

Community Grant Guideline

This guideline outlines the application process, eligibility and assessment criteria for the Community Grant.

OVERVIEW

The City of Hobart Community Grant provides financial assistance to not-for-profit organisations and community groups wishing to undertake activities that involve, engage and benefit the Hobart community.

Community Grants are provided to support groups to deliver community based programs, activities and events that align with relevant objectives of the [City of Hobart Capital City Strategic Plan 2019–29](#), [Social Inclusion Policy](#) and [framework](#), as well as related community strategies.

WHAT CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

The Community Grant supports the delivery of community-based activities that involve, engage and benefit the Hobart community.

The grant supports activities in the City of Hobart that:

- encourage inclusiveness by drawing together diverse groups to share in positive outcomes
- create opportunities to enhance community spirit and encourage participation across all sectors of the community
- develop connectedness by encouraging accessibility.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

This grant program provides cash support from \$1000 to \$5000 per application.

Activities can only be funded once per financial year. If successful, the supported activity cannot receive additional funding through other City of Hobart grants.

The grant request should be commensurate with the scale of the proposed activity taking into account expected audience numbers and participants involved.

HOW TO APPLY

Read the Guidelines in full, review the previous rounds Application Form and start preparing your documentation.

All applications are to be submitted through the grants system, Smarty Grants hobartcity.com.au/Grants.

If you have any questions, speak to us before you apply so we can help you with tips for a successful application.

Contact our Customer Service Centre on [03 6238 2711](tel:0362382711) and mention that you are interested in the Community Grant. Or email your enquiry to our Grants Team at fundingprogram@hobartcity.com.au.



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WHO CAN APPLY?

Below is a list of eligible and ineligible applicants to this grant stream. Please review the glossary in the [Grant Program Overview](#) to understand how applicants are defined.

Eligible applicants	Ineligible applicants
<p>Applicants must be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ a not-for-profit organisation✓ a registered charity✓ an incorporated association✓ an unincorporated group✓ a social enterprise✓ a registered school or training organisation <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ have not received other funding from the City for the same activity this financial year✓ have fulfilled the conditions of a previous City of Hobart grant by the due date and have no overdue debts to the City✓ have adequate public liability insurance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Current employees of or staff contractors to the City of Hobart✗ Individuals or sole traders✗ Partnerships✗ Trusts✗ Federal, state and local government agencies and bodies, with the exception of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.✗ Political parties

ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

Applications for the Community Grant must demonstrate that the activity:

- ✓ involves, engages and benefits the Hobart community
- ✓ aligns with at least one of the priority areas from the City of Hobart's Community Inclusion and Equity Framework, [Hobart: A City for All](#)
- ✓ has outcomes that are delivered in the City of Hobart local government area ([LGA Map located on Page 8 of City Economy Strategy](#)).

ACTIVITY INELIGIBILITY

Applications are ineligible if the request for support:

- ✗ is part of a larger festival or event, which has received a grant or sponsorship from the City of Hobart
- ✗ is commercial, has the potential to make significant profit or be self-sustaining
- ✗ is part of ongoing administration or operational costs of the applicant
- ✗ is made by a registered school or registered training organisation and seeks supports for costs associated with the employment of teaching or support staff and/or the delivery of curriculum.



FUNDING USE

This grant cannot be used to fund:

- ✘ activities or programs that are already delivered by the City of Hobart or are our core business
- ✘ donations or fundraising activities that support the recurrent operations of the applicant
- ✘ a contribution towards payment of rates
- ✘ activities that have already commenced or are scheduled to prior to the eligible activity timeframe
- ✘ programs which have already commenced, unless the proposed activity substantially increases the impact of the existing program
- ✘ capital works, construction, or improvements to buildings
- ✘ the purchase of equipment that is not specific to the delivery of the activity and would otherwise support the operations of the organisation
- ✘ individual pursuits or professional development, unless there is a public outcome
- ✘ school camps or travel expenses to attend sporting trips, educational, civic, political events, conferences, seminars, forums or similar trips or excursions
- ✘ activities that are primarily for the delivery of sporting or recreation programs, unless the application can demonstrate strong alignment to the City of Hobart's Community Inclusion and Equity Framework, [Hobart: A City for All](#)
- ✘ the core delivery of national conferences or seminars to be staged in Hobart.

WHEN TO APPLY

Community Grant is open for applications twice a year for a four-week period.

February round

Applications open

24 February 2025

Applications close

3pm on Monday March 2025

Notification of application outcome

Mid-Late May 2025

Activity timeframe

Activity starts between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026

Activity ends no later than 30 June 2027

August round

Applications open

July

Applications close

August

Notification of application outcome

October

Activity timeframe

Activity starts between 1 January 2026 and 31 December 2026

Activity ends no later than 31 December 2027



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ASSESSMENT

Assessments for Community Grant are undertaken by a panel of City of Hobart officers and external representatives with relative experience in the subject matter. Panel recommendations are reported to the Chief Executive Officer for approval.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Each eligible application will be assessed on its individual merit against the following criteria to determine its capacity to:

- demonstrate benefits to the community as an outcome of the activity
- activate, enliven and engage local areas and facilities and/or build capacity, strength and resilience in the community
- align with at least one of the priority areas from the City of Hobart's Community Inclusion and Equity Framework, [Hobart: A City for All](#):
 - Truth and reconciliation
 - Participation and access
 - Wellbeing and knowledge
 - Safety and resilience
- involve the community as appropriate, through consultation or during project development, delivery and/or documentation
- demonstrate that the activity is well planned, that suitably skilled people are involved and that the applicant and the activity are financially viable
- demonstrate value for money for the level of funding request and positive community impact.

LATE APPLICATIONS

Late applications will not be accepted, please ensure you prepare all documentation and upload well before the due date and time. If you require technical support, get in touch with us as soon as possible.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

Agreement

A formal agreement will be sent to successful applicants. Inability to comply with the agreement may result in withdrawal of support.

Applicants who do not meet their obligations under a grant agreement may not be eligible to apply for future grants.

Payment and GST

Payment information will be provided with the letter of offer. Grants will be paid in full upon receipt of a tax invoice or the City can generate a recipient created tax invoice (RCTI).

Organisations registered for GST should add GST to the grant amount.

Recognition of assistance

Successful applicants must acknowledge the City of Hobart's assistance for their activity. Please refer to the [Grant Partnership Acknowledgement Guidelines](#) for details.

Activity variations

If there are significant changes to the funded activity, applicants must contact the grants officer to confirm the variation is acceptable.

This includes, but is not limited to, activity start and end dates, venues, fees and charges.



Acquittal

Upon completion of the activity, successful applicants will be required to acquit their grant, providing evidence of the execution of their activity, expenditure and outcomes.

The acquittal form is available on Smarty Grants, and must be completed online within three months of the activity completion date.

Organisations that do not satisfactorily acquit their grant may not be eligible for future funding and may be required to return the funds allocated to their activity.

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

Unsuccessful applicants are strongly encouraged to request feedback on their application. To request feedback, email us at fundingprogram@hobartcity.com.au.

INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES

Accessibility

If you can't access the online form or documents for this grant, please contact the grants officer to discuss how it can be adapted to suit your needs.

Documents

Copies of all City of Hobart documentation referred to throughout these guidelines can be found via the hyperlinks contained in this document and on the City of Hobart website.

Contact Team

To discuss your proposal or administration and technical matters, please contact us on [03 6238 2711](tel:0362382711) or fundingprogram@hobartcity.com.au.

