

Community Grants Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who can apply for funding?

A: Eligible applicants typically include incorporated not-for-profit organisations, community groups and associations delivering programs that benefit the Cumberland community. Small or unincorporated organisations can apply through an auspice organisation that agrees to take responsibility for the funding

All applicants must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the program guidelines.

Q: What supporting documents are required?

A: Common requirements include:

- Proof of incorporation or auspice agreement
- Financial statements
- Detailed project budget, with evidence of quotations for items over \$500
- Public liability insurance (certificate)

Q: Can I apply if I have received funding before?

A: Yes. Previous recipients are welcome to apply, provided all outstanding reporting and acquittal requirements for prior Council funding have been completed.

Q: What support does Council provide to applicants?

A: Council provides:

- Program guidelines and eligibility information
- Application resources and templates
- Grant writing workshops (where available)
- Assistance from Council staff for enquiries

Q: Will feedback be provided on my application?

A: Applicants may request feedback. Council aims to provide constructive feedback to support future applications where possible.

Q: Can I discuss my project idea before applying?

A: Yes. Applicants are encouraged to contact Council's Community Grants Team to discuss project ideas, eligibility, and application requirements prior to submission.

Q: What supporting documents are required?

A: Applicants may be required to provide:

- Certificate of incorporation or auspice agreement
- Most recent financial statements
- Detailed project budget
- Public liability insurance certificate
- Relevant policies or supporting evidence

Refer to the guidelines for a full list of requirements.

Q: What are the reporting requirements for successful applicants?

Successful applicants must:

- Complete a funding agreement with Council
- Submit a project acquittal report by the due date
- Provide evidence of expenditure and project outcomes

Failure to meet reporting requirements may impact future funding eligibility.

Q: Can I change my project after funding is approved?

Any changes to the approved project scope, budget, or timeline must be requested in writing and approved by Council prior to implementation.

Q: Do projects need to take place in Cumberland?

Yes. Funded projects must either:

- Occur within the Cumberland LGA, or
- Demonstrate clear and direct benefit to Cumberland residents

Q: Is co-contribution required?

Co-contributions (cash or in-kind) are encouraged but may not always be mandatory, depending on the grant stream. Applicants should demonstrate value for money and efficient use of Council funds. Applicants should refer to the guidelines for further information about the grant stream's individual requirements.

Q: Can I partner with other organisations?

Yes. Partnerships are encouraged where they enhance community outcomes. Roles and responsibilities must be clearly defined in the application.