# What is an auspice?

If you are not eligible according to the funding guidelines, there is an opportunity to have your project supported (sponsored) by another organisation. This is called auspicing. You may choose to seek an auspice if you do not meet all of the eligibility criteria or would like help managing the funding.

In a funding context, an auspicor is an organisation that manages project funding on behalf of a successful applicant (auspicee). The auspicor will receive and manage the funding, while the auspicee will undertake the project. The auspicor takes legal and financial responsibility for the project.

## Do I need an auspice?

Are you incorporated? Yes  No

Do you have an ABN? Yes  No

Do you have a bank account? Yes  No

If you answered ‘no’ to any of the above questions, you will need an auspice to apply to the Volunteering Innovation Fund. Applicants are able to have an auspice even when eligible to apply.

## What if I partner with an organisation?

Applicants can partner on projects with other organisations, including those that do not meet the eligibility criteria. If one of the partner organisations is eligible to apply, they can apply as the ‘lead applicant’. In this instance an auspice is not required. The lead applicant will take legal and financial responsibility for the project. Include details of all partnering organisations in your application.

# Who can auspice my project?

Auspicors under the Volunteering Innovation Fund must:

1. Be either incorporated, a state/local government body or body corporate
2. Hold personal accident insurance and a minimum of $10 million public liability insurance
3. Sign the funding agreement
4. Receive the funding to ensure the project can proceed
5. Be accountable for the delivery and reporting of the project.

## Which organisations?

The following organisations can auspice a project:

* + - Volunteer Authorities
    - Industry Bodies
    - State Government statutory bodies/authorities (excluding Parks Victoria and Department Environment Land Water and Planning)
    - Local Government

# Who can I ask?

Applicants can ask any organisation that meets the Volunteering Innovation Fund guidelines. Auspicors should align with the values of the applicant’s project. It is suggested you set up a written auspicing agreement between the organisations, outlining the roles and responsibilities of each party. This agreement is the responsibility of the applicant.

# Further information

You can find further information on auspicing here <https://www.nfplaw.org.au/auspicing>

# Contact us

If you have any queries, or require more information, please contact Parks Victoria via:email: [VolunteeringFund@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:VolunteeringFund@parks.vic.gov.au) or phone: 1300 375 323