

PURPOSE

The Community Organisation Recovery Grant funding program is a temporary community grant program to provide financial assistance to eligible local community organisations (including sporting clubs) to assist with recovery from COVID-19 impacts.

These grants provide support under four streams:

1. Sports club volunteer clean up and maintenance days
2. Sports club building maintenance (lessees of City buildings only)
3. Community organisation support
4. Venue hire fee support (City Major Venues and Aquatic Centre hirers only)

Grant Funding Program Requirements (applies to all streams)

Eligible applicants	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be an incorporated community organisation • operate within the Gold Coast • have \$20 million public liability insurance (where appropriate) and; • have no outstanding acquittals or debts owing to Council • meet additional stream eligibility criteria as outlined below <p>The following are ineligible organisation types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government departments and agencies • Political groups <p>Individuals are not eligible to apply for funding under this grant.</p>
Project Requirements	<p>Applicants must be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate a public interest benefit • demonstrate a benefit for residents of the Gold Coast local government area • expend funds within twelve months of the date of remittance of funds
Ineligible projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that do not meet the requirements of Council's Community Grants Policy. • Projects with sufficient funding support from Council or other levels of government. • Projects that have a commercial purpose. • Projects that are for the sole purpose of fundraising for transfer to a third party. • Projects that do not benefit the Gold Coast community. • Works already commenced. • Retrospective funding for projects already completed.
Ineligible expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of alcohol. • Personal expenses. • Equipment already purchased.
Acquittal Threshold	\$500 and above
Acquittal requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to be acquitted within eight weeks of project completion or twelve months from the date of remittance of funds (whichever is earlier). Any unspent or unacquitted funds must be returned to Council along with the acquittal report. • Written permission must be obtained from Council (or its delegate) prior to

	any variation to the project.
Supporting information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of a Certificate of Incorporation. • Provision of a Certificate of Currency of public liability insurance. • Documents may also be required upon request from Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constitution or Articles of Association - Documents demonstrating organisational and/ or community need.
Submitting an application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications must be submitted via the online application form.
Opening and closing dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications open 1 July 2020 and close no later than 31 July 2020. • Late applications will not be accepted.
Application assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications will be assessed based on the eligibility criteria, demonstrated community need and benefit of the project to the Gold Coast community.
Enquiries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For further information, the contact details are provided under the 'Enquiries' section for each grant stream. • For language assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS): 131 450 ○ TTY – National Relay Service: A 24-hour national relay service offers over the phone solution for people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impediment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TTY and Voice: 133 677 - Speak and Listen (SSR): 1300 555 727 - Internet relay users: connect to the NRS (https://internet-relay.nrscall.gov.au/)

1. Sports club volunteer clean up and maintenance days – eligibility criteria

Eligible activity for sporting clubs	<p>Activities that may be supported under this program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct financial assistance to sporting clubs impacted by COVID-19 to support them to facilitate maintenance days including the purchase equipment and supplies to bring volunteers together to help perform clean-up and general minor repairs in readiness for sport reopening. <p>Where contractors and suppliers are to be engaged, local contractors and/or suppliers within the Gold Coast local government area are to be utilised (where practical).</p>
Minimum Grant Amount	\$2,000 per project
Maximum Grant Amount	\$2,000 per project
Enquiries	For further information contact Parks and Recreational Services Branch on (07) 5581 6863 or email recreationalservices@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

2. Sports club building maintenance – eligibility criteria

Eligible activity for sporting clubs	<p>Activities that may be supported under this program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct financial assistance to sporting clubs impacted by COVID-19 to support them with maintenance activities identified through the City's inspection program for leased facilities. <p>Where contractors and suppliers are to be engaged, local contractors and/or suppliers within the Gold Coast local government area are to be utilised (where practical).</p>
Minimum Grant Amount	\$2,000 per project
Maximum Grant Amount	\$2,000 per project
Enquiries	For further information contact Parks and Recreational Services Branch on (07) 5581 6863 or email recreationalservices@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

3. Community organisation support – eligibility criteria

Eligible activity for community organisations	<p>Activities that may be supported under this program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct financial assistance to community organisations impacted by COVID-19 to support them with re-establishment, sustainability and recovery activities. • Operational projects to support community organisations to continue the delivery of services via new programs or alternative service delivery models. • Projects that increase the community's capacity to address local needs. • The purchase or maintenance of equipment to assist with operations including digital inclusion. • Minor asset maintenance or renewal for emergent or safety purposes. <p>Where contractors and suppliers are to be engaged, local contractors and/or suppliers within the Gold Coast local government area are to be utilised (where practical).</p>
Minimum Grant Amount	\$1,000 per project
Maximum Grant Amount	\$5,000 per project
Enquiries	For further information contact Safe and Liveable Communities Branch on (07) 5581 6642 or email liveable@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

4. Venue hire fee support (City Major Venues and Aquatic Centre hirers only) – eligibility criteria

Eligible activity for major venues and aquatic centres hirers	<p>Activities that may be supported under this program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fees associated with hiring the City's major venues and aquatic centres. <i>note: eligible funding will equate to approximately 10% of annual venue hire fees</i>
Minimum Grant Amount	\$500 per project
Maximum Grant Amount	\$20,000 per project
Additional Supporting information required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisation must be able to demonstrate the existence of a refund process for their members. Organisation must be an existing hirer of City Major Venues and Aquatics. Organisation must be able to demonstrate lost income streams as a result of COVID-19.
Enquiries	For further information contact Community Venues and Services Branch on (07) 5581 8161 or email brobinson@goldcoast.qld.gov.au