

# Community Grants Program 2026-2027

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#### Program

This field is read only.

Applicants: please note

**The Rural City of Wangaratta Community Grants Program is a competitive program that provides grants up to \$10,000. Most successful applications are awarded between \$1,000 and \$6,000.**

**We want our community to feel connected, inspired and treated with respect. To have access to programs, services and infrastructure that help us lead fulfilled and healthy lives.**

#### Objectives:

All applications must demonstrate alignment with **one or more** Council Plan objectives. A strong, well-evidenced alignment to one objective is considered equally as competitive as an application which shows weaker evidence across multiple objectives.

- **Provide access to services and programs that enable people to live healthy, active, and inspired lives**
- **People feel connected and included in the community**
- **Ensure services and spaces are safe, accessible, inclusive and welcoming to everyone in our community**

**This section of the application form is designed to help you, and us, understand if you qualify for this grant.**

- Before completing this application form, please read the [Community Funding Program Guidelines](#)
- Please read the [Council Plan 2025-2029](#)
- Closing date for applications: **Monday 13 July at 3pm**
- Incomplete applications and applications received after the closing date will not be accepted
- Applications must only be for projects between **31 September 2026 and 30 September 2027**

**For assistance or eligibility criteria contact: Rural City of Wangaratta, Community & Recreation team | [Communitygrants@wangaratta.vic.gov.au](mailto:Communitygrants@wangaratta.vic.gov.au) | 03 5722 0888**

If you contact us throughout the application process, please quote the application number below:

#### Application Number

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### Tips for your application

**Keep your answers concise and within the word limit**The Community Grants Program receives many applications, so keep responses clear, focused, and to the point to ensure key information is not overlooked. Draft answers in a separate document to track word counts. For hard copy applications, refine responses in advance to meet the word limit before completing the form.

**Be specific about your project and its impact**Clearly explain your project, its purpose, key activities, and expected outcomes. Highlight the long-term impact and be specific about how the funding will be used to show it will be spent effectively.

**Save a copy of your application**Keep a backup of your submission for future reference and in case of technical issues.

**Include all relevant information**Include all essential details within the application form, as assessors may not review external links or attachments. Ensure your answers are complete, clear, and within the word limit.

**Write persuasively and clearly**Explain who you are, the need for funding, and why your project matters. Use a clear, confident tone to show the impact of your work and the value of the grant.

**Seek feedback before submitting**Have someone review your application to improve clarity, check for gaps or repetition, and correct errors.

**Review all guidelines thoroughly**Check all requirements before submitting to ensure your application meets the criteria.

### Confirmation of Eligibility

**I confirm that as the applicant ...**

**I have read and understand the Community Funding Guidelines for the Community Grants Program for applicants.**

**To apply, organisations must:**

- I have read and understands the Community Grants Program guidelines for applicants
- Be a not-for-profit organisation, as defined by the ATO, and is not an individual.
- Be incorporated *or* be auspiced by an incorporated organisation for the purposes of this application.
- Hold a bank account in the organisation or auspice name and demonstrate financial viability.
- Hold \$20M public liability insurance.
- Have no outstanding acquittals or other debts with Council.

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- Is in (and/or supplies services to) **The Rural City of Wangaratta.**
- Comply with relevant legislation (equal opportunity, freedom of information, privacy, accounting standards, etc.).
- Submit a complete application with quotes, evidence of costs and supporting documents. *Failure to provide these required documents will result in the application being deemed ineligible.*
- Demonstrate ability to complete the project within required timeframes.
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**I/we confirm that all statements above are true and correct \***

Yes

No

You must confirm that all statements above are true and correct.

## Contact Details

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### Privacy Notice

We pledge to respect and uphold your rights to privacy protection under the [Australian Privacy Principles](#) (APPs) as established under the *Privacy Act 1988* and amended by the *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012*. To view our privacy statement, go to [Privacy Statement Rural City of Wangaratta](#)

### Organisation Details

**Organisation Name \***

Organisation Name

For organisations: please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

**Applicant Contact Name \***

**Position Held \***

**Organisation Address**

Address

  

**Phone Number \***



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ABN  
Entity Name  
ABN Status  
Entity Type  
Goods & Services Tax (GST)  
DGR Endorsed  
ATO Charity Type  
ACNC Registration  
Tax Concessions  
Main Business Location

[More information](#)

## Auspice Information

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For groups that DO NOT hold an ABN. You will need to fill in the following

### Auspice Organisation Details

What is auspicing?

**What is an auspicing arrangement?** Auspicing is when a legally incorporated organisation (the *auspicator*) takes responsibility for a project on behalf of a group or individual that is not incorporated or doesn't have its own legal or financial infrastructure. The auspicing organisation manages the grant funds and ensures the project is delivered according to the funding agreement.

**Who can be an auspice organisation?** An auspicing organisation might be:

- A local Council (for example, Rural City of Wangaratta may auspice a grassroots community event)
- A parent organisation (such as a state-level sporting body auspicing a local club project)
- A not-for-profit organisation with the capacity to support the administration of the project

**Auspice organisation name \***

Organisation Name

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**What is your auspice organisations ABN? \***

**Auspice address**

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Address

  

**Auspice office phone number \***

Must be an Australian phone number.

**Auspice email address \***

Must be an email address.

**Auspice website**

Must be a URL.

**Primary contact person at auspice organisation \***

Title      First Name      Last Name

            

We may contact this person to verify that the auspice arrangement is valid and current.

**Position held in organisation \***

e.g., Manager, Board Member or Fundraising Coordinator.

**Auspice primary contact phone number \***

Must be an Australian phone number.

**Auspice contact email address \***

Must be an email address

**Please attach a letter from the auspice organisation confirming that the auspice arrangement is valid and current. \***

Attach a file:

The letter must be signed by an authorised person (e.g., Manager, CEO or Board Chair) and must include: name, position, signature and date.

## Project Details

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Project

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**Community Group/Organisation description. (Dot point) What are your activities/ events? How many members do you have? What area do you cover? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

**Project Name: \***

Provide a name for your project/program/initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive

## Community Impact and Engagement 30% score

**Project description \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 30 words.

If we were promoting your project online, what would we say to sell it?

**How does this project meet a need in the community? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

What are you wanting to achieve in your community?

**How will you measure the impact/success of this project? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 60 words.

Consider both quantitative measures (number of attendees) and qualitative measures (surveys, feedback)

**Does this initiative have community support? Provide evidence community supports this project/program? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 60 words.

Letters of support emails or minutes of meeting can be attached in the budget section of this application.

## Delivery and Sustainability 30% score

**Identify Stakeholders: Determine who has an interest in the project and who will be affected by it. \***

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Word count:

Must be no more than 60 words.

How will your project be delivered? Do you have capacity within your organisation or will you engage external resources?

**Please outline the steps: What tasks are needed to achieve this project? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

**Manage Risks: Identify potential risks and develop strategies to mitigate or avoid them. \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

**Explain how your project will be sustainable. Sustainability has three main pillars: economic, environmental and social. \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Longer term will this project provide savings for your organisation, increase the capacity of your group, or provide a long term environmental change?

**How does your project support equity and inclusion within the community, and what impact will it have on people of different genders, backgrounds or abilities? Please describe what these impacts will look like and how you will address any barriers or challenges. \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Objectives 40% score

**Alignment - Applicants are encouraged to review Council-Plan-2025-29. prior to applying. Please indicate which objectives your projects will help to achieve. \***

- Provide access to services and programs that enable people to live healthy, active, and inspired lives
- People feel connected and included in the community
- Ensure services and spaces are safe, accessible, inclusive and welcoming to everyone in our community

At least 1 choice must be selected.

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Please consult the [Community Funding Program Guidelines](#) and the [Council Plan 2025-2029](#)

### Describe how your project aligns to the objective(s) above? \*

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

### Time Frame

Anticipated start date \*

Anticipated end date \*

If unknown, provide your best guess or leave blank If unknown, provide your best guess or leave blank

## Budget

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### How much funding are you applying for?

The Community Grants Program is a competitive program providing funding up to \$10,000 to not-for-profit community organisations.

**Total Amount Requested**

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What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

**Total Project/Program Cost**

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What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?

### Budget (GST exclusive)

Please outline your project budget in the tables below, include details of other funding that you have applied for, whether it has been confirmed or not. **All amounts should be GST exclusive.**

**Please refer to the budget section in the [Community Funding Guidelines for Applicants](#) -**

Provide clear descriptions for each budget item:

- Examples of income could include - council funding, club contribution, company sponsorship
- Examples of expenses could include - power/water for 6 months, office supplies, volunteer labour \$25 per hr, skilled labour \$50 per hr

Use the 'Notes' column for any additional information.

**\*Please provide quotes for expense items over \$200 in the upload section**

Your budget **MUST** balance (TOTAL INCOME - (minis) TOTAL EXPENDITURE = \$0 (value).

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Income Description	Income Type	Confirmed Fund	Income Amount (\$)	Notes
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	

Expenditure Description	Expenditure Type	Expenditure Amount (\$)	Notes
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

### Budget Totals

**Total Income Amount**  
 \$   
 This number/amount is calculated.

**Total Expenditure Amount**  
 \$   
 This number/amount is calculated.

**This box should have a \$0 value if you have your budget correct**  
  
 This number/amount is calculated.

### Supporting Documents

**This section is mandatory, your application can not be submitted without quotes or supporting documentation.** Please attach a copy of the following documents. Please upload in Word or PDF with no symbols or numbers.

#### Quotes for items over \$200

Attach a file:

#### Other Supporting Documents, Photos of previous project, Letters of Support, Project Outline or Plans \*

Attach a file:

#### Website for supporting information

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Must be a URL.

**Note: Not all projects are funded for the full requested amount. Consider what your project might look like if you received less funding.**

**Have you discussed this project with a council officer \***

Yes  No

**Please provide the Council officers name.**

**If your project were funded for a smaller amount, would you still be able to deliver this project? \***

Yes  No  Unsure

**What is the most essential element of your project? What changes would you make to achieve your project? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

**Are you using local suppliers for this project? \***

Yes  No  Unsure

Refers to North East Victoria suppliers

**If not explain why?**

Word count:

Must be no more than 30 words.

## Certification

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This section must be completed by an appropriately authorised person on behalf of the applicant organisation (may be different to the contact person listed earlier in this application form).

**I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made within this application are true and correct, and I understand that if the applicant organisation is approved for this grant, we will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant as outlined in the letter of approval.**

**I agree \***

Yes

No

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**Name of authorised person \***

Title      First Name      Last Name

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Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

**Date \***

Must be a date

This question will not impact your grant application score, but will help us understand our community groups better.

**Does your organisation receive sponsorship, funding or other support from? \***

- Venues/organisations with electronic gaming machines (eg. Wangaratta RSL, Wangaratta Club, Old Town N Country Tavern, Pinsent Hotel)
- Other gambling venues/organisations (eg. Wangaratta Turf Club)
- Fast food restaurants
- None

Tick all that apply