



## COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the aim of the Community Grants Program?

The Hills Shire Council's Community Grants Program provides funding each year for innovative community projects and events that deliver sustainable and positive outcomes consistent with Council's vision for community.

### What are the focus areas for 2020/2021?

The Hills Shire Council provides cultural and community service grants for community organisations and individuals that address outcomes in The Hills Shire. For more information please refer to The Hills Shire Plan 2017 – 2021; Part 2 - Hills Shire Plan Delivery Program; Building a Vibrant Community & Prosperous Economy and our Local Priorities Statement.

### Who is eligible to apply for the Community Grants 2020/2021 Program?

Applications will be accepted from recognised legal or corporate entities such as charities, not-for-profit organisations, deductible gift recipients, non-government organisations, community based organisations or individuals. Organisations must provide services or programs where at least 75% of the participants are residents of The Hills.

### Program Timeline

<b>Applications Open</b>	<b>1 December 2020</b>
<b>Applications Close</b>	<b>12 February 2021</b>
<b>Assessment &amp; Recommendations</b>	<b>February 2021</b>
<b>Report to Council</b>	<b>March 2021</b>
<b>Public Exhibition</b>	<b>28 Days</b>
<b>Post Exhibition Report (if required)</b>	
<b>Funds Paid</b>	<b>May/June 2021</b>
<b>Acquittal</b>	<b>In line with project timelines</b>

Please note Council reserves the right to amend or change the program timeline at any time.

### How much money can we apply for?

Major Grants are for amounts from \$5,000 to \$15,000 and will require an acquittal that includes an audited financial report from an accountant.

Community Grants are for amounts from \$1,000 to \$5,000 will not require an acquittal.

### What is the assessment criteria?

Please refer to the Community Grants Guidelines

**Can we put in more than one application in this grant round?**

Yes, organisations and individuals may submit more than one application provided all eligibility criteria is met for each application.

**Can we use the Community Grants funding for venue hire at Council venues?**

Council provides opportunity for not-for-profit organisations to apply for reduced venue hire at Council owned and operated venues. Please refer to the Fees and Charges 2020-2021 for further information.

**What if we have received funding before from Council?**

Organisations and individuals are welcome to apply for a Community Grant in each round. However any previous projects will need to be acquitted before funding can be approved in subsequent rounds.

**How can we submit our application?**

Applications can be made online through Council's website

**When will we find out if we were successful?**

Following the Council Resolution all applicants will be notified of the outcome via email.

**Enquiries**

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