

# Wollondilly Shire Council Community Grants Program

Providing a range of financial assistance to local community organisations and individuals.



2015 Laughter Boss Training for Aged Care Providers

# Aim of Financial Assistance Framework

- Provide a range of financial support at various times of the year
- Increase the number of community based events and activities being undertaken in the Shire
- A consistent means of handling all requests made to Council for financial assistance by the community

# Financial Assistance Funding Programs

**Donations** – to individuals for up to \$250 *or* community organisations up to \$500

**Sponsorship** – open twice a year May and September for local community events

**Community Grants** – open in May for community activities, programs and equipment

**Annual Assistance** – to key community organisations

# Community Grants Program

## Eligibility

- ✓ **Community based incorporated organisation or a group being auspiced by one**
- ✓ **Offer services or activities within the Shire**

## Not for

- X **Duplicating existing services or program**
- X **Not meeting an identified community need**
- X **Previously funded events or projects**
- X **Recurrent costs of an organisation**

# Community Grants Program

## 5 categories

**Community Projects max of \$3,000**

**Arts and Culture Events max of \$1,000**

**Sustainability Projects max of \$500**

**Leisure & Recreation Activities max of \$500**

**Small Capital Equipment max of \$500**

**Total amount of funding available \$47,000**

## **Community Projects max of \$3,000**

**Projects that help local communities to build skills, identify opportunities and or undertake actions for the social benefit of community members**

- **Workshops**
- **Short term activities**
- **Learning programs**

## **Arts and Culture Events** max of \$1,000

**New events that foster the Shire's culture identity or that provide an accessible diverse range of community art and culture activities**

- **Community festivals**
- **Performances by local artists/performers**
- **Exhibitions**
- **Workshops / training / skill development**

## **Sustainability Projects max of \$500**

**Projects that support the local environment and assist in making Wollondilly a more sustainable place to live**

- **Community tree planting**
- **Learning about living sustainably**
- **Promoting local sustainable activities**



## **Leisure and Recreation Activities max of \$500**

**Activities that provide access to physical and social pursuits to support a healthy and active community**

- **Fitness activities**
- **Healthy eating**
- **Promoting new or existing activities**

## **Small Capital Equipment max of \$500**

**Purchase of small capital equipment items to support community organisation's activities**

- **Canteen/kitchen equipment**
- **Teaching or training aids**
- **Equipment to assist Volunteering**
- **Promotional equipment – banners, display screens**

**Quotes will need to be included with any application made.**

# Selection criteria

- **Eligible applicant**
- **Clear linkages to Council's community Strategic Plan**
- **Strong community development aspect that involves and benefits the broader community**
- **Reflects and enhances Wollondilly's sense of place and identity**

# Selection criteria

- **Attracts broad or new participation from local residents**
- **Use of innovative approach**
- **Must be completed in the financial year in which proposed**
- **Achievable within the planned budget**
- **Must have completed & submitted an acquittal of previous grants.**

# How to make an application for a community grant

- **Apply using the electronic application available on Council's website**  
**[www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)**
- **Read the Procedures also provided online**
- **Speak to a Council officer about your proposed application**
- **Ensure application is sent to Council before the closing date **31<sup>st</sup> May 2021****

# Making an application

- **Complete all sections applicable to your application**
- **Correct names , contact numbers, organisational details, bank accounts etc.**
- **Budget is achievable, adds up and request for council is not more than maximum allowed under category**
- **Keep responses to the space provided – use dot points. Each section asks for a different response**
- **Get someone else to read it and make changes**
- **Save application before sending it to Council**

# When will funds become available?

## June

- **Assessment of all applications against established criteria by Council staff.**
- **Applications shortlisted**

## Early July

- **Workshop with Councillor's to review assessments and make recommendations for funding.**

## Mid July

- **Council meeting to formally accept recommendations**

## End July

- **All successful applicants advised and funding agreements provided**

## 23 August

- **Presentation of grants by the Mayor – payment by direct deposit only**

# COVID-19

- Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions with social distancing and large gatherings of people current and future projects funded through the Community Grants Program may apply for an extension to complete their projects.
- Please speak to the Team Leader Community Projects & Events for more information.



# Any Questions?

**The process and application form**

**What can be funded**

**Other sources of funding available**

**Who to ask for assistance**

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