CITY OF BALLARAT

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT PROGRAM FAQs

Q: How many rounds will there be in 2025/26?
A: Two rounds - Round 1 will be open 1 August – 14 September 2025, Round 2 will be open 1 February – 15 March 2026.

Q: Do I have to apply online?
A: Preferably. We encourage applications to be submitted online through the grant's platform. If you cannot apply online, the Grant Officer can provide a hard copy.

Q: Do I need to provide quotes?
A: Yes, quotes are required. The Committee will not fund projects or specific items over the value of $500 without quotes.

Q: Will general quotes / screenshots from the internet be accepted?
A: They may be accepted, but we prefer quotes from local suppliers.

Q: We don't have a bank account. Can we still apply?
A: Yes, but you will need an auspice organisation, which is an incorporated group that can manage funds on your behalf.

Q: Why do we need to supply a bank statement?
A: The bank statement is required to prove your organisation has a bank account in its name.

Q: Do we need an ABN?
A: No, instead, you can submit a completed Statement by Supplier Form.

Q: Can the grant fund salaries?
A: The grant can fund contractor staffing for the project with a start and end date. Ongoing salaries are not eligible.

Q: Can the grant fund an event?
A: Yes, the grant can fund events that align with our community outcomes and funding priorities. However, tourism-based events or festivals should apply for funding through the Tourism Event Grant Program. Visit the City of Ballarat Grants page for more information.

Q: Can we apply for money we have already spent?
A: No, the program does not fund expenses that have already been incurred.

Q: What do you mean by projects/events needing to link to funding categories?
A: Your project/event should have a clear community impact, such as encouraging participation or helping people learn new skills. Examples are provided in the grant eligibility criteria.

Q: What if we can't log into the grants platform or have forgotten our password?
A: If you have forgotten your password, click 'forgot password' on the login page and follow the prompts. If you are experiencing any technical issues with the platform, please contact the Community Grants Officer via Customer Service at 5320 5500, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm (closed on public holidays).