

Community Participation Application - for individuals 2023-24

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General Information

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This funding aims to support initiatives that help residents participate in community life and improve personal outcomes. Supports up to \$750. Funding is provided to individuals who are residents of Merri-bek that have been selected to pursue an achievement and / or development activity in their chosen area of expertise. Applications must be submitted at least four weeks prior to the planned activity beginning.

An Applicant must:

- be a resident of Merri-bek,
- show evidence of being selected / invited to participate in an activity by an organisation or group, NB: evidence of selection criteria and process may be requested.
- show that there are financial barriers to participating in the activity,
- demonstrate a strong commitment to their area of endeavour,
- show the benefit of participation in the activity to the Merri-bek community.

Discuss your application with a Council Officer to ensure you suitably meet the criteria. - [email us](#) to be linked with the appropriate Council Officer.

Whilst completing your application, you can save and close and return to your application at anytime **prior** to submission.

If you have questions about or need assistance to complete the application, please contact the Merri-bek City Council Community Grants Officer on 9240 1111 or [e-mail Council Grants](#).

Applicant Details

* indicates a required field

Name of Applicant (or parent / guardian) *

First Name

Last Name

If person participating in event is under the age of 18 the parent/guardian must be listed as the applicant

Are you are permanent resident of Merri-bek City Council *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Is the participant over 18 years of age? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Applicant residential address *

Address

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

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Telephone number *

Contact e-mail *

Must be an email address

Evidence you are the parent / guardian

Name of participant *

First Name

Last Name

Participant name - person who is under the age of 18.

The child's name listed as a dependnet on my Low Income Health Care Card. *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, provide other evidence you are the parent / guardian and able to apply on behalf of person under age of 18 *

Attach a file:

Activity Details

* indicates a required field

Community Grant category

Community Participation (individuals)

This question is read only.

Event Title or Name *

Where is the event or activity being held? *

Name of venue

Address where activity is being held

Address

Activity Start Date *

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(Must be at least 4 weeks after submitted application date)

Activity End Date *

What kind of activity is it you would like to participate in? *

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Art or Cultural event | <input type="radio"/> Sporting club | <input type="radio"/> Leadership or academic activity |
| <input type="radio"/> Social group | <input type="radio"/> Sporting event or competition | <input type="radio"/> Other: |

Describe the activity you would like support to participate in? *

What is the official title of the event? Where is it being held? Why are you required to attend?

What is your field of interest for the purpose of this grant? *

e.g. community work, art, public speaking, sporting activity

Please explain why you aren't able to cover the costs of participating in the activity with your own funds. *

What are your financial constraints? Please note: if you do not hold a valid Health Care Card, funding may be reduced by \$100. If you do hold a valid Health Care Card, please upload a copy into the quotes section. Minimum 15 words

Describe any past achievements relevant to the opportunity. *

Benefit to the Merri-bek community

* indicates a required field

Show the benefit of your activity to the Merri-bek community

Explain the steps the individual plans to take after completing the development opportunity to support the community. i.e bring new skills and knowledge, provides opportunities that help build leadership capacity of the Merri-bek community,

Describe your current participation in the community. *

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For example performances, participation in community groups, or volunteering

Describe how attending the development opportunity will allow you to build the capacity of communities in Merri-bek. *

Describe the benefit to you and to the community of your attendance at the development opportunity. *

Describe at least three things that your attending the activity to achieve in terms of benefits for participants and/or others

Budget

* indicates a required field

Budget

Grant Amount you are seeking *

Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents) and no more than 750.

Activity Costs

Please list the full costs to participate in the activity. Examples: travel, accomodation, registratiom fees etc.

We will not reimburse any expenses listed in your budget. You must purchase these expenses after you receive notification that your grant application has been successful. • Hint: there must be an entry on each line of the budget tables (lists). Add / or remove blank lines as necessary (+ / -)

Itemised costs	Amount in dollars (\$)
	\$
	\$
	\$

The full cost of participation in the activity is:

Total Costs

This number/amount is calculated.

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If you have indicated the costs to participate is more than Council is able to fund:

Please tell us where the money will come from (other than the grant funds) to pay for the costs to participate. *

e.g. self fund remaining costs, list other funding support, sponsorship or donation etc

You must attach quotes or estimates that show the costs in participating in the activity to justify your budget expenses. Example: registration for conference, confirmation booking.

Quotes or estimate that justifies your activity and costs. *

Attach a file:

Documents

* indicates a required field

Applicants must be a part of a recognised association (preferably Merri-bek). Please outline the club/group and contact details below.

Please note: remember to submit evidence of the selection process undertaken to be invited / selected to attend the activity.

Proof of residency *

Attach a file:

For example: photo ID, utility bill or licence clearing showing current address

Proof of activity - Event details and evidence of selection *

Attach a file:

Letter of recognition by an accredited State, National or International Association.

Photo Identification *

Attach a file:

for example, a Proof of Age card or Australia Post Keypass identity card) Australian driver licence or learner permit

Declaration

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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 and/or participant.

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.

I consent to my contact details being added to the Merri-bek Community Grants Mailing List. By signing up to this mailing list I will regularly be sent information on Council's grants programs.

Your Name *

First Name

Last Name

Or Parent or Guardian.

Before submitting your application

Before submitting your application Please review your application carefully before submitting it. Once an application is submitted it cannot be changed. If you do not receive a confirmation email, your application has **not** been received. Please check that all the required questions have been answered before attempting to submit again. Once your application is submitted, you can return to <http://moreland.smartygrants.com.au/> at any time to view it and a PDF version will be emailed to you with the confirmation email.

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). It may also be used and disclosed as required or permitted by law. You may access your personal information by contacting Council's privacy officer.

Next Steps The Assessment Process involves several stages, which is why it takes a little time before you find out the outcome of your application.

- The Community Grants team conducts eligibility checks based on the Community Grants Policy and Guidelines. Applications that meet the eligibility criteria continue to the next assessment stage. (Eligibility checks relate to the information in the Who can apply and What we won't fund sections.)
- Eligible applications are then assessed by an Assessment Panel, who will provide a recommendation for the application.
- All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application in writing and offered the opportunity to discuss the application process. Unsuccessful applicants can seek feedback from Council in relation to funding outcomes and assessment panel decisions.