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CITY HEART
SHOPFRONT IMPROVEMENT AND ACCESS FUND
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The City Heart Shopfront Improvement and Access Fund will form part of Wodonga Council’s Business Support Package during the City Heart Revitalisation works.

A total pool of $150,000 will be made available over two years ($75,000 for stage one and $75,000 for stage two of works).

The aim of the fund is to:

- Encourage and facilitate shop owners, operators and landlords to improve their buildings through façade upgrades, thereby improving their presentation to the street.
- Encourage and provide a mechanism for shop owners, operators and landlords to address all abilities access issues to the frontage of their premises that can’t be resolved through construction works.

The fund will include two activity streams:

1. $1:$1 matching grants up to $3,000 for shopfront improvements; and,

2. $1:$1 matching grants up to $3,000 for internal all abilities access improvements within private buildings that cannot be corrected by the public realm (i.e. the footpath) works.

For more information:

Contact Wodonga Council’s Economic Development team on (02) 6022 9300 or email ecodevelopment@wodonga.vic.gov.au

The team can visit your business to answer any questions and provide assistance in preparing your application for the fund.

Online applications:

wodongasmartygrants.com.au
Examples of improvements which the fund would apply include:

- Painting;
- Removal of redundant signage, air conditioning units and hoardings;
- Creative graphic design and signage fabrication;
- Minor repair, maintenance or reinstatement of missing elements;
- Minor repairs to stone work;
- Repairs to structural façade elements and awnings;
- Creative façade treatments (such as vertical gardens or new timber panelling);
- New, repairs and replacements of verandahs;
- Correction, repair, establishment of level access within the private building line;
- Other external façade works that might be proposed by a landlord/business owner that reflects the intent and purpose of the fund.

The fund will:

- Look favourably upon projects that can demonstrate works will benefit the City Heart’s presentation;
- Support partnerships between businesses and graphic designers or graphic design students;
- Prioritise properties within core construction areas, relevant to each stage of works; and,
- Enable works to be carried out by the owner or occupier (with owner’s consent).

Fund administration and eligibility:
Applications will open on Monday, February 27, 2017.

Funding applications will be completed online at wodonga.smartygrants.com.au

Funding is open to businesses within the designated perimeters of the below map.

There is no ‘close date’ on applications (i.e. no round one, two etc.) – it will remain open and applications will be assessed as required.

If successful, a ‘Tax Invoice’ from the applicant is required to be submitted to Wodonga Council for the payment of the grant. The licensed contractor’s invoice showing payment for the approved works and photographs showing before and after the approved activity, need to be submitted together with the applicant’s tax invoice to receive funding.

The fund will be administered by Wodonga Council Economic Development team.

Applications will be assessed by a cross-organisational group within council.
This agreement made between WODONGA CITY COUNCIL of 104 Hovell St, Wodonga (the Council) and the APPLICANT.

Agreement

1. The Council may provide to the applicant funds for the applicant’s activity. This agreement does not commit the Council to provide any funds unless the applicant’s submission is successful.

2. The applicant confirms and agrees that:

   a) It is a tenant and/or a property owner (tick whichever relevant) of the property which is the subject of the attached application and, if not the property owner, has the property owner’s consent to enter into this agreement.

   b) Activities arising from the grant allocation must take place at the address specified in the attached application.

   c) The funds granted by the Council must be spent on the approved activity specified in the attached application. Any significant change to the activity must be approved by the Council.

   d) Funds provided under this agreement must be spent by the applicant by the required time, unless otherwise agreed by the Council.

   e) The applicant is not entitled to any funds not spent on the activity should the actual cost of the activity be less than the Council approved quote.

   f) The Council is not responsible for any shortfall should the approved activity run over budget.

   g) The applicant is required to recognise the Council as a funding source of the project. If requested by the Council, the applicant agrees to display signs provided by the Council in the prominent location within the building specified in the attached application, which acknowledge the Council as a funding source of the activity.

   h) The applicant must maintain accurate financial records pertaining to the approved activity and make these records available to the Council staff on request. The Council officers may request meetings with the applicant to check on progress during the period of the activity.

   i) The applicant will participate in the Council’s evaluation process for the grant. This evaluation may or may not be required by the Council at the end of the approved activity.
(ii) Funding will only be released to the applicant once the approved activity has been completed.

3. The Council, its servants, agents and employees shall not be responsible at any time for any liability incurred or entered into by the applicant as a result of or arising out of the applicant’s responsibilities under this agreement.

4. The applicant shall release and indemnify the Council, its servants, agents and employees against any claim, demand, liability, costs, expenses, actions arising out of or in any way connected with the activities of the applicant, or the applicant’s agents in consequence of this agreement except where the claim, demand, liability, costs or action are caused by the Council or its servants or agents.

5. Any variation of this agreement shall only be made in writing between the parties.

6. The applicant has obtained any necessary Council’s permits or other permits for the approved activity to take place.

7. Projects that commence prior to this application being received by the Council will be ineligible.

8. The same or similar projects related to the same building address will generally not be funded more than once.

9. A ‘Tax Invoice’ from the applicant is required to be submitted to the Council for the payment of the grant. The licensed contractor’s invoice showing payment for the approved works and photographs showing before and after the approved activity, need to be submitted together with the applicant’s tax invoice.

10. Note that the Council will publicly report grants awarded.

11. The applicant agrees to allow the Council’s staff to enter the building which is subject to the attached application for the purposes of taking photographic images of before, during and after the activity. The applicant agrees to provide the Council with information relevant to the approved activity for publicity purposes. The applicant agrees to be interviewed by the Council officers in relation to the approved activity and for the applicant’s comments and/or images to be used by the Council for the promotional purposes.
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