Helen Macpherson Smith Trust
An Independent Philanthropic Trust
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Established in 1951
Initial corpus of £275,000 – current value around $80 million
3 Grant rounds per year – end of September, January & April (Approx $5-$6 million per year)
Total grants to date of over $85 million
Support Victorian Charitable Institutions, Public Benevolent Institutions & Health Promotion Charities
www.hmstrust.org.au
Streams

- **Small Grants (<$25,000)**

**Funding Areas:**
- Aged Persons Care and Support
- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Community Support
- Disabled Care and Support
- Education
- Employment and Vocational Training
- Environment
- Health and Medical Research
Streams

- Strands

Priority Areas:

- Ageing
- Belonging
- Building Community Spirit
- Youth Health
Streams

- Partnerships

Key Features:
- Collaborations
- Usually multi-year
- Capacity building & organisational development
- Via an Expression of Interest process
Trustees give priority considerations to:

- Innovative new initiatives
- Projects which foster partnerships
- Pilot projects that demonstrate new approaches
- Projects that may develop the evidence-base for future NH&MRC or ARC applications
- Projects which are sustainable beyond the pilot
- Essential equipment – linked to a specific research project and use by other agencies
- Applications from organisations in rural and regional Victoria, having regard to the pioneer pastoral wealth generated by Helen’s forebears
Trustees will not support:

- Projects outside of Victoria
- Deficit funding
- Recurrent administrative costs
- Funding considered government responsibility
- Applications made within 12 months of a previous grant being approved or before an existing staged grant is completed
- Direct grants to individuals, including travel expenses, personal study or attendances at conferences
- Max of 2 applications per round from Universities
- Max of 2 approved applications per University per financial year
University grant examples:

- **Safe operation of farm tractors.** Ballarat ($50K)
- **Is high dietary salt related to obesity?** Deakin ($30K)
- **Everyday angels – Piloting a resource kit to foster and reward achievements in Aged Care Services.** La Trobe ($35K)
- **Community Indicators Victoria.** Melbourne ($120K)
- **Fluid lavage of open wounds.** Monash ($36K)
- **Is fire a friend or foe of our native orchids?** RMIT ($17K)
- **Head Start.** Swinburne ($24K) Does bone structure and metabolism play a role in the development of diabetes. Victoria ($45K)
HMS Grants to Universities

- Deakin
- La Trobe
- Monash
- RMIT
- Swinburne
- Uni of Ballarat
- Uni of Melb
- Victoria

No of grants

$0

$500,000

$1,000,000

$1,500,000

$2,000,000

$2,500,000
L. E. W Carty Charitable Fund:

"to assist or promote research into the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of physical or mental disorders of human beings".

Preference is given to specific laboratory research projects, or for essential equipment to undertake such projects.
L. E. W Carty Charitable Fund:

- One grant round per year (closes 31 March)
- Approximately $200K per year available for grants
- www.carty.org.au
Recent Carty Grants:

- **Biomedical Research Centre.** Ballarat ($300K)
  *The impact of indoor allergen exposure on asthma exacerbations in children & adolescents.* La Trobe ($19K)

- **Use of artificial extracellular matrices for skin regeneration.** Monash ($81K)

- **Linking diet to diabetes.** Melbourne ($21K)

- **Improved detection of Clostridium difficile and a new method to track highly lethal hospital-acquired infections due to Clostridium difficile.** RMIT ($6K)

- **Flow Cytometer.** Swinburne ($133K)

- **Molecular and gene characteristics of skeletal muscle in patients with Osteoarthritis.** Victoria ($41K)
Questions/Discussion