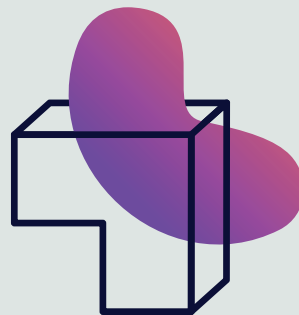
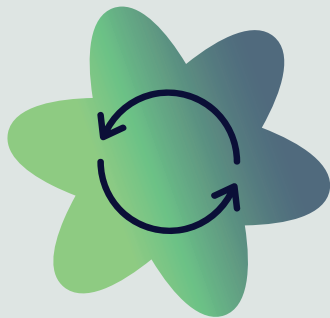




Clarence...
a brighter place

INFORMATION FACT SHEET

GENERAL GRANTS PROGRAM



OVERVIEW

Council recognises the significant role community groups, organisations, business and individuals play in realising our vision of “Clarence... a vibrant, prosperous, sustainable city”.

The General Grants Program supports initiatives and projects that make a positive and ongoing contribution to the City’s community, including projects and activities that promote:

- Connected, resilient and inclusive communities
- Community engagement and participation
- Healthy and active living
- Cultural and creative activities
- A prosperous and innovative economy
- Community safety
- Sustainable practices.

What’s on offer?

Under the General Grants program, applicants can apply for one-off grants. There are two grant rounds per year, in addition to the On Demand (Quick Response) grant program available all year round. Grants of between \$500 to \$5,000 or \$5,000 to \$10,000 are available to eligible groups, organisations or individuals for activities, events or projects that benefit the Clarence community under the following streams:

Community grants (Annual/Bi-annual)

Support for programs and activities that address a specific need, promote resilience, community engagement, connection and participation and/or provide a direct benefit to the community of Clarence.

Cultural and Creative grants (Annual/Bi-annual)

Support for programs and activities that activate art and cultural pursuits in the community.

Environment and Biodiversity grants (Annual)

Supporting local communities to sustainably manage, conserve and enhance the natural and built environment.

Access and Inclusion Activation grants (One-off round)

Support for projects that have a broad and deep impact on directly improving the inclusion of people with disability in the Clarence community by working together in ways that align with council's Access and Inclusion plan.

The Access and Inclusion Activation grants are available for eligible projects and activities up to the value of \$5,000.

Grant requests over \$5,000 must demonstrate a strategic long-term community benefit.

Quick Response grants (On Demand)

Youth Assistance – Support of up to \$250 for young people (Clarence residents aged 21 and under) to participate, compete or officiate at a community, state, national or international level, including sport and youth exchange; and

General – Projects/Events/Activities – Support of up to \$500 for community groups, not-for-profit and registered charity organisations and incorporated associations for small projects, activities and events, and venue support that strengthen neighbourhoods, build community resilience and encourage community participation, and inclusion, or that activate cultural and creative pursuits in the community.

Round opening dates

Annual Funding Programs		
Applications open	01 July	
Applications close	30 September	
Advice of outcome by	30 November	
Bi-annual Funding Programs	Round	
	Round 1	Round 2
Applications open	01 July	01 February
Applications close	30 September	31 March
Advice of outcome by	30 November	31 May
On Demand Programs (Quick Response Grants)		
Applications under "On Demand" programs may be made at any time.		

Environment and Biodiversity grants are only available once per year, and in 2024 this is in Round 2. The General Grants program rounds are run in alignment with the financial year.

Eligibility

To be eligible for council's grant programs, events/activities/projects must be undertaken within the Clarence municipality or be able to demonstrate that the activity will benefit our residents.

Council will also consider the applicant's previous history of successful access to a grant or sponsorship and adherence to the relevant grant agreement to provide equitable access within funding limits.

Who is eligible?

- Community or resident groups
- incorporated associations*
- Not-for-profit associations
- Registered charity organisations
- Auspiced organisations
- Self-employed artists (applicable only to Cultural and Creative Grants)
- Individuals (Youth Assistance through the Quick Response Grants)
- Schools (Environment and Biodiversity Grants)

**If your group is not incorporated, you can still apply for a grant provided that your application is auspiced and administered by an organisation that is incorporated.*

Auspicing entities must accept responsibility for the management of advanced funds and acquittal requirements as well as all insurance risk of the funded project. A letter of support from the auspicing entity is required at the time your application is submitted.

Schools cannot apply other than for the Environment and Biodiversity grants; however an application can be considered for community grants if it is submitted by the School's Parent Association (P&F or P&C). It must be for a one-off event, project or activity that is not the core responsibility of the school and is open to or involves the wider community.

Ineligible applicants

- A government agency or department of Local, State or Federal levels of Government.
- Organisations with gaming machines.
- Political parties or organisations that have a core purpose of political lobbying, including the lobbying of councillors.
- Current council staff and councillors (this does not preclude committees or organisations that councillors or staff participate on). Where a council staff member applies on behalf of an immediate family member, they will need to complete a Conflict of Interest form to be assessed through the grant process.
- Previous recipients that have an outstanding acquittal.

Ineligible activities and events

- Activities or events that promote views and behaviours which are inconsistent with the adopted values and policy commitments of the council.
- Activities and events that are illegal or enable illegal activity.
- The core business of educational, religious, political and medical organisations.
- Projects/activities under the jurisdiction of the State or Federal Government (including improvement to Government owned buildings).
- Activities and events that undermine the competitive process (i.e. it is a requirement that activities compete fairly in the market and on equal terms to other businesses).
- Activities, projects or events that don't provide a direct benefit to the community of Clarence.

Funding rounds and limits

Applicants may only submit one application each funding round.

Organisations/groups that have been successful in receiving a grant will be unable to apply for another grant until the acquittal form for the outstanding grant is completed and returned.

- Funding for Round 1 is available for projects commencing after 1 December.
- Funding for Round 2 is available for projects commencing after 1 June.

Assessment criteria

Each funding stream has individual guidelines which outline the assessment criteria.

Please see the guidelines of the funding stream you wish to apply to for more information.

All requests to the General Grants Program will need to demonstrate community benefit. In the table below are examples of derived community benefit:

Table 2 Examples of community benefit

General

Project will increase the skills, knowledge, and capacity of the community.

Project provides the opportunity for communities to work together and encourage engagement and participation.

Community Stream	Cultural and Creative Stream	Environment and Biodiversity Stream
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote community safety and wellbeing.• Facilitate physical, social and mental activity.• Support resolution of local issues by drawing on local strengths and opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate cultural and creative activities within the community.• Increase the opportunity for our community to engage with diverse cultural and creative activities.• Employ local artists in projects that activate our community.• Activities that promote cultural maintenance and celebration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Achieve significant conservation outcomes.• Create significant awareness of natural values and their management issues.• Align with adopted Natural Area Management Plans.

Access and Inclusion

Projects that have a broad and deep impact on directly improving the inclusion of people with disability in the Clarence community.

Please ensure you read the correct guidelines for the grant you wish to apply for.

