



COMMUNITY GRANTS

2026-2027 Guidelines

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM?

The purpose of the program is to encourage and support community initiatives that respond to local needs, enhance community wellbeing and contribute toward creating a healthy, vibrant and sustainable community.

Council recognises particular activities may be implemented to support vulnerable populations and/or specific groups within our community.

The Community Grants Program aligns with Council's Community Vision 2030 and our Grants, Sponsorships & Donations Policy.

Funding is offered in a single round and for the 2026-27 financial year, applications close 30 September 2026. The total budget for the Community Grants Program for 2026/27 is \$7,500.

Projects unable to be delivered by 30 September 2027 need to seek permission from the Chief Executive Officer for an extension of the agreed timeframe.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applications will be considered from not-for-profit community groups, organisations and individuals.

However, please note that individuals may only apply under the auspice of a not-for-profit community group or organisation.

Applicant organisations do not need to be incorporated but must have a current bank account in the applicant organisation's name.

Applicants must operate in the District Council of Yankalilla or be proposing an activity that will take place within the Council area.

WHAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

The 2026-27 grant round is for funding up to \$1,500 per application.

WHAT IS INELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

- Ongoing salary or salaries or associated day-to-day operational costs not directly related to activity delivery.
- Reimbursement of monies already spent for projects, programs or purchases that have already been completed.
- Applications that only benefit individuals (for example scholarships, sponsorship, awards).
- Activities and purposes primarily associated with, and for the benefit of a commercial organisation.

Activities that duplicate a community need that is already being met.

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR FUNDING?

Applications for projects and activities are assessed against the following criteria:

- the perceived benefits of the project to the community
- alignment with Council's strategic plans and addresses social inclusion and community health and wellbeing
- alignment with the objectives of the Community Grants program
- local needs and emerging issues
- other assistance Council may have provided to the applicant in the same financial year
- any alternative income or assistance that is available for the project and
- the funds available in the grant budget.

HOW ARE APPLICATIONS ASSESSED?

Applications are assessed by a panel of up to four (4) Elected Members and recommendations are tabled for approval at the next Council meeting.

Please note that meeting eligibility criteria alone does not guarantee funding. The Community Grants program is highly competitive with a budget limit. The decision to award a grant is made by Council and the decision of Council is considered final. The decision may take into account other matters that Council deem reasonable and relevant to the decision-making process.

The timeline for Council's final decision making to award funding is approximately 2 months from the grant round closing date.

WHAT ELSE?

Letters of support, information about facilitator credentials, equipment details, past projects and other additional documentation will assist the assessment of the application.

In-kind volunteer hours to be calculated at \$40 per hour and \$55 per hour for specialised services.

Other in-kind contributions can include donated materials, professional expertise, venue hire and/or other costs absorbed by the organisation/club.

If your project requires additional support, approval or permissions from other areas of Council e.g. Development Applications, traffic management requests, reserve/park hire or environmental health issues, please ensure you seek advice from the appropriate area of Council prior to submission of your application. The provision of funding does not oblige Council to provide any additional funding or assistance, nor does it imply approval of any relevant permits or approvals required for the delivery of the project or activity.

INSURANCE & SCREENING CHECKS

All applicants should consider conducting a risk assessment process for their project to address any necessary insurance implications. Organisations should check their current insurance arrangements to determine if any extra cover is required.

Applicants should ensure that all staff and volunteers associated with the project have the appropriate mandatory DHS clearances for individuals working or volunteering with children or vulnerable people i.e. Working with Children Checks (WWCC) and NDIS worker checks.

NEED ADVICE?

If you have any questions regarding the program, eligibility of your project or how to apply, please contact the District Council of Yankalilla on 8558 0200 and ask to speak with the Community Grants Officer or email community@yankalilla.sa.gov.au.

All information relating to Community Grants including eligibility, key dates and previously successful recipients can be found on Council's [website](#).

HOW TO APPLY

Please ensure your application meets the criteria outlined in the Guidelines above, fill out the application form and have supporting documentation and quotes to attach to the application (if applicable).

Forms are available on Council's website.

Please submit your completed application no later than 30 September 2026 to:

Community Grants Program
District Council of Yankalilla
PO Box 9, Yankalilla 5203

Email: council@yankalilla.sa.gov.au