

Fact Sheet

What is Sponsoring (auspicing)?

Sponsoring means that an organisation that is recognised by the Australian Taxation Office as a not-for-profit type, or which has a legal not-for-profit status, takes responsibility for ensuring the funds are used as specified in the grant allocation.

Your application would need to be sponsored if you are a community organisation, and your group is neither a legally constituted not-for-profit entity nor is recognised by the Australian Taxation Office as a not-for-profit type. Please see table below for eligible statuses:

Legal not-for-profit entities		ATO not-for-profit types	
Incorporated Association	Co-operative	Health Promotion Charity	Charitable Fund
Australian Public Company, Limited by Guarantee	Trust	Charitable Institution	Public Benevolent Institution
		Income Tax Exempt Fund	

A sponsoring organisation will be responsible for:

- the receipt, banking and administration of all moneys
- project monitoring and completion
- ensuring the applicant acquits the funding on time
- sign off on the acquittal form

A sponsoring organisation may also provide the following support to the applicant:

- provide insurance for the project
- provide mentoring for the sponsored group

A sponsoring organisation may charge a small fee for the above services.

It is the responsibility of the group being sponsored to ensure that a clear agreement is reached before applying for funding. A Sponsoring Agreement must be included with the application of any sponsored group.

Why should my organisation sponsor (auspice) another group?

By sponsoring, you may be helping out a new and developing local community group if they are planning a worthwhile project.

It is a great way of ensuring that important projects get off the ground. It can help your group to build long term partnerships.