



## Auspice Arrangements

### **What is an auspice arrangement?**

An auspice arrangement is when an incorporated group assists a non-incorporated group to fund a grant activity or event. The incorporated group is known as the auspice and the non-incorporated group is known as the grant recipient.

### **When does a community group need an auspice?**

Community groups will need to seek an auspice agreement if they are not incorporated.

### **When does a community group need to confirm an auspice arrangement?**

Community groups will need to confirm an auspice arrangement when submitting their grant application. They will also need to provide the contact details for the auspice.

### **What are the responsibilities of the auspice?**

If the grant application is successful, the auspice will be responsible for:

- signing the funding agreement
- all legal and financial responsibility of the grant on the applicant's behalf
- receiving and distributing grant funds under the funding agreement
- ensure the project is completed
- submit an acquittal (final report) on the applicant's groups behalf.

### **How do community groups source an auspice?**

You can research local incorporated organisations on the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission website at [www.acnc.gov.au](http://www.acnc.gov.au). The Community Grants Team cannot assist you to find an auspice.

### **What should groups consider before entering into an auspice arrangement?**

Auspice arrangements often involve close working relationships. The parties should therefore be satisfied that they can enter into a successful working relationship with one another. Moreover, the group must be aware that entering an auspice arrangement implies losing some degree of independence to the Auspicing Body.

### **What is an Auspice Agreement?**

An Auspice Agreement details the financial and administrative arrangements (in writing) between the auspice and the non-incorporated group. This agreement must be signed by both parties.