











Grants

Information and Tips



Information

-  There is very little funding allocated in Council's budget to support the ongoing maintenance of facilities. Committees may require ongoing funding to carry out their functions.
-  Grants are available to assist Council and their S355 committees to maintain or improve facilities that they manage.
-  Grants are made available through Commonwealth, state government or via sporting, tourism, recreation, environment, historical, and social organisations and associations.
-  For the purposes of grant applications, S355 committees are considered part of Council.
-  Council will need to consent to any work or modifications made to facilities we own and/or manage. Therefore, all proposed grant projects and applications must be discussed with Council before being submitted.
-  Council is responsible for funding agreements that relate to grants secured by S355 committees.
-  Some grants only allow one application per organisation. Council may be planning to apply for a grant as part of a larger community project, which is why it is so important that committees let us know as soon as possible of their intention to apply.
-  When Council applies for a grant, there is often a requirement to have a cash co-contribution of up to 50% of the total funding required. This requirement also applies to S355 committees.
-  For many grants, a co-contribution is NOT required where the applicant is a community organisation.
-  Given Council and S355 committees have limited funding available for use as co-contributions, another option that can be considered is applying via a community organisation such as a sporting club that uses the facilities.



Tips



It is recommended that you be prepared well ahead of time for any prospective grant projects, so that when a grant becomes available, you are ready to apply. Some things to consider ahead of time:

- Project scope – what do you want to do, and have you discussed this with Council?
- Do you have a project plan?
- Have you sourced quotes / cost estimates? These can always be updated.
- Will a DA be required?
- How much can the committee contribute to the project?



For any grant that you are considering applying for, always read the program guidelines and other information provided by the funding body BEFORE you commence an application.



Council's Grants and Business Development Officer provides information on available funding through an email distribution list. Council recommends that a nominated person from your committee subscribes to this list.



Planning Ahead



Let us know the project/s your committee would like to undertake at your facility at the start of each calendar year.



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