

Quick Response Grant - Guidelines

Monash Council currently has two streams of community grant funding available. Please read the description below each stream to determine which grant is the most appropriate for your project and/or your organisation.

General Quick Response Grants

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 \$4,000, for a once-off grant in this stream.

The General Quick Response Grants will be open from 1 July 2021 until the allocation has been exhausted.

Community Resilience & Recovery Quick Response Grants

Resilient communities are known to recover much more easily from crises than less connected populations. Community resilience is fostered through strong social support networks, by engaging local leadership and, creating meaningful social connections. The Community Resilience & Recovery Quick Response Grants stream is designed to support the Monash community to recover from the impact that COVID-19 has had on social connections.

Projects or programs funded through this stream should focus on recovering our community from the pandemic and reconnecting vulnerable or socially isolated people. Funding will be provided to build the capacity of people impacted by COVID-19 and to strengthen community resilience. Projects or programs should ideally occur over a period of time (i.e. not a once-off event/activity) to ensure that meaningful and sustainable connections are fostered.

Applicants are able to apply for up to \$10,000, for a once-off grant in this stream.

The Community Resilience & Recovery Quick Response Grants will be open from 1 July 2021 until 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 within current (and evolving) COVID-19 restrictions;
- be able to deliver the project by 30 June 2022.

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/Resilience 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 2022.

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.

