

COVID-19 Community Support Grants

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FY 2020 – 2021



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COVID-19 Recovery Grant (Up to \$10K)

Description

One-off funding to provide assistance to community groups for support or relief in response to a community need related to the impact of COVID-19.

This funding is for a broad range of items to meet the needs of the organisation (e.g. equipment, rent, utility bills, training, materials etc.) and/or to enable the organisation to respond quickly to the immediate needs of the community arising from the impact of COVID-19 (i.e. supply of food, mental health support, health and well-being initiatives, equipment and community connectedness).

Applicants will need to demonstrate why the funds are needed and how they will address a community need impacted by COVID-19. It may include recovery and resilience programs that encourage community cohesion after the pandemic.

Assessment Criteria

The following criteria and weighting will be applied:

	Criteria	Weighting
Criterion 1	Demonstrate why the funds are needed in response to the impacts of COVID-19 on the organization and/or the community.	30%
Criterion 2	Expected contribution of the project/activity/support to the economic, social and/or environmental outcomes in Frankston City.	30%
	Demonstrated longevity and capacity development beyond the funded period.	10%
Criterion 3	Number of Frankston residents who will benefit: a) Directly; and b) Indirectly.	20%
Criterion 4	Activity addresses an area of need that would otherwise go unfunded.	10%

Important but not essential criterion is as follows:

Criterion 5	Direct benefit for vulnerable and/or disadvantaged residents.	Value add.
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Applicants may be eligible if:

- 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
- Priority will be given to applicants who have not already received a COVID-19 Urgent Relief Grant.

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
- In financial debt with Council or 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 years 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.