

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The City of Vincent offers a variety of grants to support our local groups, organisations and individuals to set up activities that increase social participation and promote social inclusion. We recognise that community funding creates an excellent opportunity to collaborate in building stronger connections within our community.

Community Support Grants aim to support City of Vincent organisations and individuals to deliver projects and services that address key social issues impacting the local community. Grants are available for projects and services that demonstrate outcomes that will build a strong and resilient community and to support the ongoing financial sustainability of your community organisation.

A one-off amount of up to \$10,000 may be available for each individual project through this funding category.

Before you start your application, please contact the Community Partnerships Team to discuss your proposed activity, event or project.

Call 9273 6000 or email [community.partnerships@vincent.wa.gov.au](mailto:community.partnerships@vincent.wa.gov.au)

### Guidelines and Criteria

In order to be eligible for funding, your organisation must:

- Be providing a service or program that is aligned with the outcomes of the City of Vincent's Strategic Community Plan.
- Fall in to one or more of the following categories
  - An individual
  - A not-for-profit community organisation
  - A registered charity with the Australian Taxation Office
  - A deductible gift recipient
  - A social enterprise
- Have the ability to demonstrate satisfactory risk management
- Hold a Public Liability Insurance to the value of \$10 million
- Have the competency and capacity to implement, deliver and evaluate the project and demonstrate this to the City's satisfaction

### *Considerations for funding:*

- Applications that demonstrate strong elements of collaboration will be highly regarded (e.g. partnering with at least one other organisation to create an outcome that neither organisation could achieve on its own)
- Projects which give individuals, particularly those experience difficulty, opportunities to connect with their community and/or access services will be highly regarded
- Projects that build connected and cohesive communities and/or provide education or capacity building for attendees/participants will be highly regarded
- Projects should have a direct and immediate benefit to the City of Vincent community
- The project should benefit either a large number of people or provide significant benefits to a smaller target group
- Programs, services and events should be offered free of charge or at low cost where possible
- Projects and services that engage with Aboriginal people, culturally and linguistically diverse people, youth, seniors, people with disability, sexually and gender diverse people will be regarded favourably
- Projects which have received funding from the City in previous years may be considered, however priority will be given to new projects or those which have not previously received support

- Projects which demonstrate how the initiative can become self-sustaining and/or help the organisation reduce reliance on further grant funding will be highly regarded

*The following will not be considered for funding:*

- Groups and organisations that operate with the aim of making a profit
- Groups and organisations who have failed to acquit grants awarded to them in any capacity
- Programs which replicate services already available within the City of Vincent
- Programs, services or events which take place outside City of Vincent boundaries except in extraordinary circumstances to be decided at the City's sole discretion
- Debt reduction or operational deficits
- Operational salaries (however salaries tied to a program or project will be considered)
- Religious organisations where the grant is intended for the principal benefit of the organisation's own members or adherents, or where the grant is intended for inherently religious activities
- Legal expenses
- General construction, capital campaign, purchases or renovation unrelated to a specific proposed project or program
- Capital item purchases above \$1,000, except at the City's sole discretion
- Travel outside Australia
- Retrospective funding

*Assessment Criteria*

Grants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Demonstrated level of collaboration
- Program or event will provide one or more of the following:
  - education or capacity building tools or opportunities
  - community connection or a more cohesive community
  - delivery of outreach or support services
  - opportunities for individual empowerment or improved quality of life
 for either a large proportion of the community, or provide a significant level of benefit for a target group.
- Event/program attendance or participation costs
- Demonstrated direct benefit to the City of Vincent community, particularly those experiencing difficulty
- Support for the event from community and/or stakeholders demonstrating viability of the event
- Value for money
- Capacity of organisation to deliver the event or program
- Demonstrated measurable outcomes and evaluation strategy

*Key Dates*

You can submit your application for Community Support Grants all year round, or until the funding sources are exhausted. Applications should be submitted at least 8 weeks before your project is due to commence and applicants should allow 4 weeks to process a grant application. Late submissions may be accepted at the City's sole discretion.

*Acquittal*

Grant funds are to be expended by the end of the project period. Financial acquittal and evaluation report will be due within 8 weeks of the project completion.

Please be aware that your organisation will not be eligible for any further funding from the City of Vincent unless an acquittal has been received.

### *Alternative Formats*

The application form can be made available in alternative formats for people with specific requirements. If you would like the application in any of these formats, please call the City's Community Partnership Team on 9273 6000 or [mail@vincent.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@vincent.wa.gov.au)