Grants for community

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Sources of grants

- Federal Government

- State Government

- Local Government

- Business

- Community and Philanthropic groups

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# Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program

Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program will boost support for communities across remote, rural and regional Australia to improve resilience, environmental sustainability and liveability through the power of connection.

The program offers grants up to $10,000 for not-for-profit community organisations that are providing access to information, technology, education and facilities to support their communities to embrace new technologies and ways of working to build social capital and digital capability.

The program seeks to foster:

❯ **Resilient** communities that are well prepared and socially connected when disaster strikes with the ability to renew and recover together;

❯ **Sustainable** communities that are diverse and inclusive, planning for the health, wellbeing, and prosperity of their people and the planet; and

❯ **Liveable** communities that have **digital capability**, and help to equip individuals with the skills to live, learn and work in a digital society.

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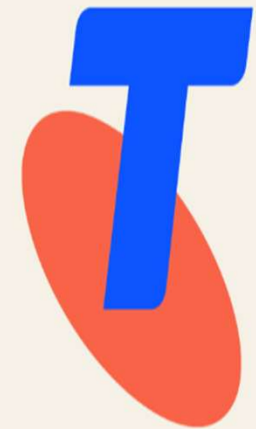
Further information

Watch the **Grantseeker Webinar** recording here.

Round 2 opens 27 February and closes 27 March, 2024.

Funding announced in June 2024.

Recipient Announcements

❯ 2023 recipients

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Where can I find these grants

- Grant Assist (SA)
  - www.grantassist.sa.gov.au

- Grant Connect (Federal)
  - www.grants.gov.au

- Adelaide Hills Regional Development Board
  - www.grantguru.com.au

- Websites & Press releases

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It's the funder's need we are meeting…

Research and understand

- Funding criteria
- Websites
  - Press releases
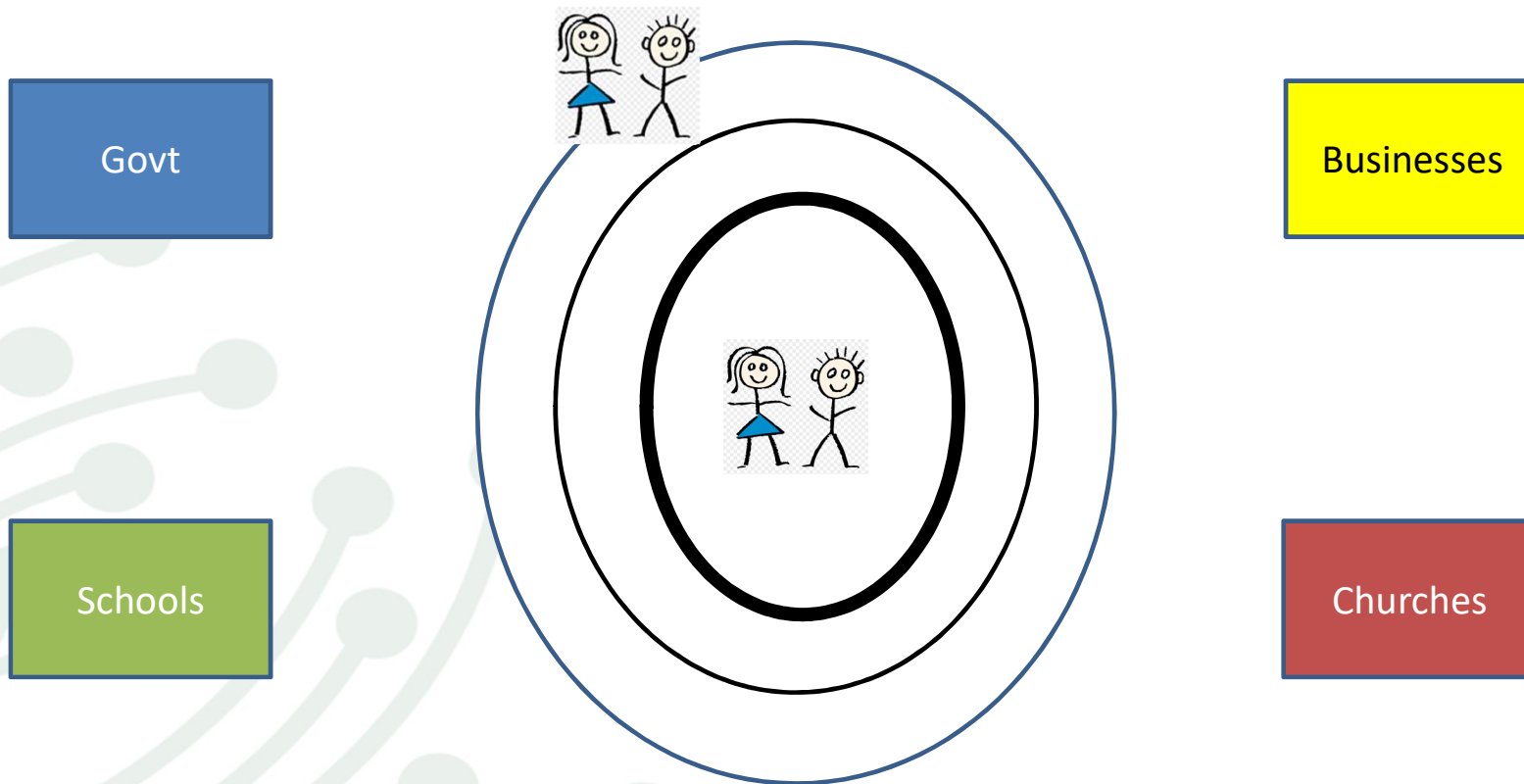 - Vision statements

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Grant writing tip

- Tell the funding body how you are meeting their need
- Tell your story and how your project will impact on Community inc milestones and key dates
- Gather Letters of Support from Local MP's both State and Federal (make sure you are in the right electorate!)
- Map your communities and seek support for your project – don't keep it a secret…
- Be collaborative not competitive in your approach
- Who is the best community group to "go" for the funding.

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Community is

Govt

Businesses

Schools

Churches

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Tips for Grant Writers

Tip #1: Establish a grant writing team.

Tip #2: Read the information provided and contact your prospective funder to ask questions and familiarise them with your proposal.

How to identify their need

- Mission Statements
- Strategic Documents
- Websites
- Marketing materials
- Talk to identified people within the organisations

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The benefit of in kind…

- Always account for the in kind contribution within your project.
  - Volunteers
  - Venue
  - Materials and skilled input

- Numbers are important! The demonstrated support of others in your community is important

   TIP: Don't forget to include your time in preparing the application!

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Partners and Stakeholders

- **Identify and delineate your partners and stakeholders**
  - Partners have "skin in the game" and will benefit directly from your proposal
  - Stakeholders are individuals and organisations who have an interest in the issue being addressed
  - Partners may need to be utilised to auspice your

    project.

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TOP TIP!
The 2 page descriptor

Most grants give you 4 – 6 weeks to complete your application
So….
PREPARE & SHARE!

A two page document that contains the following information:
- ✓ Name
- ✓ Contact details
- ✓ ABN / Organisational status
  - ➢ Volunteer based,
  - ➢ Not for Profit,
  - ➢ Government Agency

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Top Tip…

✓ Vision / Mission statement
  ➢ You will find this in your constitution / strategic documentation
✓ Short History / Achievements
  ➢ Inc acquitted grants
  ➢ Demonstrate capacity to deliver projects
✓ Partners contact details
  ➢ Show your ability to collaborate
✓ Referees
  ➢ Federal, State and Local Government representatives
  ➢ Local Service & Community Groups
  ➢ Testimonials

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Overview of Council grants

Grant	Ave max $	Frequency	Round open/close	Outcome notified
Community Grants	Up to $2,500	Bi-annual (except in a LG election year)	Feb/Mar Aug/Sep	May onwards October onwards
Environmental Grants	Up to $5,000	Annual	Feb/Mar	May onwards
Community Event Support Program	Up to $5,000^	Annual	Apr/May	June onwards

^ Community Events Support Program has two tiers of funding: Local Community events up to $2,500 and Regional events up to $5,000.

* There is currently a Community Funding Review occurring which will guide the criteria and future allocation of funds.

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MBDC Community Grants

Purpose

- to support local activities and projects
- to benefit community
- to support not for profit community groups
- to consider, assess and prioritise requests for funding
- to facilitate collaboration and partnerships

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Criteria for Community grants

- Mostly local membership or participation
- Aligns to our Community Plan 2020 - 2035
- Measureable outcomes can be achieved
- Located within our council area
- Meets a demonstrated need
- Financial or in kind contribution
- Claim within financial year allocated
- Spend and acquit within 12 months of the grant being approved

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Community Grants 2023/24 Round 2

- Applications open:
  - 7 Feb 2024

- Applications close:
  - 11 March 2024

- Community Grants Assessment Committee:
  - April 2024

- Council Meeting to endorse Committee Recommendations:
  - May 2024

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Environmental Grants Criteria

- Similar to community grants criteria but with an environmental focus

- Measurable outcomes for the environment

- Ongoing benefits to the environment

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Community Event Support Program Criteria

- Program supports *Local Community* and *Regional* category events
- Not for profit organisations with current appropriate Public Liability insurance
- Event must be located within our Council area
- Provide community and social benefit such as:
  - Encourage community participation
  - Bring together different age groups and cultures
  - Low or no cost attendance
  - Addressing an identified community need
- Build partnership with local community groups, businesses, volunteers organisations, schools etc.

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How to apply

https://mountbarker.smartygrants.com.au

How to apply

Also good for:
- Seeing the history of grants your organisation has applied for and outcomes
- Accessing forms to complete
- Access as people come/go in an organisation

- Many can work on the same application using the same log in details *(one person per application at any one time)*

- Recommend groups use a generic email/log in

- Save progress and complete at a later time

Planning your application

- Clear scope for project – one line descriptor
- Identify and engage stakeholders
- Accurate quotes for work and resources – incorporate in kind support and discounts
- Preliminary permissions & identify permissions required
- Realistic timelines
- Check to ensure you are meeting requirements and conditions of funding
- Include local enterprises and businesses wherever possible

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How to apply

Information required includes:

- Eligibility
- Contact Details
- Organisation Details
- Auspice Information (if applicable)
- Project Details
- Inputs (Budgets)
- Certification and Feedback

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How to apply

Project detail required:

- Title of project/activity
- Brief summary (purpose: **to gain attention**)
- Link to Council's Community Plan 2020 - 2035
- Evidence of local membership/participation
- Identify community support/need

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Budget:

- must balance
- total income must equal total expenditure
- Include in kind support or discounts received
- Quotes essential and where possible from local providers

Council support for Events

- In-kind support available through event infrastructure loans
  - Marquees
  - Bunting
  - Safety supplies including bollards, traffic cones, event signs for traffic flow and management
  - Bottle and can recycle bins
  - Plastic chairs
  - And more

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Evaluation & Acquittal

- Go back to your application and explain your vision and what was delivered.

- Use photos to show participation and community value

- Make sure your acquittal adds up and balances to the amount granted

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Past success stories

- Macclesfield Young at Heart Club: Physio run workshops for seniors

- Hahndorf Bowling Club: Upgrade existing bowls shelters

- Meadows Memorial Hall: Bringing community health activities to Meadows

- Mt Barker Community Centre: Auslan Beginners Course

- Adelaide Hills Vocational College Mt Barker High School: Soil to Plate

- FC Summit: FC Summit Establishment Program

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