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By submitting an application to the Elton Group Think Good Micro-Grant (the Grant), applicants agree to be bound by the following Terms and Conditions. Please read these Terms and Conditions carefully before submitting your application. If you do not agree to these Terms and Conditions, do not submit an application.

These Terms and Conditions constitute the entire agreement between the Promoter and each applicant with respect to the Grant, and supersede all prior or contemporaneous communications and proposals, whether electronic, oral or written.

1. DEFINITIONS

Promoter: Elton Group Pty Ltd (59 099 878 878), a timber veneer and interior surfaces company, and the organiser of the Grant.

Grant: The Elton Group Think Good Micro-Grant, a competitive grant of \$5,000 (AUD) awarded to a single recipient per annual cycle.

Applicant: Any individual or group who submits an application for the Grant in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.

Recipient: The Applicant selected by the Judging Panel to receive the Grant.

Application: The complete submission made by an Applicant through the Grant entry platform, including all written responses, supporting materials and attachments.

Judging Panel: The panel of assessors appointed by the Promoter to evaluate Applications and select the Recipient.

Grant Period: The period commencing on the date the Grant is awarded and concluding approximately six (6) months following that date, as outlined in the Grant Agreement.

Grant Agreement: The formal agreement entered into between the Promoter and the Recipient setting out the terms of funding.

Intellectual Property: All rights in and to copyright works, inventions, designs, trade marks, know-how, trade secrets, and all other intellectual property rights, whether registered or unregistered.

Personal Information: Information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable, as defined under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).

2. THE PROMOTER

The Grant is promoted and administered by Elton Group Pty Ltd (59 099 878 878) of [5 Brough Street, Springvale, Victoria 3171, AUSTRALIA]. All enquiries regarding the Grant should be directed to [colleen@eltongroup.com] no later than [Friday 7th August 2026].

The Grant is not affiliated with, sponsored by or endorsed by any government body, AIDA (Australian Interior Design Awards) or any other third party, unless otherwise expressly stated.

3. GRANT PERIOD AND TIMELINE

The Grant operates on an annual cycle. For the 2026 round, the indicative timeline is as follows:

- **Applications open:**
Wednesday 1 July 2026
- **Applications close:**
Friday 28 August 2026 (11:59 PM AEST)
- **Judging period:**
1 September – 25 September 2026
- **Winner announced:**
on or around Wednesday 30 September 2026
- **Progress update due:**
on or around Monday 7 December 2026
- **Final outcome and case study due:**
on or around March 2027

The Promoter reserves the right to amend these dates at its sole discretion. Any changes will be communicated via the Grant website.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Who May Apply

The Grant is open to individuals and groups who, at the time of application:

- Are based in Australia;
- Work within, or are studying within, the built environment sector, including but not limited to architects, interior designers, furniture designers, makers, engineers, industrial designers, joiners and fabricators; and
- Are aged 18 years or older. If a group application is submitted, all named participants must be aged 18 years or older.

Students are eligible to apply provided they are currently enrolled in a course associated with the built environment and can supply proof of enrollment at the time of application.

4.2 Who Is Ineligible

The following persons are not eligible to apply:

- Employees, contractors, directors or officers of the Promoter, and members of their immediate families;
- Members of the Judging Panel and their immediate families;
- Any person who has a direct commercial relationship with the Promoter that may give rise to a conflict of interest, unless disclosed and approved by the Promoter in writing prior to submission.

The Promoter reserves the right to disqualify any Applicant who does not satisfy the eligibility criteria or who provides false or misleading information.

5. HOW TO APPLY

5.1 Application Requirements

To be considered for the Grant, Applicants must submit a complete Application via the designated online entry platform (details available at eltongroup.com/think-good-micro-grant). Applications must include all of the following:

- A written description of the idea, concept or project (maximum 500 words);
- A description of the proposed process and intended outcome;



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- Sketches, photographs or other supporting materials relevant to the project;
- A clear explanation of how the project advances sustainability within the built environment;
- A detailed budget outline specifying how the \$5,000 grant will be allocated, including any quotes or cost estimates where available;
- A letter of recommendation from a peer, supervisor or colleague;
- A portrait photograph or headshot, submitted with written confirmation that the Applicant consents to its use for marketing purposes by the Promoter;
- A biography of the Applicant (maximum 200 words);
- Full name, email address and phone number; and
- Confirmation of the Applicant's professional role, or, for students, proof of current enrolment.

5.2 Application Limit

Applicants may submit more than one Application per round, provided each Application relates to a distinct and original concept or project. Duplicate or substantially similar Applications from the same Applicant will be disqualified.

5.3 Group Applications

Groups may apply collectively. Where a group application is submitted, one nominated individual must be identified as the primary contact and grant recipient. The grant amount remains \$5,000 regardless of the size of the group.

5.4 Existing Projects

Applications are not required to relate to a new project. Applicants may seek funding to advance a project that is already underway, provided the grant will meaningfully accelerate its development. Applicants must disclose any existing funding arrangements, commercial agreements or sponsorship obligations that may affect the project, and confirm that accepting the Grant does not create a conflict of interest with those arrangements.

6. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND JUDGING

6.1 Judging Panel

Applications will be assessed by a Judging Panel appointed by the Promoter. The Panel will comprise up to four (4) members, including:

- One (1) representative of the Promoter;
- One (1) independent sustainability expert, and;
- One (1) practising architect or designer.

Judging Panel members are required to declare any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest prior to and during the assessment process. Any Panel member with a conflict in respect of a particular Application must recuse themselves from assessing that Application.

6.2 Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Clarity and strength of idea;
- Demonstrated relevance to sustainability within the built environment;

- Innovation and originality of the proposal;
- Feasibility and use of grant, with a clear link between the funding and a tangible deliverable, and;
- Capacity to deliver, demonstrated history of practice, study or delivery in a relevant field.

6.3 Shortlisting

Where more than ten (10) Applications are received, the Promoter may conduct an internal shortlisting process prior to presenting Applications to the full Judging Panel.

6.4 Decision

The decision of the Judging Panel is final and binding. No correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcome of the assessment process. The Promoter is not obliged to award the Grant if, in the opinion of the Judging Panel, no Application meets the required standard.

7. GRANT AMOUNT AND PAYMENT

The Grant consists of a single payment of five thousand Australian dollars (AUD \$5,000), made to the Recipient upon execution of the Grant Agreement.

The Grant is not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash or other consideration except as provided in the Grant Agreement. The Grant must be applied in accordance with the budget submitted in the Application, subject to any variations approved in writing by the Promoter.

Grants may have tax implications for the Recipient. The Promoter does not provide taxation advice. Recipients are encouraged to seek independent advice regarding their obligations under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) or any other applicable taxation law.

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

8.1 Ownership Retained by Applicant

All Intellectual Property rights in and to the Application, including all concepts, research, designs, prototypes, documentation and supporting materials submitted as part of the Application, remain the sole and exclusive property of the Applicant. Nothing in these Terms and Conditions operates to transfer ownership of any Intellectual Property from the Applicant to the Promoter. This Grant is not an equity arrangement, investment or commercial partnership. The Promoter does not acquire any ownership interest, royalties or commercial rights in the work produced by any Applicant or Recipient as a result of this Grant.

8.2 Licence Granted by Recipient

As a condition of accepting the Grant, the Recipient grants the Promoter a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide licence to publish, reproduce and communicate approved project material for marketing, editorial and communication purposes. This licence includes:

- Written project descriptions and progress updates;
- Images, video & other documentation of the project; and
- The Recipient's biography and headshot (as submitted in the Application).



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The Promoter will always attribute published material to the Recipient and, where applicable, to any named collaborators, photographers or videographers. The scope of permitted usage will be further detailed in the Grant Agreement.

Unsuccessful Applicants do not grant any licence to the Promoter. The Promoter will not use, publish or otherwise exploit materials submitted as part of an unsuccessful Application, except to the limited extent necessary to assess and process the Application.

8.3 No Licence to Applicant's Underlying IP

Nothing in these Terms and Conditions grants the Promoter any right to use, develop or commercialise any Intellectual Property in the Application beyond the purposes expressly stated herein. The Promoter acknowledges that Applications may contain novel, confidential or commercially sensitive ideas and agrees not to exploit or disclose such information for any purpose other than administering the Grant.

9. COPYRIGHT AND ORIGINALITY

9.1 Applicant Warranties

By submitting an Application, each Applicant warrants and represents that:

- The Application is the Applicant's own original work;
- The Application does not infringe the Intellectual Property rights, including copyright, of any third party;
- The Applicant has obtained all necessary rights, permissions and consents in respect of any third-party materials included in the Application, including images, text, designs and other content; and
- The Application does not contain any material that is defamatory, misleading, deceptive, offensive or in breach of any applicable law.

9.2 Promoter's Limitation of Liability for Copyright Infringement

The Promoter does not and cannot verify that Applications are free from third-party copyright claims. The Promoter accepts no responsibility or liability for any copyright infringement or other Intellectual Property dispute arising from the submission or use of an Applicant's materials.

Applicants submit their Applications at their own risk. Each Applicant indemnifies the Promoter, its officers, employees and agents against any loss, damage, cost or expense (including reasonable legal fees) suffered or incurred by the Promoter arising out of or in connection with any breach of the warranties in clause 9.1 above.

If the Promoter becomes aware of a bona fide copyright dispute relating to any Application, it reserves the right to exclude that Application from consideration and, if the Recipient is involved, to suspend or terminate the Grant Agreement.

10. PRIVACY AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

10.1 Collection and Use of Personal Information

The Promoter collects Personal Information from Applicants for the purpose of administering the Grant. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Name, contact details and professional information;
- Application content and supporting materials; and
- Portrait photographs and biographical information.

Personal Information is collected and handled in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs). The Promoter will not sell, rent or disclose Personal Information to any third party except:

- To members of the Judging Panel for the purpose of assessing Applications;
- As required by law; or
- As otherwise consented to by the Applicant.

10.2 Storage and Security

Personal Information and Application materials will be stored securely on Elton Group's servers for the duration of the assessment period. The Promoter will take reasonable steps to protect Personal Information from misuse, interference, loss, and unauthorised access, modification or disclosure.

10.3 Destruction of Unsuccessful Application Data

Following completion of the judging process and announcement of the Recipient, the Promoter will securely delete or destroy all Personal Information and Application materials submitted by unsuccessful Applicants. This destruction will occur no later than 60 days after the announcement of the Recipient.

The Promoter will retain only the data necessary to manage the ongoing Grant Agreement with the Recipient, together with anonymised or aggregated information that does not identify individual Applicants, which may be retained for internal reporting and program improvement purposes.

10.4 Recipient Data

Personal Information and Application materials relating to the Recipient will be retained for the duration of the Grant Period and for a period of 10 years thereafter, as required for audit and accountability purposes. Following expiry of this retention period, the Promoter will securely destroy all retained Personal Information, other than approved published materials for which consent has been granted under clause 8.2.

10.5 Access and Correction

Applicants may request access to, or correction of, their Personal Information held by the Promoter by contacting enquire@eltongroup.com. The Promoter will respond to such requests in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).



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11. CONFIDENTIALITY OF APPLICATIONS

The Promoter recognises that Applications may contain novel ideas, unpublished research, and commercially sensitive information. The Promoter and all members of the Judging Panel agree to treat the contents of all Applications as confidential and will not disclose the contents of any Application to any person outside the assessment process.

Notwithstanding the above, the Promoter is not liable for any inadvertent disclosure that occurs despite reasonable precautions, or for any disclosure required by law, court order or regulatory authority.

Applicants are encouraged not to include information in their Applications that they consider to be highly sensitive trade secrets or subject to third-party confidentiality obligations, beyond what is reasonably necessary to assess the merits of the Application.

12. RECIPIENT OBLIGATIONS

In addition to the terms of the Grant Agreement, the Recipient agrees to:

- Apply grant funds in accordance with the budget submitted in the Application, or as otherwise approved in writing by the Promoter;
- Provide a progress update to the Promoter at the three-month mark following the award of the Grant, including visual and written documentation of progress;
- Provide a final outcome report and case study materials approximately six (6) months following the award of the Grant;
- Provide the Promoter with approved written descriptions and imagery of the project for publication, in accordance with clause 8.2;
- Ensure that any professional photographer or videographer engaged as part of the project supplies appropriate image credits and usage permissions; and
- Promptly notify the Promoter of any material change to the scope, timeline or budget of the project.

Failure to comply with these obligations may result in the Promoter requiring repayment of the Grant, in whole or in part.

13. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Applicants must disclose in their Application any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest that may affect the integrity of the Grant process, including but not limited to:

- Existing commercial relationships with the Promoter;
- Existing funding arrangements or sponsorship obligations that overlap with the proposed project; and
- Any other circumstance that a reasonable person might consider gives rise to a conflict.

The Promoter will assess disclosed conflicts and may, at its discretion, disqualify an Application where a conflict cannot be satisfactorily resolved.

14. GENERAL COMPETITION TERMS (AUSTRALIAN REQUIREMENTS)

14.1 Governing Law

These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia. Each Applicant irrevocably submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Victoria and the courts of appeal from them in respect of any dispute arising in connection with these Terms and Conditions or the Grant.

14.2 Modification and Cancellation

The Promoter reserves the right to modify, suspend or cancel the Grant at any time, with or without notice, if circumstances beyond the Promoter's control make it necessary or appropriate to do so. This includes, without limitation, circumstances arising from technical failure, fraud, or forces affecting the Promoter's ability to conduct the Grant.

If the Grant is cancelled after Applications have been received, the Promoter will use reasonable endeavours to notify all Applicants as soon as practicable.

14.3 Disqualification

The Promoter reserves the right to disqualify any Applicant who:

- Does not satisfy the eligibility criteria;
- Submits an Application that does not comply with these Terms and Conditions;
- Provides false, misleading or incomplete information;
- Engages in conduct that is dishonest, fraudulent or prejudicial to the integrity of the Grant; or
- Attempts to interfere with, manipulate or improperly influence the assessment process.

14.4 No Automatic Right to Receive the Grant

Submission of an Application does not guarantee that an Applicant will receive the Grant. The Promoter is not obliged to award the Grant in any round if, in the opinion of the Judging Panel, no Application meets the required standard.

14.5 Publicity

By accepting the Grant, the Recipient consents to the Promoter using their name, likeness, image, headshot and project information for promotional, marketing and editorial purposes across the Promoter's communications channels, including its website, email newsletters, social media platforms, and third-party media partners, without further compensation.

Unsuccessful Applicants are not subject to publicity obligations.



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15. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law:

- The Promoter excludes all liability for any loss, damage, cost or expense (whether direct, indirect, consequential, special, or otherwise) suffered or incurred by any Applicant in connection with the Grant, including in connection with the submission or assessment of Applications;
- The Promoter is not liable for any technical failure of the entry platform, late, lost, delayed or misdirected Applications, or any errors or omissions in Application content;
- The Promoter is not liable for any infringement of Intellectual Property rights arising from the submission of an Application, consistent with clause 9.2 above; and
- The Promoter is not liable for any tax liability incurred by an Applicant or Recipient in connection with the Grant.

Nothing in these Terms and Conditions excludes, restricts or modifies any right or remedy, or any guarantee, warranty or other term or condition, implied or imposed by any legislation which cannot lawfully be excluded or limited, including the Australian Consumer Law. Where legislation implies a guarantee that cannot be excluded, the Promoter's liability for breach of that guarantee is limited, to the extent permitted by law, to the re-supply of equivalent services or the payment of the cost of such re-supply.

16. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By submitting an Application, each Applicant:

- Confirms that they have read and agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions;
- Confirms that all information provided in their Application is true, accurate and complete;
- Acknowledges and agrees to the collection, use and handling of their Personal Information as described in clause 10; and
- Acknowledges that the decision of the Judging Panel is final and binding.

17. ENQUIRIES AND CONTACT

Enquiries regarding the Grant should be directed to:

Elton Group Pty Ltd

1 – 5 Brough Street, Springvale Victoria 3171, Australia

Email: colleen@eltongroup.com or enquire@eltongroup.com

Website: eltongroup.com/think-good-micro-grant

Enquiries should be submitted no later than Friday 7 August 2026 prior to the close of Applications.

