Community Support

Information and Guidelines

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1 What is Community Support?

Community Support is designed to support community groups, charities or not-for-profit organisations through the provision of Council venues, facilities, or services at a reduced or at no cost.

2 How are successful applications decided?

Applications are subject to a maximum funding amount of $500 per financial year.

Applicants are encouraged to only apply for what they need, and the assessor can choose to part fund requests if deemed appropriate.

All applications will need to demonstrate benefits to the wider community. Organisations will only be eligible for funding once per year to ensure equity for all community groups.

Applications will be assessed on how well they meet the following criteria:

- The application requires the reduction or waiver of Council fees and charges or the use of Council plant and equipment.
- The applicant must be a service organisation, registered charity, or not-for-profit organisation.
- Provide clear evidence or examples to support how the activity will benefit the Central Coast community and/or your target audience.

What will not be considered:

- Applications from individuals, businesses, for-profit organisations, state or federal government, or political organisations.
- Ongoing administration costs such as recurrent salary and operational costs.
- Donations or prizes.
- Projects that begin before the grant is awarded.

If an application is successful, the Council will make contact to outline the conditions of the grant.

If an application is unsuccessful or ineligible, applicants will be advised of the outcome.

3 Funding Categories

In-kind assistance is provided in two categories.

Waiver of Fees and Charges

The Council will support and assist local service organisations, charities, and not-for-profit organisations in responding to the needs of Central Coast residents by offering partial remittance for Council hire fees and charges. This includes reductions to:

- Facility/Venue Hire
- Equipment Hire
- Fee Waiver (Scheduled Fees and Charges) – Rate Remission not included.

In-Kind Assistance

In-kind assistance is the provision of Council services at a reduced or no cost. These services may include labour, plant, materials, and equipment, such as undertaking or installing temporary road closures.

4 Conditions of In-Kind Assistance

The applicant must agree to undertake to:

- Sign a letter of acceptance with the Council.
- Use the in-kind assistance for its nominated purpose unless the Council gives written approval for a variation.
- Publicly acknowledge the Council's contribution and support through the use of the Council's logo, media statements, newsletters, event messaging, etc., if requested.

Successful applicants who fail to comply with any of the above conditions may have the offer withdrawn.

Child Safety

Everyone in the community has a responsibility to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of children.

Grant recipients are required to comply with all relevant child safety legislation which may include, but is not limited to, the Child Wellbeing and Safety (Child Safe Standards Compliance and Enforcement) Amendment Act 2021 and Reportable Conduct Scheme.

For plain language guides, fact sheets, videos and other child safety resources for your organisation, please visit the Commission for Children and Young People's website.

5 Additional Information

Who will assess the application?

The Manager Community Development will assess applications. If a perceived or actual conflict of interest exists, the assessment will be referred to the Director.

The event cannot be held until formal written notification that the application for funding has been approved.

Approval will be given within 14 days of applying.

When do applications open?

Applications are open from July.

Good and Services Tax

All grant funding excludes GST.

6 How to apply

Applications can be lodged via the Council's Smarty Grants portal

https://centralcoasttas.smartygrants.com.au