

Community Partnership Fund

Grant Guidelines

Aim

The City of Mandurah is committed to financially supporting community groups and organisations through its Community Partnership Fund. The Community Partnership Fund is designed to partner with Not-For-Profit organisations to deliver programs, services or projects that provide a community benefit, which would not be possible with only one year's funding. The funding round opens in July each year.

The Community Partnership Fund aims:

1. to increase community access to programs and services
2. to align organisations priorities with the City's Strategic Community Plan 2020-2040.

The annual contribution granted will be at the discretion of the assessment panel, based on benefit to residents, community need and value for money. If successful, funding will be provided in annual payments for up to three financial years.

Objectives

To be eligible, projects must align with at least one of the following key priority areas:

- Support people to have a greater sense of safety in our community.
- Contribute to the provision of high-quality health services.
- Facilitate people from diverse cultural backgrounds and abilities to engage and participate in our community.
- Support seniors to remain active and engaged and independent into the future
- Facilitate the emotional, social and language development of children.
- Provide opportunities for community involvement, increasing sense of vibrancy and connection to place.
- Provide opportunities for people to engage in local arts, music and culture
- Provide opportunities for lifelong learning for all.
- Encourage conservation and appreciation of our natural resources.
- Increase young people's access to health and wellbeing, training and employment options.

Funding Parameters

Applications will be invited in July each year from Incorporated, not-for profit organisations and non-incorporated community groups who are au spiced by an incorporated body.

The Community Partnership Grant panel will meet to assess applications, based on:

- Existing support being provided by the City, including fee waivers, grant funding and subsidised venue hire
- Value for money initiatives delivered to benefit Mandurah residents
- Demonstrated need and organisational ability to deliver the project
- Projects which are accessible and inclusive of people of all ages, ability, culture, genders and financial background
- Projects aligning with at least one of the key priority areas identified in the City of Mandurah Strategic Community Plan 2020-2040

Please review the Strategic Community Plan 2020-2040 and Accessible Events Guidelines located on the City of Mandurah website: <https://www.mandurah.wa.gov.au/learn/vision/strategies-and-plans>

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must discuss their project with a Community Development Officer to determine eligibility prior to submitting the grant application;
- Applications will be received on the official form via the City of Mandurah SmartyGrants Portal prior to the closing date;
- Applicants must be an incorporated not-for-profit organisation or au spiced by one;
- Applicants must hold current Public Liability Insurance;
- Applicants must not have outstanding acquittals with the City of Mandurah;
- Applicant agrees to comply with Local, State and Commonwealth laws applicable to the approved project or event;
- Applicants are eligible to apply for equipment and program expenses where the cost increases organisational capacity to deliver service;
- The event or project is not retrospective and will occur or commence following the notification date;
- Applications must align with at least one of the funds key priority areas.

Exclusions

Projects that are deemed ineligible for consideration through the fund include:

- Applications received after the closing date or incomplete applications;
- Projects that have already commenced or do not allow enough lead time for funding conditions and acknowledgement requirements to be met;
- Where projects are considered private, commercial or individual responsibility;
- Projects that duplicate existing services and programs;
- For recurrent maintenance, operating costs or bonds;
- Primarily for political lobbying or promotional purposes;
- Primarily for religious purposes;
- Illegal or against public policy;
- Primarily for carrying on a commercial enterprise to generate surpluses;
- Projects that do not demonstrate value for money;
- Projects considered the responsibility of another Government Department; or
- For events, projects and activities held outside of the City of Mandurah boundaries.

Funding Conditions

All applicants are notified of the panel decision in writing, within six weeks of the rounds closing date. If successful, recipients must adhere to the following conditions of funding:

- Recipients will be required to enter into a formal Grant Agreement with the City of Mandurah;
- Recipients will be required to acknowledge the City of Mandurah's support and contribution in promotional materials, media releases or other public documents relating to the project or event, where possible, including invitation to formal openings etc.
- Recipients must demonstrate acknowledgement, outcomes and evidence spend through an annual progress report, submitted via the City of Mandurah SmartyGrant portal, on the online templates provided.

It is a requirement of the Community Partnership Fund that you discuss your project with one of the City's Community Development Officers. Do not construe discussions as an approval of the grant.

To discuss your project, please call (08) 9550 3892 or email: cdo@mandurah.wa.gov.au to discuss your project.

