



CITY OF VINCENT

LOVE YOUR LANEWAY GRANT

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The Love Your Laneway grant is all about transforming Vincent's residential laneways into vibrant, welcoming spaces that bring people together. We want to help neighbours collaborate to make laneways safer, greener and full of charm.

This program is designed to bring neighbours together through fun, creative projects that celebrate local character and enhance laneways to be more attractive and accessible.

Applications are now open and will close on 30 June 2026, or when all funding is allocated.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

- Single applicants can apply for up to \$500 (no GST).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

The grant is open to:

- Individual residential property owners whose lot has a boundary on a laneway
- Groups of neighbours (preferred), such as adjoining or opposite laneway properties
- Tenants with written permission from the property owner
- Community groups, resident associations, or local schools working with adjacent property owners

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Propose improvements on private land or on public land with appropriate permissions
- Not have any outstanding debts to the City

Collaborative applications between two or more properties are strongly encouraged and will be prioritised.





WHAT YOU CAN DO

Improvements to asphalted laneways include:

- Playable surface paint (e.g., hopscotch, games)
- Road murals (must use slip-resistant, outdoor paint)
- Decorative panels, stencils, or signage

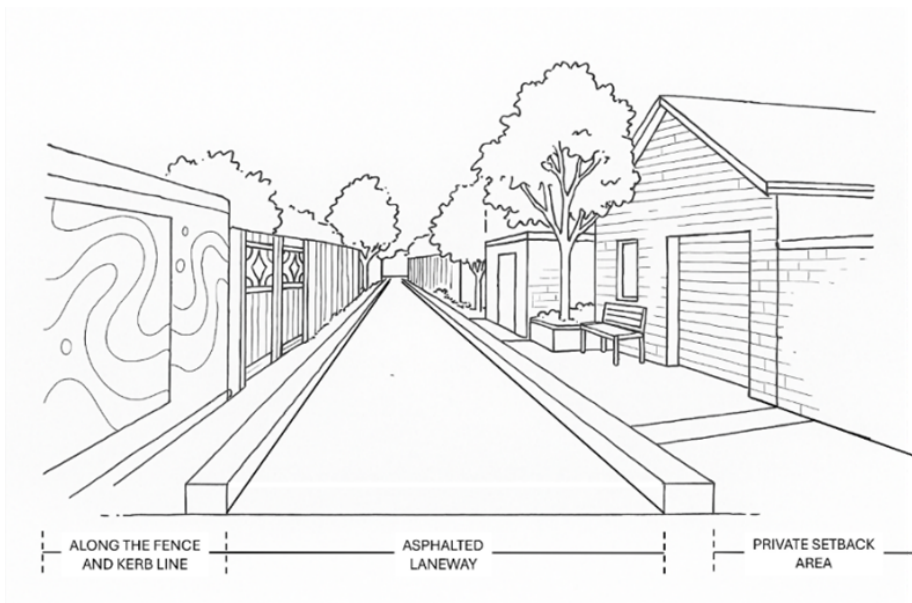
Improvements to fences and kerb lines include:

- Community murals or artworks
- Weatherproof little libraries or art boxes (securely fixed to private fences/posts)
- Vertical gardens or green walls (securely attached, no soil runoff)
- Low-maintenance plants suitable for Vincent's climate
- Decorative lighting (solar or private power only, no glare or light spill)

Improvements to private setback areas include:

- Seats, planters, trees, bike racks

Note: Private property owner approval is required for anything attached to fences or placed in a private setback area



WHAT WE CAN'T FUND

- Commercial laneways. Why not apply for a Business Enhancement Grant instead?
- Murals or artworks by professional artists. You can apply for support through our Mural Co-Funding Program
- Works that block vehicle access, driveways, or create safety hazards
- Works that interfere with utilities (streetlights, service pits, power poles)
- Projects creating excessive noise, light spill, or nuisance (basketball hoops, floodlights, speakers)
- Temporary or non-durable materials (chalk, cardboard, untreated timber)
- Labour, volunteer hours, project management, or maintenance by applicants
- Any works inconsistent with City of Vincent policies or the intent of this grant



WHAT REQUIRES APPROVAL FROM THE CITY?

You only need City approval if your works do not comply with these guidelines. If your project meets the guidelines, permission is automatically granted.

All laneway works must meet the following:

- **Safe and clear** – works shouldn't block walking paths or driveways, create trip hazards, restrict vehicle access in the laneway or block sight lines.
- **Durable and tidy** – use materials that won't easily break down, disintegrate and leave mess in the laneway.
- **Respectful** – designs avoid offensive, political or commercial messaging.
- **Easy to manage** – the applicant agrees to maintain the works. Vincent will not maintain any works once installed.
- **Neighbour-friendly** – adjoining property owners and residents agree to the works.

Works cannot be fixed to street lights, service pits or other utility infrastructure.





WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RESIDENTS?

- All ongoing maintenance and any costs beyond the \$500 grant
- Keep your laneway looking its best by making sure plants stay healthy, tidy, and free from weeds. Use durable, sustainable, and low-maintenance materials and plant species suited to the local climate to make ongoing care easier
- Maintain all approved works in good condition for at least 24 months from the date of installation
- Ensure your works remain safe, structurally sound, and free from hazards. The City is not responsible for damage, theft, injury, or ongoing maintenance of installed works
- Remove any uncared-for items if requested by the City
- Notify the City immediately if any changes are made that were not part of your approved application

WHAT ARE APPLICATIONS ASSESSED ON?:

- Safety and Accessibility
- Creativity and visual impact
- Community involvement and collaboration
- Environmental sustainability
- Inclusivity and engagement with a broad range of residents

HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the online application via SmartyGrants
2. Include clear photos of the laneway, a simple mock-up of the design, and written landlord/owner consent if applicable
3. We will be in touch within 10 business days with the outcome

Not sure if your idea will be eligible? Contact the Policy and Place team on **9273 6000**.

CELEBRATE YOUR LANEWAY

Invite your neighbours to help plan and install the project, consider hosting an optional launch event to showcase your laneway transformation (with potential support through the City's Donations Grant Program), and don't forget to share photos or tag the City on social media to celebrate your achievement — we'd love to feature your project in our newsletters or social channels, with your permission.