Gannawarra Community Resilience Grants Program Guidelines - Revised

The Gannawarra Community Resilience Committee has created a $40,000 Community Resilience Grants Program.

Applications for Round 2 close on Friday 13 December 2019. Applications for funding can be submitted via Council’s online SmartyGrants system or by completing a hard copy form available from Council’s Kerang or Cohuna offices.

Grants of up to $5,000 are available to not-for-profit community groups or groups that are auspiced by an incorporated not-for-profit group. Community groups must be located within the Gannawarra Shire Council area and serve residents of the Gannawarra Shire.

The grants will support community-led activity around the following priorities:

- Community events that support social connectedness such as Christmas, New Year, Australia Day, Neighbour Day and Easter celebrations in towns or other events that bring people together.
- Workshops and training that build the capacity of community to develop localised solutions to climate change.
- Minor equipment purchases.
- Community engagement around existing community gardens and other projects that improve food security.
- Art projects particularly those that bring community members together to learn new skills.
- Small activities that value-add to local markets and promote services available to support farming.
- Community bus trips to destinations within the Gannawarra Shire that will boost the local economy.
- Projects and programs that support children and their families.
- Small tree planting and landscaping projects that improve the local environment.
- Programs and activities that promote the Five Ways to Wellbeing – Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give.
- Community initiatives that aim to raise funds for the Gannawarra Giving Account to provide support to local farming families and improve access to sport and recreation opportunities for disadvantaged children.

Projects that bring multiple community partners together and involve a wide cross section of the community are strongly encouraged.

What can’t be funded:

- Prize Money
- Projects that have a religious or political purpose
- Purchase of Alcohol
- Groups located outside the Gannawarra Shire

All funding for your project is to be expended by Monday 15 June 2020 and on completion, a brief report on the outcomes submitted to Council.

Funding will be distributed to successful organisations in December 2019. However, arrangements can be made to expedite funding should there be circumstances where funding is required earlier, for example a Christmas celebration.

To discuss ideas or for any assistance and support to submit an application, groups are encouraged to contact Council’s Community Resilience Project Officer, Di Upton, or Community Engagement Coordinator, Jane Ogden. Phone: 5450 9333 or Email: grants@gannawarra.vic.gov.au.