

Community Participation Application - for groups

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About

About this grant

This funding supports initiatives that help residents participate in community life and improve personal outcomes.

Two types of grants are available any time during the year under this category: • Funding for projects delivered by community groups (up to \$3,000) • Funding for individuals (up to \$750). ** if you are seeking support for an individual please fill the form at: <https://merri-bek.smartygrants.com.au/CPI202324>.

For groups: To be eligible for this grant, **groups** must: • Be a not-for-profit community group, organisation or club • Be incorporated or auspiced by another incorporated organisation • Have adequate Public Liability Insurance • Have acquitted previous Council grants and have no outstanding debts to Council • Ensure the proposed activity is consistent with Local, State and Federal laws.

These documents must be ready to upload and attach: • Current Public Liability Insurance Policy • Most recent Financial Statements 2022-2023 • Quotes or proof of costing for all project expense items (grants more than \$1,000) • Letters of support from partnering groups that indicates you are working together for the project. • Demonstrate complying with the Child Safe Standards by uploading a copy of your organisation's Child Safe Policy or Statement of Commitment to Child Safety (if relevant)

Instructions: • Read the [Grants Guidelines](#) • Discuss your application with a [Council Officer](#) • Submit the application 4 weeks prior to the planned activity starting. • You can save and close your application to come back to later. Help is available to complete the application, i.e. translate into other languages or any other question. Please contact our Community Grants Team on 9240 1111 or communitygrants@merri-bek.vic.gov.au.

Read Guidelines and spoken with Council

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Yes I have read the Community Grants Guidelines *

Yes

• [Read the Grants Guidelines](#)

Council officer name that you discussed this application with, connected to the relevant funding outcomes. *

After contacting the grants team, you will have been linked with a Council officer (staff) to further discuss the project, please indicate the staff members name here.

Community Grant category

Community Participation (groups)

Participation support - Active Merri-bek

This question is read only.

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Auto filled question.

About the Group

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About the group

Group / organisation name *

Organisation primary address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, and Postcode are required.

E-mail of group / organisation *

Must be an email address.

General e-mail address for the group

Is the group incorporated *

Yes

No - we are auspiced

Primary or Secondary School

Contact person name *

First Name

Last Name

Contact person position in organisation *

Contact person phone number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Contact person e-mail

Must be an email address.

Select the most relevant category that best describes your organisation? *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage and Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Men | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports or Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant and refugee | <input type="checkbox"/> Women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth and Education |

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Family

Seniors

Other:

Health and Safety

At least 1 choice and no more than 3 choices may be selected.

Child Safety and Wellbeing

Council is committed to being a Child Safe organisation and has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Is the Applicant or Auspice organisation an applicable entity that is required to comply with the Child Safe Standards as defined in the Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005? *

Yes

No

If you ticked yes to the question above, is the Applicant/Auspice organisation compliant with the Child Safe Standards?

Yes

No

If the Applicant/Auspice organisation is required to comply with the Child Safe Standards please provide a copy of your Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy.

Attach a file:

Is the Applicant or Auspice organisation required to comply with Working with Children Check (WWCC) requirements as defined in the Workers Screening Act 2020?

Yes

No

If yes do all relevant personnel always have a current WWCC, and is there a procedure to monitor ongoing currency of WWCC?

Yes

No

If yes to the above question, please describe the procedure to monitor ongoing currency of WWCC:

Word count:

Applicants/Auspice Organisations may be required to provide evidence of compliance with WWCC legislation.

If you are NOT required to comply with legislation as outlined above, do you agree to comply with Council's Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy?

Yes

No

Visit <https://www.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/living-in-merri-bek/community-services/child-safety-and-wellbeing/introduction-to-child-safety/#autoAnchor1> for more information.

[The Commission for Children and Young People](#) can provide more information about the Child Safe Standards, including 'applicable entities' that must comply.

[Working with Children Check Victoria](#) can provide more information about WWCC including the 'occupational fields' required to have a WWCC.

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Incorporation and Auspice

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Details about your incorporation

Please indicate your groups: ~ Incorporation Number: located on your Certificate of Incorporation, or search for the number at www.consumer.vic.gov.au/clubs-and-fundraising/incorporated-associations/search-for-an-incorporated-association. ~ Your groups ABN: enter the number and click lookup for your groups legal and tax information to be automatically displayed. To search or apply for an ABN go to the ABN Lookup website at www.abr.business.gov.au

Applicant ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

ABN Lookup website [here](#)

Incorporation Number *

Incorporation Number look up [here](#)

Does your group have Public Liability Insurance? *

Yes No

If no, you will need to provide evidence the project is covered by insurance

Details about your auspice

• Incorporation Number that is located on your Certificate of Incorporation. • Your groups ABN, please enter the number and click lookup for your group legal and tax information to be automatically displayed.

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Auspice Organisation *

Incorporation number of auspice organisation *

ABN of auspice organisation

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ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

Auspice organisation contact person *

Organisation Name

Auspice position *

Auspice primary address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Auspice primary phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Auspice primary e-mail *

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Must be an email address.

Written evidence from the auspice in support of this application. *

Attach a file:

Email suport to be auspice or copy of the auspice agreement

About the project

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Project title *

Short project description *

Provide a short description (100 words recommended) of your project - what are you out to do?

Start date *

Must be a date.

Must start at least 4 weeks from submitted date

End date *

Must be a date.

Project delivery and completion within 12 months

Where will the project take place? *

Indicate location or facility in Merri-bek where the project will occur. Please rememer to include the address.

Project Detail

* indicates a required field

The objectives of this program are aligned with the themes in the Council Plan 2021 - 2025.

Projects must align with the Community Grant Program Principles and Community Grants Objectives. For more information [click here](#).

Please choose the objective that your project best responds to? *

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- An environmentally proactive Merri-bek
- Moving and living safely in Merri-bek
- A healthy and caring Merri-bek
- Vibrant spaces and places in Merri-bek
- An empowered and collaborative Merri-bek

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Read the Guidelines [here](#) .

How will your project respond to the objective you selected above? *

Read the Guidelines here

Why is the project needed? *

Please include what benefits will the project have for the community, if you have asked local people or groups if this project is needed and if there is anything else like this project in Moreland.

Who will benefit from this project? *

Describe the estimated number, gender, age and location/region of those participating in the project (150 words recommended)

Are you working with any other groups or organisations on the project? *

- Yes No

Which groups/organisations are you working with and how are you working together on the project? *

If you indicated you are not working with other groups, please explain why your group is not working with other groups for this project.

How will you minimise the environmental impact of the project? *

Consider things such as waste or carbon emissions from transport

Indicate the priority community groups that will benefit from the grant? *

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Children (under 12 years)
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual plus, Transgender and gender diverse, Intersex, Queer, Asexual and Aromantic communities (LGBTIQA+)
- Migrant and refugee communities
- People with disability
- Seniors (65+ years)

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- Women, Girls and Gender Diverse Communities
- Youth (12 - 24 years)

At least 1 choice must be selected.

How many people will participate from the groups selected above, and how will this project support these groups? *

What are the primary areas of focus for this project/program? *

No more than 5 choices may be selected.

****You can select items from any area of the list - all have equal value. Only select sub-categories if you want to be more specific. In this question we want to know about the field of work (e.g. arts, sport, health), rather than the types of people it will affect (e.g. young people, refugees)

Who are the primary beneficiaries of this project/program? *

No more than 5 choices may be selected.

Please choose only the group/s that are at the very core of this project or activity.

How will you address the needs of people of different genders in the design and management of your initiative? *

Word count:

We want you to show us how you have considered gender differences in designing your project/program so that you are reaching people equitably. If you are running a gender-specific initiative, please tell us why only one gender is being targeted. For more information on applying a gender lens to your work, visit <http://www.fundingcentre.com.au/help/gender-lens>.

Budget

* indicates a required field

How to complete the budget

Please indicate your projected cash income and expenditure. Please ensure both columns are equal. i.e. expenditure cannot be higher than your income. Refer to [Help Sheet Completing the budget](#) if you need guidance. • More information on the budget please refer to the [Community Grants Guidelines](#) • Hint: there must be an entry on each line of the budget tables (lists). Add / or remove blank lines as necessary (+ / -)

Grant Amount you are seeking *

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 3000.

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

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Calculated Project Value

\$

This field automatically calculates to add the grant requested, other project income and in-kind volunteer support.

Other project income

Please show where the money will come from (other than the grant funds) to pay for the project and select if the money is confirmed or not confirmed. Note, this should not include any in-kind contributions (donations of time or goods). • **Examples of cash income:** This Grant, Other grant funding, cash contribution from another group to project, Internal funds, Cash donations, or Sponsorship contributions.

Cash Income	Amount in dollars (excluding GST)
	Must be a dollar amount.
Cash contribution from Group	\$ <input type="text"/>
Other successful grant or funding contribution	\$ <input type="text"/>
	\$ <input type="text"/>

Project expenses (costs)

How will you spend the funds contribution (grant, group and other funding contributions). • **Examples of cash expenditure:** Temporary staff or contractors, auspice fee, venue hire (project specific), materials, volunteer support, transport, equipment hire.

Grant request above \$1,000 must submit evidence of costings.

Read '**What we won't fund**' on page 6 of the [Guidelines](#).

Cash Expenses	Amount in dollars (ex GST)
	\$ <input type="text"/>
	\$ <input type="text"/>
	\$ <input type="text"/>
	\$ <input type="text"/>

Budget totals

The budget must balance: the Income Amount must be the same as the Expenditure Amount.

The "income less expenditure" should be zero. Should your budget not balance you will be asked to resubmit the application and update the budget.

Total Income Amount
\$
This number/amount is calculated.

Total Cash Expenditure Amount
\$
This number/amount is calculated.

Income less Expenditure *
\$
This number/amount is calculated.

Quotes and costings

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If the amount you have requested is above \$1,000 you must submit evidence of how you came about that cost amount. You need to upload quotes or cost estimates for **each** project expense (Costs).

Please note: Should you not provide quotes or evidence about how you came about the costs (quote, supplier estimate or screen capture etc) you will be asked to resubmit the application and update/ supply this information.

Quote, supplier estimate etc *

Attach a file:

Volunteer and in-kind contribution

List any in-kind support and volunteer contributed hours being provided by your organisation or other organisations here, and give an estimated value of this support. How much would you have to pay for these goods or services if they were not being provided free of charge? Examples of in-kind contributions might include: free use of a venue, organisations administration support, or donated refreshments, donated contractor time or any other donated goods or services.

Contribution Item	Value in dollars
In-kind Organisational management and administration contributions etc	\$
In kind - volunteer time	\$
	\$

Volunteer and In-kind value in dollars Total

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Timelines

Timelines

Indicate the start and finish times of tasks within the project e.g. Planning meetings, community consultations, proposed activity dates and time frames for each task or activity.

• Complete applications must be submitted at least **four (4) weeks** prior to the planned activity starting.

Please note: Should your application need to be resubmitted for any reason, your timelines for the proposal may need to change until the application is deemed complete by Council.

Hint: Add / or remove lines as necessary (+ / -)

Activity	Timeframe

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Any explanation for timelines

Attachments

* indicates a required field

Have you attached all supporting documentation?

For auspiced Applicants, please upload the Financial Statements and Insurance Certificate documentation for your auspice.

Latest financial statements 2022-2023 *

Attach a file:

Please submit a profit and loss statement (P&L), or income and expenditure statement, is a financial report that provides a summary of an organisation's revenues, expenses, and profits/losses. Do not attach a Bank Statement.

Public liability insurance certificate *

Attach a file:

Support letters from other partnering groups *

Attach a file:

Email or letter from other community groups that indicates you are working together for the project

Other supporting documents

Attach a file:

If you have indicated you are working with Children, Youth and/or Families you will need to demonstrate complying with the Child Safe Standards by uploading a copy of your organisation's Child Safe Policy or Statement of Commitment to Child Safety.

Child Safe Policy or Statement of Commitment to Child Safety *

Attach a file:

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For further information on the Child Safe Standards see: <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safety/resources/>

Privacy Statement and Declaration

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Declaration

I state that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I also declare that this form has been submitted with the full support of the applicant group / organisation and I understand that making any false statements can lead to Council rejecting the application and pursuing other penalties available under law. I understand that this is an application only and may not necessarily result in funding approval.

Name of Authorised Person *

Privacy Statement - Council is committed to protecting the privacy of personal information it holds. Any personal information collected is used for the purpose of administering Council's grants programs, including an assessment of whether the applicant is eligible for funding, subsequent evaluation of a funded activity, and the auditing of grant funds (which may be undertaken by or on behalf of Council or any government inspection agency). The information will be used for administrative purposes and will not be disclosed to any other party except as required by law. You may access your personal information by contacting Council's privacy officer.

Before submitting your application

Please review your application carefully before submitting it. Once an application is submitted it cannot be changed without authorisation from Council. If you do need to make a change after submitted, contact the grants team at communitygrants@merri-bek.vic.gov.au and quote the application number.

Applications are not submitted until you hit the submit button on the final page of the application.

If you have missed a required field, this will be indicated **AFTER** you hit the submit button on the final page of the application.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, your application has **not** been submitted. Please check that all the required questions have been answered before attempting to submit again.

Once your application is submitted, you can return to <https://merri-bek.smartygrants.com.au/> at any time to view it and a PDF version will be emailed to you with the confirmation email.

