

Community Strengthening Grant Round 1 2026/2027

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* indicates a required field

Before you start

You will need the following if applicable

- ☐ If you are not incorporated, you will need a Certificate of incorporation from your auspicing organisation
- ☐ Public Liability insurance cover for community events
- ☐ Quotes for upgrades, equipment purchase and projects

Applicant Details

Applicant *

☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

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Name of the organisations President or Secretary *

Applicant Postal Address *

Address

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register

ABN

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Entity Name
ABN Status
Entity Type
Goods & Services Tax (GST)
DGR Endorsed
ATO Charity Type [More information](#)
ACNC Registration
Tax Concessions
Main Business Location

Must be an ABN.

Have you read and understood the Community Strengthening Grant Guidelines and eligibility requirements? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

[You can view the guidelines here](#)

Project Contact

Applicant Project Contact *

- ☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

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Applicant Project Contact Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant Project Contact Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Project Funding Category

Project Funding Category *

- ☐ Community Projects Funding - maximum of \$5,000 on a \$2 (Council) for \$1 (organisation) basis
☐ Facilities Upgrades and Equipment Purchases - maximum of \$5,000 on a \$2 (Council) for \$1 (organisation) basis

Description of the Project

Project Title *

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Short project description *

Provide a short description (100 words recommended) of your project - what are you out to do?

What are the primary areas of focus for this project/program?

No more than 5 choices may be selected.

You can select items from any area of the list – all have equal value. Only select sub-categories if you want to be more specific. In this question we want to know about the field of work (e.g. arts, sport, health), rather than the types of people it will affect (e.g. young people, refugees)

Who are the primary beneficiaries of this project/program?

No more than 5 choices may be selected.

Please choose only the group/s that are at the very core of this project/program

Why does this work need to be done? *

Describe the specific issue or need you want to address (200 words recommended)

What are the planned activities? *

Briefly list (bullet points) the specific activities that will take place and where they will take place (200 words recommended)

What are the expected outcomes of the project? *

Describe three things you want the project to achieve in terms of benefits for participants and/or others (200 words recommended)

How will you know if these outcomes have been achieved? *

Describe three changes you will see if the expected outcomes of the project occur (150 words recommended)

Will other persons/groups/organisations other than your organisation benefit from this project? If so, please provide details.

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How does your project encourage and support the involvement of volunteers (ie. coordination, planning, training)?

How will you promote your project in the community? *

Could your project proceed if you only received partial funding? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, how?

How did you hear about Council's Community Strengthening Grants program? *

- ☐ Local Newspaper
☐ Council Website
☐ Facebook
☐ Word of Mouth

Description of group or organisation

In summary, what is the primary aim or goal of the group or organisation? *

Does your group or organisation benefit from the use of Council grounds and/or buildings, through a lease or other hire arrangement and/or, have the use of grounds which are regularly maintained by West Wimmera Shire Council? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If YES, please provide details (ie. annual lease or hire cost to group).

Has your group or organisation previously received a community grant from Council? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If YES, please provide the year and round funding was provided, the amount received and the name of the project for which funding was received.

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Is the organisation incorporated? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please attached copy of your Certificate of Incorporation

Attach a file:

Are you auspiced by an incorporated organisation *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Auspicing Organisation Details

Name of the auspicing organisation

Please provide auspicing organisation Certificate of Incorporation

Attach a file:

Facilities Upgrades and Equipment Purchases/Community Projects
Funding - maximum of \$5,000 on a \$2 (Council) for \$1 (organisation)
basis

Maximum of \$5,000 on a \$2 for \$1 basis. Maximum of one successful application every four funding rounds per organisation.

IMPORTANT: The in-kind contribution for a community group cannot be more than 30% of the total organisation contribution.

Example:

Project Cost \$5000 Council contribution: \$3333 Applicants total contribution: \$1667 - Cash \$1167- In-kind \$500

Community Projects Funding These are projects that are designed to provide benefits to the community in a wide range of areas, for example:

- Community and cultural development
- Sport and recreation
- Health and wellbeing

Requirement: Quotations must be submitted with all applications in this category

Facilities Upgrades and Equipment

This category covers the funding of works or equipment related to community capacity building projects which support an ongoing community activity, program or project that can demonstrate one or more of the following objectives:

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- Increases community participation in projects and activities.
- Assists community groups to operate more effectively.
- Encourages and supports the involvement of volunteers.
- Improves occupational health and safety.
- Contributes to environmental sustainability.

Priority will be given to projects that can demonstrate a high level of community need, or where the service or program is in danger of being discontinued without the required facility upgrade or equipment purchase.

[Example of \\$2 for \\$1 co-contribution](#)

[Example of in-kind support](#)

Total Amount Requested *

\$

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 5000.

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

Total Project Cost *

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?

Start Date: *

Must be a date.

End Date: *

Must be a date.

Is it likely that your project may involve the submission of applications for further Council permits or Development Approvals prior to being implemented? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Will your project require ongoing funding? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

How will these ongoing costs be funded? *

Upload all quotations for the Facility Upgrade and Equipment Purchase/Community Project *

Attach a file:

Please ensure all quotes contain an EX-GST component

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Please upload a copy of your public liability insurance cover *

Attach a file:

Supporting Documents

Please upload any additional supporting documents for this application here.

Attach a file:

Budget (Income)

Detail the contributions will your organisation be making to the total cost of the project and what contribution are you requesting from the Community Strengthening Grants program, and where will you be sourcing other funding. Please note: The budget must meet the funding ratios for the selected grant category.

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Income	\$
Amount requested from Council , In kind contribution, Organisation's cash contribution, Other government funding (federal or State), Cash Sponsorship etc	
Amount requested from Council	\$
Cash Sponsorship	\$
Other government funding (federal or State)	\$
Organisation's cash contribution	\$
In kind contribution	\$

Budget (Income) Totals

Total Income Amount

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Please upload supporting documents for other incomes

Attach a file:

In Kind Support and Labour

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“In-kind” is an activity other than cash money that is contributed towards a project. Many projects are assisted through different groups within the community with support such as voluntary labour. Where you include in-kind labour in the Project Budget section of your West Wimmera Shire Grant Application you should also complete this In-kind table. You need to demonstrate the nature of the in-kind contribution being provided, who is making the contribution and how you have calculated the value based on what it would cost if you had to pay money. Rates are calculated at \$30 per hour for non professionals, and \$45 per hour for professionals.

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Learn more about In-Kind Contributions here: <https://www.vic.gov.au/grants-understanding-kind-contributions>

[Example of in-kind support\](#)

Task to be completed	Name of those who will undertake task	Type of In Kind	Number of Hours	Total Cost
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			Must be a number.	This number/amount is calculated.
				\$
				\$
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In-kind support Total

Total in-kind amount

\$
This number/amount is calculated.

Your maximum in-kind total must be this figure or less.

This number/amount is calculated.

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If your in-kind total figure is more than this box, please adjust the in-kind details

Budget (Expenditure)

Expenditure Item	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Budget (Expenditure) Totals

Total Expenditure Amount

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Co-contribution Details

For the Funding Category you selected, Council may provide a maximum of \$5,000 on a \$2 for \$1 basis. Maximum of one successful application every four funding rounds per organisation. In-kind support can count towards your co-contribution and all details should be completed above.

[Example of \\$2 for \\$1 co-contribution](#)

Based on funding criteria, Council's contribution will be:

\$

This is the potential contribution from Council based on total project cost and funding criteria

Over co-contribution maximum

Based on you total amount requested the council contribution would be over the max available (\$5000).

Variance to Council Maximum Contribution. This amount will NOT be funded. Council will contribute a maximum of \$5000.

This number/amount is calculated.

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Declaration

- I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made in this application are true.
- I am authorised by my group/organisation to complete this form and I agree that:
- the statements made in this application are true
- all necessary permits/approvals will be obtained prior to the beginning of the project
- the project will be covered by appropriate insurance
- all relevant health and safety standards will be met
- council does not accept any liability or responsibility for the project.

If successful, I will:

- ensure that acquittal requirements are met within 52 weeks of the nominated project completion date
- ensure that funds are claimed within three months of notification, except where there is a co-funding requirement
- accept the terms of the grant in accordance with council requirement
- provide proof of successful co-funding (other grant sources) within six months of notification
- complete the project within twelve months of receiving council funding.

I agree to the above *

☐ Yes

Authorised Person's name *

First Name

Last Name

Authorised Position *

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Calculated fields for report

Total Project Cost Calculated Field

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Amount requested calculated field

\$

This number/amount is calculated.