



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

MAJOR GRANT GUIDELINES

2017/2018

The City of Rockingham invites applications for the Community Grants Program (CGP) from incorporated organisations/associations (community groups and clubs) for funding towards programs and events that benefit the Rockingham community.

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Major Grant Guidelines

SCOPE

The City of Rockingham is committed to supporting incorporated organisations/associations (community groups and clubs) to assist with the delivery of programs, projects and events that benefit the Rockingham community. These guidelines relate to eligible organisations wishing to apply for a grant towards projects, programs and events that take place within the boundaries of the City of Rockingham. Major grants form part of the City's Community Grants Program, designed to empower such groups to build capacity and develop sustainability for the overall benefit of the community.

Applicants can apply for \$3,001 up to \$10,000 and can only apply for one grant per project per financial year.

GRANT ROUNDS

Three (3) major grant rounds will be offered each financial year as part of the Community Grants Program. Closing dates will be displayed on the City of Rockingham website. Please allow adequate time to complete the application as late submissions will not be accepted.

ELIGIBILITY

Grants will only be considered if:

- ✓ The applicant is an incorporated not-for-profit organisation/association (e.g. club, community group including Parent and Citizens (P&C) or Parent and Friends (P&F) Associations);
- ✓ The applicant has current public liability insurance at the time of the project/program/event;
- ✓ The program/event delivers meaningful benefits for the Rockingham community;
- ✓ The program/event takes place within the boundaries of the City of Rockingham;
- ✓ Applications have been received completed in full by the City by the closing date; and
- ✓ The applicant has supplied quotes for all purchases in accordance with the Major Grant Guidelines.

Grants will NOT be considered if:

- ☒ The applicant is a Local, State or Commonwealth authority;
- ☒ The applicant is an individual, a school, or a private company;
- ☒ The applicant has already received a grant from the City of Rockingham for the same program/event in the current financial year;
- ☒ The applicant has failed to acquit any previous City of Rockingham grants;
- ☒ The applicant does not supply all supporting documentation; or the application is incomplete.
- ☒ Essential infrastructure, goods and services that should be funded by the applicant or another responsible funding body will/may not be funded by the Community Grants Program.
- ☒ The application is for fixed infrastructure (to develop, modify, upgrade buildings) – please apply through the Infrastructure Planning and Development Grants;
- ☒ The applicant is requesting rates subsidy (excluding rubbish removal or emergency service levy).
- ☒ The application is received by the City after the closing date;
- ☒ The applicant is requesting funding for retrospective payments;
- ☒ The program/event begins within 60 working days after the closing of the round.
- ☒ Budget items listed include bonds, employee salaries/wages, seasonal ground allocation and event management fees.

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BUDGET

When preparing the budget breakdown, applicants must list all expenditure items exclusive of GST. Where applicable, identify which items of expenditure will be funded by which funding sources. The items you identify in the City of Rockingham requested grant section, must be listed in order of priority.

QUOTES

The City encourages the use of local businesses for any quotes that may be sourced in relation to the supply of goods and services.

The following table outlines the quotes required based on the value of each expenditure item (exclusive of GST):

Amount of Purchase	Minimum Requirements
Up to \$3,000	One verbal quote
\$3,001 - \$10,000	One written or verbal quote
\$10,001 - \$20,000	One written quote

APPLICATION ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Following the closing of each grant round, all applications will be assessed by City Officers and the Community Grants Committee before being presented to Council. All applications must be formally endorsed at an Ordinary Council Meeting prior to allocation of funds. Decisions made by Council are final and not subject to an appeals process.

APPROVAL CONDITIONS

If the application is successful, two office bearers of the applicant organisation will be required to sign a grant agreement committing to compliance with all legislative and planning requirements, and any other conditions imposed on grant funding.

A copy of the signed grant agreement and invoice for the amount awarded must be returned to the City within 30 working days for processing. If you are eligible for GST please identify this amount in your "Tax" Invoice.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to determine which approvals are required and submit the appropriate documentation. The applicant must not proceed with the project without formal approval from the appropriate authority, including but not limited to the City's Planning and Development Department, Building Services and Health Services.

ACQUITTAL

Successful Major Grant applicants must submit an acquittal within 60 working days post program/event.

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