Gannawarra Community Resilience Grants Program Guidelines

The Gannawarra Community Resilience Committee has created a $10,000 Community Resilience Grants Program.

Applications will open on Monday 2 September 2019 and close on Friday 4 October 2019. Applications will be submitted via Council’s online SmartyGrants system. The Program will be advertised in local media and on Council’s Facebook Page and website.

Grants of up to $1000 will be available to not-for-profit community groups or groups that are auspiced by an incorporated not-for-profit group. These 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 and mental health and wellbeing.
- Workshops and training that build the capacity of community to develop localised solutions to climate change.
- 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 vulnerable children and their families.
- Small tree planting and landscaping projects that improve the local environment.
- Christmas celebrations in small towns.
- 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

Groups are encouraged to contact Council’s Community Engagement Coordinator, Katrina Thorne, to discuss their idea prior to submitting an application.

If successful, the project may not be varied except by a written request to Council for approval.

Successful applicants will be advised the week of Monday 21 October 2019 and invited to a funding announcement morning tea with members of the Community Resilience Committee on Thursday 31 October 2019.

Funding will be distributed to successful organisations in early November 2019. All funding is to be expended by 30 June 2020 and a final report submitted to Council.

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