

COVID-19 Community Support Grants

Environmental Sustainability Grant

FY 2021-2022



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Description

Council has adopted the Greening our Future Environment Strategy (2014-2024) and funding is available to support community organisations with environmental and sustainability projects that support the strategic vision for Frankston's future. The four key themes are:

1. Protecting and enhancing natural assets
2. Wise use of natural resources
3. Minimising environmental impacts
4. Educating and engaging the community.

Applications must contribute to a positive environmental outcome in line with the key themes and may also respond to the immediate need to provide support or relief in relation to the impact of COVID-19 (e.g. energy saving initiative to reduce the impact of energy usage and costs).

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- Not-for-profit
- A community group or organisation
- Incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* or commenced the process of incorporation (evidence will be required)
- Auspiced (sponsored or supported) by a group that is incorporated. If they are not incorporated, the organisation applying must meet eligibility requirements and take responsibility for the funds and acquittal
- Located within the geographical boundaries of Frankston City and/or servicing a significant number of Frankston City residents
- Offering activities, programs and projects to the general community without discrimination or restriction
- Offering activities, programs and projects that would be socially, economically, environmentally and physically accessible to all the community.

Applicants will be ineligible if:

- Commercial and/or profit making organisation, political party or hosting a political event
- Activities or programs that are the responsibility of another level of government (such as education, health); or are the responsibility of a group under their incorporation or lease/license agreement (including recurrent expenses and capital works)
- Receiving other Council funding for the activity
- Hosting activities, programs and projects outside of Frankston City
- Seeking retrospective funding for activities, programs and projects that have already started or have been completed
- Requesting funding that would otherwise be covered by insurance
- Requesting funding for capital works and capital expenses including vehicles, air conditioning units and machinery
- Have not previously complied with grant conditions (including unable to properly account for prior funds; have not spent funds for the agreed purpose; or have not returned a detailed accountability form for previous year's community grants)
- Unable to provide an annual report and/or annual general meeting minutes; financial statement and current public liability insurance certificate
- Staff, Councillor or contractor to Frankston City Council.

Assessment Criteria

The following criteria and weighting are considered essential and are listed in order of importance:

	Criteria	Weighting
Criterion 1	Expected contribution of project to positive environmental and social outcomes in Frankston City	40%
Criterion 2	Opportunity for educating and engaging the community in the project	30%
Criterion 3	Project addresses a need that would otherwise go unfunded	20%
Criterion 4	Demonstrated longevity of the project benefits beyond the funded period	10%

Important but not essential criterion is as follows:

Criterion 5	Direct benefit for vulnerable and/or disadvantage residents.	Value Add.
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