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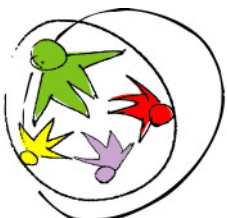
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Community groups are often just the recipients of grants funding. But renowned American philanthropist and donor activist Tracy Gary argues it's time they had a louder voice in deciding just how and where the money should be spent.

Government Grants and Charitable Giving - New research into the effect of public funding on private dollars

A ground-breaking research project finds that Government funding dollars attract more private funding rather than replacing it.

Passing the Probity Test - The seven steps to an open accountable grants program

How can Government grantmakers ensure their programs rise above the rough and tumble of politics and any perceptions of bias? Bob Sendt, the NSW Auditor General and a strong supporter of open and publicly accountable Government, argues that the key can be found in establishing clear processes and constant transparency.

Grant Rage - We list the most common complaints of grantseekers

What are the biggest bugbears for grantseekers trying to find grants information and apply for funding? Over the past 18 months, our community has collected the responses, and complaints from grantseekers subscribing to our Easy Grants newsletter.

A Catalyst for Change - How one Foundation managed the process of changing direction, focus and grantmaking priorities.

In this issue's feature interview, we speak to Mary Wooldridge, CEO of the Foundation for Young Australians, about leading the grantmaking organisation through a merger, restructure and major re-focussing of its grantmaking programs.

Managing Grants - Finding the right formula

Earlier NSW Auditor-General Bob Sendt outlined his seven steps to an open and accountable grantmaking program. Here we provide the latest summary of Best Practice grants administration released by the Australian National Audit Office.

Ensuring the money achieves the mission - We ask Grantmakers how it should be done

Grantmakers/policymakers have their say on maximising their grantmaking success.

Talking Technology - It's a great looking website but does it work?

Some grantmakers spend millions of dollars developing their website. Others spend as little as possible but all want the same outcome - a site that works. We look at one of the best websites for grantseekers in Australia and explain why it works.

Family Ties - One foundation looks to the next generation of grantmakers

Since the establishment of the Myer Foundation four generations of the Myer family have worked to support projects striving to make measurable improvements to society. We talk to Myer Foundation CEO Charles Lane.

Spreading the word - Marketing your grantmaking program

Some grantmakers shy away from publicity but marketing a grants program can be an effective tool in focussing attention on the issue being tackled, not just the recipient or the grantmaker.

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