

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT GUIDELINES 2021 – 2025

Through its Community Grants Program, Gannawarra Shire Council (Council) provides financial support for groups and organisations to undertake projects, programs and activities which will contribute to the municipality and align with the community vision identified in the 2021-2025 Council Plan.

### COMMUNITY VISION

Our community will be proud, connected and inclusive as we actively seek opportunities that enhance lifestyle and liveability. We will recognise and appreciate the value of the natural environment and how it connects our communities. We will strive to be resilient to a changing environment through innovation and collaboration. The Gannawarra will grow through encouraging economic diversity, creating unique tourism destinations, and embracing our cultural and natural assets.



#### HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?

Applicants can apply for **up to \$5,000** towards their project, program or activity

Organisations/Groups may apply for a Community Event grant **AND** a Community Support grant in the one round



#### AM I ELIGIBLE?

Incorporated organisations/groups or those auspiced by an incorporated body

Organisations/groups located within the Gannawarra Shire Council area and who primarily serve residents of the Gannawarra Shire Council

Organisations/groups located outside the Gannawarra Shire Council area who provide a service that primarily serves residents of the Gannawarra Shire Council

**Please note**, applicants who have current outstanding projects that have not been acquitted are **ineligible** to apply for **any** rounds of funding in the same **stream** until their project acquittal has been received and approved by Council. For example, if you have an outstanding acquittal in the **Event** stream you are **ineligible** to apply for further event funding, but you can apply for Community **Support** funding. This includes auspicing applications for other organisations/groups.



#### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

Your project must meet at least five Essential Criteria to be eligible for funding



1. Project must address one or more goals identified in the 2021–2025 Council Plan



2. Project must support community development which increases skills and builds capacity



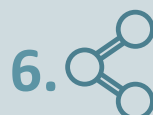
3. Project must be innovative and/or new, which benefits the wider community



4. Project must aim to create long-term financial or environmentally sustainable outcomes



5. Project must show evidence of community partnerships and collaborations



6. Project must promote social connectedness and/or support the development of liveable communities



7. Project must commit to ensuring accessibility and inclusion for all



8. Project budget must be completed accurately



## WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED?

X	Schools are <b>ineligible</b>
X	Applications for the purposes of State Government leverage are <b>ineligible</b>
X	Activities, programs or projects with the objective of making financial profit, i.e. commercial businesses
X	Projects considered to be a primary role and responsibility of another level of government, or that receive funding through an existing Council program/sponsorship arrangement <b>For example</b> , if your application is for purchasing a uniform for your sports club, you should attempt to apply through the Sporting Uniforms program through Sport and Recreation Victoria prior to apply for Council's Community Grants.
X	Recurrent operating or maintenance costs for day-to-day operations of the organisation/group <i>e.g. new tennis balls every year for a tennis club, utility bills, internet costs, computer products, office/stationery supplies etc.</i>
X	Salaries/wages
X	Projects which have already commenced or been completed or for costs that have already been expended
X	Travelling expenses, e.g. petrol costs, bus hire etc
X	Projects which have a political or religious purpose and objective
X	Projects that are deemed to be inappropriate and/or offensive
X	Prizes/trophies
X	Projects or activities that benefit a single person only
X	A project which promotes (or if your Organisation supports) gambling or alcohol, drugs or tobacco use



## APPLICATION PROCESS

Read these guidelines

Consider if your project may require a permit, and/or landowner permissions

Discuss your project with Council's Community Engagement team, if required

If eligible under the guidelines, begin your application via the online Grants Portal (SmartyGrants) at <https://gannawarra.smartygrants.com.au/>

Review your application and how it links with the 2021-2025 Council Plan (*available on Council's website*)

Obtain and attach quotes and complete the budget for your project

Submit your application online via SmartyGrants

An automated reply email is sent to the applicant from SmartyGrants to confirm application has been submitted



## ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Council officers assess applications against Essential Criteria and make recommendations

Recommendations are presented to Council for a final decision at a Council Meeting

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within eight weeks of submission

Meeting the eligibility criteria is not a guarantee of funding. The decision made by Council is final. Council will not be responsible for any expenses incurred as a result of an applicant's anticipation of successful funding.



## SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

Successful projects/programs or activities are to be completed within 12 months of receipt of the funds, unless an extension of time is approved for exceptional circumstances by Council

Successful applicants must acknowledge Council's support of the project, program or activity in any marketing/promotional materials

An acquittal report on how the funds were spent is due (via Smartygrants) within one month of project completion

## QUESTIONS?



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If you require any further information or need clarification please visit Council's website [www.gsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au) contact Council's Community Engagement team on 03 5450 9333 or via email [grants@gsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:grants@gsc.vic.gov.au).