

Community Grants Streams Overview & Criteria

Check the Shire website at http://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Community_Grants opening and closing dates.

1. Community Support Grants

\$100,000 available annually for individual applications up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Financial assistance is provided to not for profit community based and managed groups and organisations for the development of diverse and effective programs, projects and activities which assist in promoting the health and wellbeing of people on the Mornington Peninsula.

2. Community Placemaking Grants

\$112,000 is available annually for individual applications up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Community Placemaking Grant projects aim to strengthen townships across the Mornington Peninsula by enhancing both our social and built environments at the local level.

Placemaking engages the local community to be proactive in identifying positive ways to implement projects that contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of the community.

Specific Criteria

Generally, projects that contribute to placemaking in the following areas will be allocated a higher priority:

- Improving the physical environment of the local area;
- Enabling a more accessible physical and built environment;
- Land owner permission has been granted (if applicable);
- Creates a sense of belonging;
- Increases opportunities for social connection;
- Supports new activities in a public place;
- Is a collaborative community project;
- Strengthens the community through learning new skills; and
- Creates opportunities for a healthier lifestyle.

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3. Creative Community Grants (up to \$5,000)

\$40,000 available annually for individual applications up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Mornington Peninsula Shire recognises that investment in its creative community contributes to building stronger and more vibrant places and spaces to work, live and visit through increasing participation and access to creative endeavour.

Creative Community Grants support groups to deliver projects that develop, explore and express Mornington Peninsula Shire's diverse cultural heritage, creative practice, and foster opportunities for community to experience and participate.

Specific Criteria

Applications will be assessed in a competitive process against the following criteria:

- Quality of the idea is well developed and clearly articulated;
- Cultural permissions and key artists are cited and confirmed;
- The project is safe for artists and the public;
- Venue costs are clear and relevant quotes are provided;
- Timelines are realistic and achievable;
- Appropriate partnerships including co-contribution in kind and/or financial has been sought or secured by the organisation; and
- The project addresses one or more of the Shire's Arts & Culture Strategy outcomes:
 - Increase civic engagement, sense of identity and place within our local communities;
 - Provide arts engagement programs that encourage the voices of the family and children;
 - Provide opportunities for local groups and community-based committees to become involved in building creativity, cultural capacity and vitality in their communities;
 - Strengthen understanding and value of Indigenous arts and cultural practices and/or contribute to the development of a sustainable Indigenous arts industry;
 - Increase creative elements in Peninsula festivals and events; and
 - Increase opportunities for residents to participate in creative festival projects.

4. Flexi Grants (up to \$1,000)

\$30,000 available for applications up to \$1,000

Flexi Grants is a program that provides opportunity for community groups who may need a small helping hand to get new projects off the ground, purchase small equipment items, train volunteers or host a small community activity.

This program is open all year until funds are expended and is designed to be a quick response funding stream. Assessment of application aim to be completed within 3-4 weeks of submission. Applications close in early June each year to allow the processing of grants for the end of financial year and reopen on 1 July of the new financial year.

Specific Criteria

Applications will be assessed based on:

- Organisation has limited capacity to self-fund;
- Benefit/s to the Mornington Peninsula community (not just group membership);
- Ideally provides an opportunity for 'shared' community use;
- Contribute to training volunteers;
- Increase community awareness;
- Support community-based activities and equipment purchase; and
- Not putting anyone at risk.

Examples of suitable project ideas using Flexi Grants

- Purchase of small equipment items such as office equipment or health and safety equipment;
- Contribute to the costs of training courses and/or undertake background screening checks for volunteers;
- Implement community activities/programs; or
- Other purposes that are for the benefit of the community where a contribution from Council will assist in achieving specific goals.

For further information, please contact the Community Development Officer – Grants on ph. 5950 1425 or email community.grants@mornpen.vic.gov.au

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