Advisory Committee sites every quarter to review applications. Please refer to the link for additional information on the *Noongar Charitable Trust – Community Grants Program*: - <https://noongarcharitabletrust.com.au/>

4. Commitments

The Advisory Council currently meet on a quarterly basis for Advisory Council business and consideration of grant applications. The duration of these meetings is approximately three (3) hours and Advisory Council members are expected to attend in person. Additional out of session meetings may occur on an ad hoc basis to: -

- review the grant funding program;
- build indigenous philanthropic understanding, awareness and networks; and
- align social evaluation and impact models.

5. Nomination process

If you would like to nominate for a position on the Advisory Council, please complete the attached Nomination Form, and provide copies of any supporting documentation¹ and **submit it to** Communitytrusts@eqt.com.au by **5pm, Friday 17th September 2021**.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, or the role of the Advisory Council please contact Equity Trustees: Communitytrusts@eqt.com.au

¹ Supporting documentation might include:

- CVs
- National Police Checks etc