

Community Impact Grant Program FAQs

Q: How many rounds will there be in 2023/24?

A: There will be three rounds in this financial year: August, February, and April (depending on available budget).

Q: Should I apply early or wait for the next round?

A: If you are thinking of applying then apply early. Once the funding is allocated the program concludes for the financial year.

Q: Can I get an extension?

A: No. We must be fair to all the other groups who apply on time.

Q: Do I have to apply online?

A: Yes. All applications are to be submitted online via the SmartyGrants program.

Q: Must quotes be supplied?

A: Yes, quotes for items over \$500 must be supplied. The Committee does not fund projects or specific items that do not include quotes.

Q: Will general quotes off the internet be okay?

A: They may be accepted but where possible try to obtain local supplier-based quotes.

Q: We don't have a bank account. Can we still apply?

A: Yes, but you will need the support of an auspisor, an incorporated organisation who can act as your banker.

Q: Why do we have to supply a bank statement?

A: As proof that your organisation has a bank account in its own name.

Q: Do we need an ABN?

A: No, a completed Statement by Supplier Form will be accepted (link is in the application form).

Q: Can the grant fund salaries?

A: Contractor staffing for the project with a start and finish date is acceptable. A salary for an ongoing role is not accepted.

Q: Will the grant fund an event?

A: Yes. The Community Impact Grant Program can fund events that promote community outcomes in: **1.** Environmental sustainability. **2.** Healthy, connected and inclusive communities. **3.** Community capacity building. The Community Impact Grant Program will not fund a tourism-based events or festival. This can be funded through the Tourism Event Grant Program. For more information you can view the Tourism Event Grant Program information and guidelines on the City of Ballarat Grants page.

Q: Can we apply for money we have already spent?

A: No, the program doesn't fund retrospectively.

Q: What do you mean when you say projects/events must link to the funding categories?

A: Think about the impact and benefit of your project/event and the opportunities it may provide to the community e.g., connecting and encouraging participation, learning new skills etc. Examples are also provided in the grant guidelines.

Q: What if we are unable to log on to SmartyGrants or we have forgotten our password?

A: Refer to the SmartyGrants Help Desk - 9320 6888 - for assistance.