

# Community Projects Grants Program

## Application Form – Community Projects

### Overview

Maitland City Council's Bi-Annual Community Grants Program provides financial support to local community organisations/groups to deliver initiatives that meet community needs and benefit residents in our community.

The Community Projects Grant aims to build sustainable local communities and enhance the wellbeing and development of the Maitland community. This grant supports community groups and community organisations seeking support to deliver community driven programs and initiatives which demonstrate a strong benefit to the community, with defined objectives and outcomes.

The Community Projects Grant Program has three distinctive sub-categories\* designed to support community led projects, activities and events which contribute to enhancing community wellbeing and/or strengthen the ability of community organisations to respond to community needs:

**Community Strengthening – capacity building:** projects that meet an identified need for the local community, foster opportunities for community participation and allow the community to connect and celebrate with one another.

**Creative Community – arts and culture:** projects that provide opportunities across a broad range of arts, culture and/or local history activities that enhance the quality of life of the community.

**Healthy Active Living – leisure and recreation:** projects that provide opportunities for leisure and recreational activities with the aim of improving health, fitness and quality of life of the community.

\*These categories may be subject to change as part of an annual review.

### Before you begin

Please read the Community Grants Program Policy and Community Grants Program Guidelines before proceeding with this application. Both documents are available via Maitland City Council's Grants and Funding page on our website.

If you still have questions after reading these, please contact the Community Planning team on the below details.

Email: [community.grants@maitland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:community.grants@maitland.nsw.gov.au)

Phone: (02) 4934 9700

## Eligibility

Please confirm the following eligibility requirements before completing the application form by ticking the below boxes. Only eligible applicants will be considered.

- The applicant has read and understood the information made available by Maitland City Council regarding the Community Grants Program, including the Community Grants Program Policy & Guidelines.
  - The applicant has no outstanding debts with Maitland City Council.
  - The applicant has successfully acquitted all previous grant funding (if applicable) with Maitland City Council.
- Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the respective closing deadline, as per the Guidelines, will not be considered.
  - All supporting documentation is provided where requested.
  - Please ensure that all questions are answered.
  - Successful applicants are required to complete a Funding Agreement outlining the requirements of their grant prior to funds being released.

## Application Form

### Section One – Applicant Details

#### 1. Are you applying as an individual or on behalf of a Group/Organisation?

- As an individual
- On behalf of a Group/Organisation

If you are applying as an individual, please skip to question 3. If you are applying on behalf of a Group/Organisation, please complete question 2 and 3.

#### 2. Please outline Group/Organisation details.

Name of applicant Group/Organisation:

Group/Organisation address: Suburb:

Postcode:

Group/Organisation phone number:

Group/Organisation email:

Group/Organisation website address  
social media, (if applicable, only public  
sites are required):

**3. Please outline individual applicant details.**

Name of individual:                      First name:    Last name:

Position in Group/Organisation (if applicable):

Individual applicant primary address:                      Suburb:    Postcode:

Individual applicant primary email:

Individual applicant secondary email:

**4. Is your Group/Organisation auspiced by another organisation for the purposes of this grant?**

*Note: Unincorporated groups or individuals applying for a grant **must** be auspiced by an incorporated body.*

Yes

No

**5. If yes, please provide the following information.**

*Note: Please ensure a letter or email from the auspicing organisation, outlining the arrangement, is attached to this application on submission.*

Name of auspicing organisation:

Primary contact person:                      First name:    Last name:

Position in Group/Organisation:

Auspice address:    Suburb:    Postcode:

Primary contact person's phone number:

Primary contact person's email:

**6. Have you previously received grant funding from Council?**

Yes

No



**11. Please complete the following questions relating to the details of the grant request. Please be descriptive, but succinct.**

*Note: The following questions link directly to the Assessment Criteria on page 29 of Maitland City Council's Community Grants Program Guidelines.*

**Criterion 1**

What are the primary activities and purpose of your group/organisation?

Must be at least 50 words.

**Criterion 2**

Please describe your project. Please include all planned elements of your project and how you will deliver it within the proposed timeframe.

Must be at least 50 words.

**Criterion 3**

How will your project benefit the Maitland Community? Please include an estimate of how many people you expect to benefit from your project.

Must be at least 50 words.

**Criterion 4**

How has the local community been consulted to inform the planning of this project?

Must be at least 50 words.

**Criterion 5**

What level of environmental impact will your project have? e.g. positive, neutral or adverse and how will this be managed?

Must be at least 50 words.

**Criterion 6**

What are the expected outcomes of the project, what do you hope to achieve and why is it important?

Must be at least 50 words

**Criterion 7**

How will you know if the aim of the project has been achieved? What methods will be used to measure the success of the project and evaluate whether it met the intended outcomes?

Must be at least 50 words.

## Section Three – Project Budget

Please note the following points. For more information, please refer to the Community Grants Program Policy & Guidelines.

- The budget's income must equal expenditure.
- List each item/supplier on a separate line.
- Detail the costs of the project as a whole and not just the expenses that will be funded by the grant.
- Maitland City Council will not pay for the entire project through this grant funding. For every dollar the applicant is requesting from the grant, there must be a matching dollar contribution.
- Identify whether any financial contributions are confirmed or unconfirmed.
- The applicant matching contribution must consist of a minimum of 40% cash contributions. The remaining 60% of matching contributions may be cash and/or in kind.
- The applicant's in kind contribution\* may include donated goods, services and volunteer labour/time\*\*. Tasks and calculations must be shown in the table below.
- If your project has an in kind contribution, copy the in kind value from the Expenditure column and record it under the Income column. The in kind value must be the same in both the Income and Expenditure columns.

\*Up to 60% of matching contributions can be in kind.

\*\*To calculate the volunteer time or labour your group contributes to the project, use the fee of \$30 per hour. For professional service or contractor fees, use the fee of \$75 per hour. To calculate in kind contributions, use the cost price of the supplies, materials or services contributed as a guide.

### 12. Please outline your project budget in the table below.

#### Income

Some common examples of income items might include:

- Requested grant from Council (this must be included in your table below)
- Other grant funding
- Internal funds
- Fundraising/donations
- Ticket sales
- Stallholder fees
- Sponsorship contributions

**In kind**

Some common examples of in kind support might include:

- Unpaid staff or volunteer time
- Donated materials
- Free skilled labour
- Free venue or equipment hire
- Free advertising or marketing support

**Expenditure**

Cash expenses should **not** include:

- Ongoing staff costs (regular salaries/wages)
- Recurrent operational costs
- Refundable bonds for equipment or facility hire
- Purchase of items for use outside of the project

Total funding requested (grant sought from Council): \$

Total project cost: \$

INCOME DESCRIPTION	INCOME \$ AMOUNT	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE \$ AMOUNT
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>



## Section Four – Financial Details

Please complete the following questions relating to the financial details of the grant request.

### 13. Is your group/organisation incorporated?

- Yes - Please attach a copy of your Certificate of Incorporation.
- No - If your group/organisation is not incorporated, or you are an individual, please refer to question 2.

### 14. Do you have an ABN?

*Note: If you do not have an ABN, please attach a completed ATO Statement by a Supplier Form with your application.*

- Yes      ABN: \_\_\_\_\_
- No

### 15. Has part funding been received from state or federal funding for the project that you have applied for under this grant?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide brief details of what state or federal funding has been received and the amount.

### 16. What impact will receiving this funding have on your project?

- Without this funding the project will go ahead as planned
- Without this funding the project will be delayed until alternative funding sources are sought, but will still be carried out
- Without this funding the scope of the project will be amended, but will still be carried out
- Without this funding the project will not go ahead at all

**17. Is there an income e.g. surplus funds that might be generated from the project?**

Yes

No

If yes, what will you do with any surplus funds?

**18. Do you plan for your project to continue after the proposed grant is spent?**

Yes

No

If yes, how will your project continue?

**Section Five – Payment Details**

Once funding recommendations are approved by Council, notification letters are emailed to all applicants. Payments are made via electronic bank transfer to the bank account nominated below.

**19. Please complete the details below.**

*Note: If you are being auspiced please provide the bank details of your auspicing organisation.*

Account name:

Bank name:

BSB:

Account number:

Email for remittance:

## Section Six – Application Checklist

Before submitting this application, please ensure the following items have been met. Your application **will not** be considered unless the following are supplied with your application.

### 20. Please confirm by checking the below boxes.

- A copy of the group's/organisation's certificate of incorporation. Where the group/organisation is not incorporated, a letter or email from the auspicing organisation is required.
- A copy of the group's/organisation's public liability insurance (a minimum of \$20 million coverage).
- Two quotes for each item valued at \$500.00 or more for equipment and or services.
- Where the group/organisation or individual does not have an ABN, a completed statement by supplier form has been supplied.
- Completed all sections of the Application Form.

## Section Seven – Application Checklist

### 21. Please read and complete the following declaration. I as the applicant declare that:

- The information provided in this application is true and correct.
- As a condition of receiving a grant from Maitland City Council, I agree to submit an Acquittal to report on the agreed project results and outcomes, with up to two photos attached, no longer than thirty (30) days after the completion of the project.
- I give Maitland City Council unrestricted license to reproduce, resize and give away the supplied images, for the promotion of Maitland City Council and the city of Maitland. Images supplied have sought all necessary permissions.
- Where applicable, I will acknowledge Maitland City Council's support in any promotional material or media coverage generated by my organisation/group in accordance with guidelines following approval by Maitland City Council.
- I give consent to Maitland City Council to make public the name of the group/organisation and the funding received, should this application be successful.

**22. Please complete the below authorisation/signature of applicant.**

Name

Position held:

Signature:

Date:

## **Submitting Your Application**

### **EMAIL**

Please email the Application Form and supporting documentation to [community.grants@maitland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:community.grants@maitland.nsw.gov.au).

Please include 'Community Projects Grants Program' as the subject line.

### **POST**

Community Projects Grants Program

Community & Recreation

Maitland City Council

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Maitland NSW 2320

### **DELIVER TO**

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