

Application - Community Grants 2026-2027 Round 1 Form Preview

Community Grants 2026-2027 Round 1 - Application Form

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Community Grants enable organisations to deliver projects that meet identified community needs and encourage community participation and inclusion.

Starting your application

Before you start your application, please read these documents:

- [Community Grants and Micro Grants 2026-2027 Round 1 - Grant Guidelines](#)
- [Grants and Donations Policy](#)
- [Community Strategic Plan](#)
- [Social Justice Charter \(Easy Read version\)](#)
- [Georges River demographic profile](#)

Depending on your project, you may also find these documents helpful:

- [Create Georges River Cultural Strategy](#)
- [Disability Inclusion Action Plan](#)
- [Libraries 2030 - Georges River Library Strategy](#)
- [Other Council plans and strategies](#)

Need help knowing where to start? Check out the below resources.

- [How to Identify Community Needs](#)
- [Developing Your Project](#)
- [Applying for a Grant Checklist](#)

Support from Council

- Speak with Council's Grants and Project Officer
- Attend a Grant Round Information Session
- Visit the [Grants Help Hub](#)

To apply for a grant, you need to speak with Council's Grants and Project Officer about your project. Council can assist you to navigate the process to apply for a grant and ensure you meet the eligibility criteria for the grant you are applying for.

If you have not spoken with Council's Grants and Project Officer yet, email grants@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au, or call 02 9330 9369.

Have you spoken with Council's Grants and Project Officer about your application?

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- Yes
- No

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Privacy

We respect and uphold your rights to privacy protection under the [Australian Privacy Principles](#) (APPs) as established under the *Privacy Act 1988* and amended by the *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012*. To view Georges River Council's privacy statement, please see [Georges River Council's Privacy Policy](#).

Eligibility

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Registered Not-for-profit

To apply for a Community Grant, your organisation must be a registered not-for-profit or be a community organisation with a registered not-for-profit as auspice.

Is your organisation: *

- a registered not-for-profit organisation?
- a community organisation with a registered not-for-profit as auspice?

Applicant organisation name. Must match the name in proof of not-for-profit status. *

Organisation Name

Applicant Primary Address *

Address

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Organisation Eligibility

Provide proof of not-for-profit status. *

Attach a file:

Does your organisation have an ABN? *

- Yes
- No

ABN Lookup

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ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

| Information from the Australian Business Register | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| ABN | |
| Entity name | |
| ABN status | |
| Entity type | |
| Goods & Services Tax (GST) | |
| DGR Endorsed | |
| ATO Charity Type | More information |
| ACNC Registration | |
| Tax Concessions | |
| Main business location | |

Must be an ABN.

Statement by Supplier

As you do not have an ABN, please submit a completed ATO **Statement by a Supplier Form** with your application, otherwise 48.5% of any approved grant may be withheld. Download the form on the [ATO website](#).

Please upload completed Statement by a Supplier Form

Attach a file:

Public Liability Insurance

A certificate of currency for public liability insurance for the registered not-for-profit organisation is required.

If the registered not-for-profit organisation does not have public liability insurance, you can provide a quote for public liability insurance (which will need to be taken up following the approval of the grant).

Provide certificate of currency for registered not-for-profit organisation. *

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Auspice Information

This section captures details of the registered not-or-profit acting as auspice for the purposes of this grant.

What is an auspice?

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An auspice is when a registered organisation applies on behalf of another organisation, group or individual without an ABN / Public Liability insurance / incorporation.

Auspice Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

Auspice Primary Address *

Address

Auspice Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Auspice Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Proof of not-for-profit status of auspice organisation *

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Public liability insurance of auspice organisation *

Attach a file:

Letter of support/memorandum of understanding from auspice organisation confirming auspice agreement *

Attach a file:

Letter must be signed by authorised person (e.g. Manager, CEO, Board Chair)

Does your organisation have an ABN? *

- Yes
 No

Auspice Organisation ABN Lookup

ABN *

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|---|
| Information from the Australian Business Register |
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| ABN |
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| Main business location |

Must be an ABN.

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Financial Reporting Requirements

If your organisation receives more than \$15,000 from Council in financial year 2026-2027, Audited Financial Statements must be provided to Council. Failure to do so will render new applications ineligible.

If your organisation is not in a position to conduct an audit at the end of the financial year, ensure your organisation does not apply for more than \$15,000 in total funding and in-kind support from any of Council's financial assistance programs in any financial year.

Some organisations may be exempt in alignment with the auditing requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. See the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission [website](#) for more information.

I have read and understood Council's Financial Reporting Requirements. *

Yes

Previous Grants from Georges River Council

You must have submitted required acquittals from previously awarded grants to be eligible to submit another grant application.

Have you submitted required acquittals from previously awarded grants from Georges River Council? *

Yes

Not yet

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Not applicable

Project Ineligibility

If your project includes any of the following, it is not eligible to receive a Community Grant.

The application is NOT for any of the following: *

- Projects that duplicate existing services.
- Fundraising, sponsorship or projects seeking prize money or gifts for attendees.
- Unlawful, unethical or profit-making purposes, or towards any political purposes.
- Activities for religious purposes unless the applicant can demonstrate broader community benefit.
- Entities or individuals contributing to the infringement of human rights, including not complying with Modern Slavery Legislation.
- Projects or events that primarily benefits a single individual or private function.
- Submissions from schools or Government agencies.
- Costs for uniforms, travel or subsistence costs (e.g. meals, accommodation, parking fees etc.)
- Funding ongoing operational expenses (e.g. rent, staff wages unrelated to project delivery, insurance, office equipment or other ongoing costs).

At least 9 choices must be selected.

Contact Details

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Project Contact

This is the person we will contact about this grant.

Applicant Project Contact *

Title First Name Last Name

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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|

Applicant Project Contact Position *

Applicant Project Contact Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant Project Contact Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Auspice Project Contact

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Title First Name Last Name

Auspice Project Contact Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Auspice Project Contact Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Organisation Information

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Is your organisation based in Georges River LGA? *

- Yes
 No

You can check if your organisation is based in Georges River LGA by using this webpage:

www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Community/Neighbourhood-Maps

Briefly tell us what your organisation does. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 80 words.

Role in Georges River Community

How does your organisation provide benefit to the Georges River community? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Benefit to the Georges River Community

You have identified that your organisation is based outside Georges River LGA.

How does your organisation provide benefit to the Georges River community? *

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Must be no more than 100 words.

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What other community organisations, services, businesses and people do you already work with in Georges River LGA? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 80 words.

Project Overview

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Project Details

The following sections of the grant application form are your opportunity to tell us the details of your proposed project.

Project Title *

Must be no more than 10 words.

The project title will be used to present your application to Council and within public forums and announcements.

Category

Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 2 has two categories that can be applied for.

Only submit one application per category in a grant round. If an organisation is in a partnership or auspice with another organisation, this will not impact the eligibility of an application from an individual organisation.

Small Projects

- Up to \$10,000
- Project timeframe: 1 January 2027 - 31 December 2027

Major Projects

- Up to \$25,000
- Project timeframe: 1 January 2027 - 31 December 2028

Which category are you applying for in this grant round? *

- Small Projects
 Major Projects

Small Projects Delivery Timeframe

Project Start Date *

Must be a date and between 1/1/2027 and 31/12/2027.

Project End Date *

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Must be a date and between 1/1/2027 and 31/12/2027.

Major Projects Delivery Timeframe

Project Start Date *

Must be a date and between 1/1/2027 and 31/12/2028.

Project End Date *

Must be a date and between 1/1/2027 and 31/12/2028.

About Your Project

Briefly describe your project. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

This description will be used to present your application to Council and within public forums and announcements.

Specific project location *

Word count:

Must be no more than 80 words.

Can be an address, or multiple locations. If the location is not Georges River, explain why.

What are the primary areas of focus for this project/program? *

No more than 5 choices may be selected.

You can select items from any area of the list - all have equal value. Only select sub-categories if you want to be more specific. In this question we want to know about the field of work (e.g. arts, sport, health), rather than the types of people it will affect (e.g. young people, refugees)

Why does the community need this project? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Describe the specific issue or need you want to address. Use the 'How to Identify Community Needs' resource for help - www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/getattachment/Community/Grants-and-Sponsorship/Grants-Help-Hub/Resource-How-to-identify-community-needs.pdf.aspx?lang=en-AU

What are your planned activities? *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Briefly list (bullet points) the specific activities in your project.

Supporting documentation (not required)

Attach a file:

Alignment with Georges River Council

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Community Strategic Plan

Your project needs to align with Georges River Council's [Community Strategic Plan](#).

Which pillar(s) from the Community Strategic Plan does your project align with? *

- Pillar 1: Our Community (pp. 30-32)
- Pillar 2: Our Green Environment (pp. 33-15)
- Pillar 3: Our Economy (pp. 36-38)
- Pillar 4: Our Built Environment (pp. 39-41)
- Pillar 5: Our Governance (pp. 42-43)

At least 1 choice must be selected.

How does your project align with the pillar(s) you have selected? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Social Justice Charter

The [Georges River Social Justice Charter](#) aims to drive social change and to improve the lives of our community by building a culture of access and participation, respect, connection and empowerment, and equity for everyone.

Which objective(s) from the Social Justice Charter Plan (pp. 22-25) does your project align with? *

- 1.1. A proactive approach in preventing and addressing racism and discrimination by supporting the community and increasing community knowledge and awareness.
- 1.2. Advocacy and opportunities for social, economic and cultural participation to foster social cohesion and belonging.
- 1.3. Cultural protocols are considered and embedded in practices and initiatives to appropriately acknowledge and celebrate local heritage and culture.
- 2.1. People in Georges River feel safe, accepted and included.
- 2.2. The community is equipped and empowered to improve environmental resilience, sustainability and adaptability.

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- 3.1. Opportunities for diverse, equitable and inclusive employment, volunteering and skill development in Georges River.
- 4.1. The community is empowered to have a safe on issues that affect them to strengthen civic awareness and participation.
- 5.1. Governance is transparent and accountable.

Select at least one option.

How does your project align with the objective(s) you have selected? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Other Plans and Strategies

Tell us how your project may align with Georges River Council's other [plans and strategies](#).

Does your project align with other Georges River Council plans and strategies?

- Create Georges River Cultural Strategy
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Libraries 2030 - Georges River Library Strategy
- Other:

How does your project align with other Council's other plans and strategies?

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

It is not a requirement to respond to this question.

Access and Inclusion

Grant funded projects delivered in Georges River need to be accessible and inclusive of our diverse community.

How will you make sure your project is inclusive and accessible? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Beneficiaries, Outcomes and Evaluation

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Beneficiaries

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Who are the primary beneficiaries of this project/program? *

No more than 5 choices may be selected.

Please choose only the group/s that are at the very core of this project/program

How many people in Georges River will directly benefit from your project? *

Must be a whole number (no decimal place).

How many people in Georges River will indirectly benefit from your project? *

Must be a whole number (no decimal place).

How did you calculate the number of people who will benefit from your project? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Intended Project Outcomes

Outcomes are the changes you expect from delivering your project in the community. These outcomes should be linked with the identified need for the project.

Outcomes can be related to improvements in skills, knowledge, attitudes, behaviours and policy changes.

Please provide at least three outcomes for your project below.

Outcome 1 *

Word count:

Must be no more than 30 words.

Outcome 2 *

Word count:

Must be no more than 30 words.

Outcome 3 *

Word count:

Must be no more than 30 words.

Outcome 4

Word count:

Must be no more than 30 words.

Outcome 5

Word count:

Must be no more than 30 words.

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Evaluation

If your application is successful, you will need to submit an acquittal reporting to Council what occurred during the grant funded project. Evaluation helps us understand how the project contributed to the intended project outcomes.

Evaluation measures can include:

- Surveys
- Participant interviews

Evaluation measures capture metrics:

- What percentage of participants experienced the intended outcomes?
- What number of participants experienced the intended outcomes?
- What reported change was experienced by participants during the project?
- Is anyone better off?

How do you plan to evaluate the project? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 80 words.

E.g. survey, focus group, interview

What metrics will you use to find out if you project has achieved its outcomes? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

E.g. # or % of participants reporting greater awareness of, or confidence in

Implementation

* indicates a required field

Letters of Support

Letters of Support demonstrate the network and endorsement of other organisations and people who believe in the work you do. They also demonstrate capacity to deliver the proposed project.

Please provide at least two Letters of Support. Each letter should be on a letterhead and signed by an authorised person.

Additional Letters of Support can be provided if relevant to your project.

Required Letters of Support *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 2 files and a maximum of 2 files may be attached.

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Additional Letters of Support

Attach a file:

Project Plan

A project plan communicates how you will manage and deliver your project. Refer to the [Developing your Project](#) resource for help with project planning.

Please complete the table below to provide a high-level overview of how you plan to implement your project in the community.

The top three rows show examples.

| Project Milestone | Delivery Month | Person Responsible |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|
| E.g. Engage external facilitator | March | Program Manager |
| E.g. Purchase equipment to deliver program | April | Program Manager, Finance |
| E.g. Draft Terms of Reference for working group | February | Program Manager |
| | | |

Child Safety

Council commits to putting children first and championing child safety within our community. You can read more about Georges River Council's commitment [on our website](#).

Will your project or program involve children and/or youth? *

- Yes
 No

Child Protection Policy

If your project involves [working with children](#), you must attach a copy of your organisation's child protection policy to the application.

If you do not have a formal child protection policy, you must outline how you intend to comply with legislation relating to the safety, welfare and well-being of children.

Does your organisation have a Child Protection Policy? *

- Yes
 No

Child Protection Policy *

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Outline how you intend to comply with legislation relating to the safety, welfare and well-being of children. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Venue Hire

If your project includes venue hire of a Council venue or facility, you must include the venue hire as part of your Community Grant application. Your venue hire submission will be considered for a Venue Hire Grant. ***You do not need to complete an additional Venue Hire Grant application.***

How will using a Council venue help you deliver a successful project? *

- Yes
- No

Venue Hire Details

For a Venue Hire Grant to be considered, you need to provide an event sheet/booking confirmation from Council including the venue name, dates of use and total cost estimate. Venue hire must be within the project period and directly related to the Community Grant.

To book the **Marana Auditorium** or the **Civic Theatre**

- Visit the [Hurstville Entertainment Centre webpage](#)
- Contact the Entertainment Team on entertainment@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au or 02 9330 6400.

To book **all other venues**

- Visit Georges River Council's [online booking system](#)

To book a **Library room**

- Visit the [Library Spaces webpage](#) to choose and book a space

To book a **park**

- Visit the [Hire a Park or Sports Field webpage](#)
- Book using Georges River Council's [online booking system](#)

To book **Jubilee Stadium**

- Visit the [Jubilee Stadium webpage](#)

How will your project benefit from the use of a Council venue? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 80 words.

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Event booking invoice *

Attach a file:

Budget

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Budget Instructions

Clear budget information is required with all applications to communicate what grant money will be spent on.

- All figures should be GST inclusive. An organisation registered to pay GST on goods and/or services needs to include GST in the budget and grant amount requested. It is the responsibility of the applicant to pay GST.
- This budget is for your PROJECT that you are seeking a grant for. Please DO NOT include all income for your organisation.
- Volunteer in-kind contribution should be \$25/hour in both income and expenditure.
- Do not include Venue Hire costs for hire of Council venues.
- Admin and evaluation expenses should not exceed 10% of the project budget.
- Quotes/estimates for budget items over \$500 must be provided.

Small Projects - Requested Amount

Total amount requested *

\$

Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents) and no more than 10000.

Major Projects - Requested Amount

Total amount requested *

\$

Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents) and no more than 25000.

Income

It is recommended that you have **multiple sources of income** for the project to ensure successful and sustainable implementation.

| Income Description | Is this source of income confirmed or unconfirmed? | \$ Amount |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| E.g. ticket sales, membership fees, other grants | | Must be a dollar amount. |
| Georges River Council Community Grant | Confirmed Unconfirmed | \$ |
| Volunteer In-Kind (\$25 per hour) | | \$ |

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Expenditure

| Expenditure Description | \$ Amount | Quotes |
|---|--------------------------|--|
| Include detailed breakdown of cost. E.g. 3 x expenditure item (\$30 per item) | Must be a dollar amount. | Quotes/estimates for budget items over \$500 must be provided. |
| E.g. 3 x expenditure item (\$30 per item) | | |
| Volunteer In-Kind (\$25 per hour) | | |
| Admin and Evaluation (maximum 10%) | | |
| | | |
| | | |

Budget Totals

Your budget **MUST** balance (TOTAL INCOME AMOUNT = TOTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT).

Total Income Amount *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Expenditure Amount *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Income - Expenditure *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.
To balance the budget this amount should be \$0. If it is not \$0, your budget has not balanced and you will need to check your Income and Expenditure tables.

Financial Sustainability

This grant program is designed to provide one-off grant funding for a project that demonstrates community benefit. Council wants to understand how this grant will result in increased financial sustainability for your organisation.

How will receiving this grant mean your organisation is less reliant on Council funding? *

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Further Information

Supporting Documentation

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Please provide any additional supporting documentation for your project and/or organisation here. **This is not required.**

Attach a file:

Additional Information

If there are any further details you would like to provide to support your application, you can do so below. **This is not required.**

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Feedback and Authorisation

* indicates a required field

Feedback

Council is interested in your feedback for the continuous improvement of grant programs. Any feedback you provide here will help shape the implementation of future initiatives and programs.

How many grants has your organisation received from Georges River Council? *

- None
- 1-3
- 4-10
- More than 10

What training would you like to see Council deliver to support your grant application process? *

- Grant writing training
- Crafting outcomes for your project
- Project development and planning
- Preparing for acquittals
- Using SmartyGrants and SmartyFile
- Other:

Please provide us with your suggestions for any improvements to the Council's grant programs and the application process, and any feedback you would like us to consider. Thank you.

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Authorisation

This section must be completed by an appropriately authorised person on behalf of the applicant organisation (may be different to the contact person listed earlier in this application form).

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the statements made within this application are true and correct. I understand that if the applicant organisation is successful in gaining funding for this grant, we will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant as outlined through Council correspondence.

I agree: *

Yes

Name of authorised person *

Title First Name Last Name

| | | |
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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
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Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer.

Position *

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Date *

Must be a date.

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