Quick Response Grant Guidelines

Monash Council is committed to supporting community groups and artists to remain agile and responsive to issues that arise in the local Monash community. The General Quick Response Grant stream is designed to support local community groups and individual creative efforts to assist in strengthening community and building cohesion and whose project, program or issue may arise outside of the normal funding cycle of the Monash Community Grant Program. This program ensures that Council can continue to support community groups to respond to issues as they arise.

Applicants are able to apply for up to $5,000, for a once-off grant in this stream. The General Quick Response Grants will be open for applications from 1 July 2022 until 12 May 2023, or the allocation has been exhausted.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a Quick Response Grant, applicants must:

- be an incorporated community group with not for profit status or auspiced by an eligible organisation or be an individual artist with an ABN;
- deliver the funded activity/services within the City of Monash boundaries;
- maintain public liability insurance cover for a minimum of $20 million;
- have no debts to Council and have completed all previous Monash Community Grants Program funding acquittal requirements;
- be able to deliver the project by 30 June 2023.

Grants that address the following issues are encouraged:

- building community and cultural connections;
- loneliness;
- mental health;
- family violence;
- gender equality;
- health promotion (increasing healthy eating and physical activity, reducing alcohol consumption, gambling and smoking);
- community safety;
- early parenting;
- initiatives promoting racial tolerance and inter-culturalism; and
- resilience and recovery

Previous funding from other Monash Council Grants Programs has no effect on an applicant's eligibility to apply.Assessment

Applications will be checked for eligibility, then reviewed internally by Council Officers and assessed against the Assessment Criteria.

Assessment criteria

1. Addresses an evidence-based community need or opportunity
2. Relevance to Council's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan
3. The number of Monash residents that will benefit
4. The capacity of the organisation/community/individual to undertake the project
5. Budget expenditure

How to apply

Visit www.monash.vic.gov.au/grants and click on Quick Response Grants. Applications are made through SmartyGrants online portal.

Timeframe

Applications will be assessed by an internal Council Officer Panel. Applicants will receive a response from Council within 6 weeks of the application being received.

Once receiving notification of a successful application, applicants must commence the project within 4 weeks and complete by 30 June 2023.

All successful applications will be formally acknowledged at the next applicable Council meeting.

What won't be funded

The following requests are ineligible and will not be funded:

- Commercial/for-profit projects/services;
- Fundraising activities;
- Capital infrastructure;
- Gifts and prizes;
- Groups who meet in venues that have Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs);
- Projects/services that are inconsistent with Council's objectives; partisan political in nature or that duplicate other existing projects/services;
- Community groups who hold significant financial reserves; and
- Those that are the funding responsibility of another tier of governments.

Acquittal

An online acquittal must be completed through SmartyGrants at the conclusion of the funded activity.

More information

For assistance or more information, email us at monash.grants@monash.vic.gov.au or call the Community Grants Team on 9518 3568.