

Discretionary Funds Guidelines 2021/2022

Discretionary funds may be allocated by the Mayor and Councillors to community organisations for a community purpose. Council's discretionary funds support the sustainable delivery of community, cultural, sporting and environmental projects that provide a demonstrated benefit to the Moreton Bay Region.

Program Information

Eligible applicants	<p>A community organisation that applies for funding under this grant must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be based in the Moreton Bay Region and/or can demonstrate that the proposed project will benefit residents of the region; • Have \$20 million public liability insurance if required by Council; and • Have no outstanding Moreton Bay Regional Council grant acquittals. <p>Community organisation means:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(a) an entity that carries on activities for a public purpose; or (b) another entity whose primary object is not directed at making a profit.</p> <p>The following are ineligible organisation types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For profit organisations; • Political groups; and • Unincorporated community groups. <p>Unincorporated community groups may apply through an Auspice which is able to accept legal and financial responsibility for the project. The auspice organisation must meet the above criteria and not be an ineligible organisation type.</p> <p>Individuals are not eligible to apply for discretionary funds.</p>
Eligible projects	<p>Projects supported must be for a community purpose and may include projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve community facilities located in the Moreton Bay Region; • Support community arts and cultural activities; • Improve the environment; • Contribute to community safety; • Contribute to improved health and well-being; • Purchase equipment to resource community organisations; and • Create opportunities for residents to be involved in their community.
Ineligible projects / expenses	<p>Ineligible projects and expenses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that do not meet the requirements of Council's Discretionary Funds Policy, Discretionary Funds Availability Notice or these guidelines; • Expenditure that provides a direct personal benefit to the Mayor, Councillors or Council employees; • Requests primarily for direct personal gain or advancement; • Requests that have a commercial purpose; • Improvements to land and/or facilities owned and controlled by other levels of Government or ineligible organisation types; • Expenditure that is the core business of other levels of Government; • Alcohol; and • Expenditure associated with the usual business of a community organisation: Salary/wages, insurance, utilities, rates, administration and rent.

Funding amount	<p>Unless otherwise approved by Council, community organisations may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive up to \$2,000 though discretionary funds per financial year by the Mayor and Councillors combined; and • Submit multiple applications to the Discretionary Fund each financial year for different projects. <p>Where community organisations act as an Auspice for unincorporated community groups, these funds will not form part of the auspicing organisation's maximum annual funding limit.</p> <p>Retrospective funding of projects is not available.</p>
Lodging an application	<p>Applications must be submitted online via Council's grants and funding webpage www.mbrc.qld.gov.au/grants/</p> <p>Failure to provide all requested application information may result in your project not being considered.</p>
Funding terms and conditions	<p>Successful applicants are required to comply with any terms and conditions associated with Council's financial support.</p>
Notification	<p>Applicants will be notified about the outcome of their application within 15 business days from the date of Council receiving a complete application.</p>
Unsuccessful applicants	<p>Unsuccessful applicants may seek feedback on their application by contacting a grants officer (see contact details below).</p>
Enquiries	<p>For further information, please contact Council's Grants team on (07) 3205 0555 or email grants@moretonbay.qld.gov.au</p>

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