



COVID-19 Recovery Assistance Grants 2020-21

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
I have a small grant in the pipeline can I apply for this funding?	If your project has been delayed due to COVID 19 and your acquittal date extended, yes you can apply.
My activity is only in Anglesea can I still apply if it's for Surf Coast Shire?	Yes – your activity doesn't have to be shire wide, it must however benefit the residents of the Surf Coast.
I have received money from another organisation, can I still apply?	Yes – if by applying under this program you can demonstrate how the added funding will benefit the outcome of your project, then collaboration and partnership is considered advantageous.
I have a great idea and think it is really important, but I don't have anyone at this stage to assist me, can I still apply?	It depends – it is vital that you speak with one of the Program Officers (details below) so they can discuss your proposal. One of the eligibility requirements is that you have the right people and governance in place to make you initiative a success this includes managing the finance and reporting requirements.
My business has no cash flow, can I access these funds to assist in the running of my business?	No – seeking compensation for rates, utilities, mortgages and loss of revenue are not eligible under this grant funding.
My business has been really affected by the pandemic, can I apply?	No – unfortunately, while Council is aware of the dire economic situation for many businesses, a business can only apply for a project / initiative that supports an industry sector or the broader Surf Coast community
I have a great idea and I live in Armstrong Creek, can I apply?	Yes – while the program is open to Surf Coast Shire residents and businesses if your initiative specifically benefits impacted residents, businesses or industry sectors then yes you may.
We are an unincorporated, can we apply?	Yes – you must get an auspice arrangement from an incorporated, commercial or not-for-profit organisation.
What is an auspice?	An auspice is an organisation who manages grant funding on your behalf. For example, a small community group with limited resources may use a larger Not-for-Profit Organisation as their auspice. Normally you would already have a good working relationship before applying for funding.



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<p>We would like to build a new outdoor pizza oven, can we apply?</p>	<p>This depends - the program is designed to help our community to recovery from this pandemic. If the oven is part of a larger program and you can demonstrate how you will respond to the issues in your community and have measures in place to assess its effectiveness, tangible link to COVID-19, then your application will be considered.</p>
<p>I have received funding for my event later this year, can I apply for more funding as this would be great for our community?</p>	<p>No – while we wish your program all the success it deserves, this grant round is specifically for new initiatives, so your application will not be considered, unless you have a completely new concept.</p>
<p>Can I re-open / amend my application once it has been submitted?</p>	<p>No – it is important to address all criteria and upload attachments prior to submitting your application</p>
<p>Can I apply for more than one COVID recovery grant?</p>	<p>Yes – as the pandemic evolves, different needs will arise</p>
<p>What if my project doesn't have any partnerships?</p>	<p>This will not make you ineligible, however, please contact one of the officers below to see if anyone else or group might be a possible partner, and they may suggest people/groups that you may not be aware of</p>
<p>Is there a space to add a quote?</p>	<p>You can add quotes and testimonials by submitting them on a word document</p>
<p>I have more supporting documentation to upload?</p>	<p>You may send in any supporting documentation to either Officer as long as this is done prior to submitting the application and please provide the application number</p>
<p>Are the assessment questions weighted at all?</p>	<p>No – the program is a very diverse one, all questions attract the same weighting</p>
<p>How do I account for in-kind support?</p>	<p>There is a separate section under the budget to identify the type and the dollar amount of in-kind</p>
<p>What is the closing date?</p>	<p>The program will remain open until all funds are expended. Quick response grants under \$5,000 are assessed weekly at this stage (August, 2020) all larger applications need to go to Council for a decision, please discuss timing with an officer.</p>
<p>Can the Council be a partner?</p>	<p>No – Council can give you approval for an activity on Council owned land or property, but cannot provide a letter of support, this would lead to a conflict of interest.</p>
<p>Is the program capped eg. Must it be completed in 6 months</p>	<p>COVID is such an unknown and timing is problematic, Council is aware that some projects cannot be delivered immediately or may take several months to complete</p>
<p>How much justification do you need for projects over \$5,000?</p>	<p>All projects need a level of justification, the more you ask the more the applicant will need to provide</p>



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	evidence based need, including a well thought out budget, to substantiate the funds requested
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