The Community Impact Partnership Program provides seed funding for not-for-profit organisations to provide dynamic opportunities and experiences for residents and visitors.

The program is designed to support start-up initiatives. This funding is not designed as ongoing funding. Approved applicants may be funded for maximum of three years.

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The program aims to:

- Improve environmental sustainability;
- Showcase and celebrate creative expression, development and innovation;
- Encourage community ownership and action on a community need;
- Increase employment opportunities and build economic prosperity for the benefit of the community;
- Support new and inspiring events which benefit the community and celebrate connection;
- Maximise an organisation’s potential, and build capacity to become self-sustaining;
- Strengthen the liveability for local residents;
- Attract visitors to the city and provide rich and meaningful experiences during their stay; and,
- Preserve and showcase cultural heritage.

**How much money is available?**

- Grants of up to $10,000 are available to eligible organisations as a one-off or as recurrent funding over two or three years conditional on:
  - The council’s budget availability;
  - Compliance with funding conditions;
  - Delivering agreed outcomes; and,
  - The organisation working towards or maintaining self-sufficiency.
ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Stage one:
1. Contact the Community Planning and Development Officer on (02) 6022 9361 to discuss eligibility and proposed initiative.

Stage two: Submitting your application
1. Organisations need to complete a grant application form through the Smarty Grants online grant management system which is accessed at https://www.wodonga.vic.gov.au/about-us/grants-funds/cigp.asp
2. The council will send acknowledgement to organisations that their application has been received.
3. All applications will be assessed and shortlisted by an internal panel for eligibility and alignment with the program aims.

The council will determine the partnership grant allocations at a council meeting.

Stage three: Partnership Agreement
1. If successful, the council will enter into direct negotiations to draft a Partnership Agreement which is acceptable to both parties. This will include key milestones and agreed outcomes.

If not successful, applicants will be notified by phone and email.

Please note: Grant applications will take a minimum of 10 weeks to consider and process. All applications must be submitted at least 10 weeks prior to proposed event/project start date.
Applications are assessed based on the following questions:

1. How does the initiative align with the Community Impact Partnership Program aims?
   • The initiative aligns with at least one of the aims.

2. Why is this initiative needed?
   • Clearly identify the need for the initiative and include any relevant consultation, evidence and support to demonstrate this need.

3. What impact or value will the initiative add to the community?
   • The impact and value of the initiative to the community is clearly articulated.
   • The target group for the initiative is clearly identified.

4. How financially sustainable is the initiative?
   • The organisation has demonstrated that they have explored how to make this initiative more sustainable.
   • Does the initiative have broader financial support?

5. What is the capacity to deliver the initiative?
   • The project plan, business case or service plan is appropriate, sustainable, feasible and accountable.
   • The organisation demonstrates governance and operational capacity to deliver the initiative.
Who can apply?

Organisations must:

- Be incorporated organisations with not-for-profit status;
- Be located within or servicing the Wodonga community; and,
- Maintain Public Liability Insurance Cover (at least $10 million, $20 million for high-risk activities).

Who should not apply?

- Individuals
- Other government organisations
- Private, profit-making organisations
- Organisations already receiving financial support from the council for a project/event/service
- Organisations which have not reported back on previous Wodonga Council funding
- Organisations which are requesting funding for:
  - Past projects and initiatives;
  - Fundraising, sponsorship, prizes, trophies and gifts;
  - Initiatives which directly involve alcohol and gambling
  - Initiatives which demonstrate political intent;
  - Repairs or maintenance to council-owned facilities or properties; or
  - Activities or events that take place outside Wodonga’s municipal boundary.

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For more information please contact:
Community Planning and Development Officer on (02) 6022 9361