

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

COVID-19 Community Support Program



Application guidelines and information



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Summary

Council is committed to helping our region recover from COVID19 by working alongside communities and by supporting and building the capacity of communities, businesses and organisations.

The COVID19 Community Support Package offers funding support for suitable community and not-for-profit organisation/s, operating within South Gippsland.

There are four grants available:

- Community Adaptation & Participation Grant (\$15,000)
- Technology Support Grant (\$15,000)
- Quick Response Grants (\$20,000)
- Community Connection Grant (\$50,000)

All eligible applications will be assessed. Applications should utilise local goods and services where possible.

Funding Allocation

- Community Adaptation & Participation Grant
Applicants may apply for up to \$1,500.
- Technology Support Grant
Three grants will be provided through this fund.
- Quick Response Grants
Applicants may apply for up to \$1,000.
- Community Connection Grant
Applicants may apply for up to \$5,000

Eligibility

Applicants to the grants must:

- Be a community organisation or group managed by a volunteer committee of management.
- Organisations must be one of the following:
 - o A properly incorporated body under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012
 - o A Company Limited by Guarantee (Corporations Act 2005) or Social Enterprise in Victoria, directly managed by a volunteer committee / board of management, that exists to benefit the community not owners or shareholders (as defined in organisation constitution or replaceable rules)
 - o Auspiced by a third body that is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 or a Company Limited by Guarantee (Corporations Act 2005)
- Be based within the South Gippsland Shire or able to demonstrate that they service a significant number of residents within the South Gippsland Shire and proposing a project/activity that will operate within the South Gippsland Shire.
- Have been in operation as at 1 March 2020.

About:

Community Adaptation and Participation Grant

The Community Adaptation and Participation Grants are designed to support groups and organisations to run creative and innovative activities to re-engage with community members.

Applications could include; development of virtual and real-world social connection programs, engagement with young people in an online art or cultural project that can translate to real world.

Technology Support Grant

This initiative will fund a program of support to isolated, disadvantaged or vulnerable individuals, with limited skills and/or access to technology to:

- connect with education or employment opportunities
- be trained in use of on-line communication and technology
- maintain social and community connection.

This could also include purchase of equipment such as, a tablet device or laptop for online education, internet dongle (or temporary plan upgrade), or purchase of microphone and headset for better quality communication.

Quick Response Grant

This initiative is available to Community Service Providers operating within South Gippsland to provide activities that can demonstrate an immediate benefit to vulnerable and isolated community members across South Gippsland.

Applications could include;

- * social connection program
- * enhancement of food bank
- * front-line support to vulnerable people



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Community Connection and Partnership Grant

Applications could include:

- social connection programs through engagement of volunteers
- enhancement of a community organisations online connection capabilities
- programs to engage with young people and encourage community connection.

Dates

Applications open on 1 August and close when the allocation is exhausted. Applications will be assessed as they are received, and applicants will be advised of an outcome as soon as practicable (usually within two weeks). Applicants are expected to use their funds as soon as possible.

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**Questions? Please contact
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Assessment

Your application will be reviewed by a panel of Council staff and will be evaluated according to:

- How the project aligns with one or more of the COVID-19 Recovery aims listed on the previous page (30%),
- How the project builds capacity, strength, creativity and resilience in our community in a COVID-19 context (30%),
- How the project aligns with the South Gippsland Council Plan (20%)
- How the project demonstrates that it is well planned, that suitably skilled people are involved, and that the applicant and the project are financially viable (20%).

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