Grants Review 2025: Background Report

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Introduction

The City of Port Phillip seeks your input on our draft policy principles for Community Funding. These principles will guide the governance of our grant programs. We also want your feedback on the types of grant programs we offer the community. This document provides information to support your participation in providing feedback, including:

1. The draft policy principles
2. The 2024/25 programs with budget allocation
3. A short description of current and past grant programs

We appreciate you taking the time to read this report and offering your insights into our review.

Draft Policy Principles

Maximise outcomes – Our funding is fit-for-purpose to enable achievement of our strategic goals and deliver meaningful outcomes for our community.
Responsiveness – Our programs are flexible and responsive, continually adapting to meet the evolving needs of, and strengths and opportunities presented from, our community.
Transparent and accountable – Our programs are transparent, with clear assessment criteria and processes that strengthen public accountability.
Sustainable – We support and promote environmentally sustainable practices in the way we manage our funding.
Partnerships – We use funding to build partnerships with and between, community organisations, to achieve shared goals for our community, valuing trust and positive relationships.
Access and equity – We are committed to treating people fairly, ensuring our funding is accessible to, and reaches, the people and organisations contributing to our community.
Efficient and proportionate – Our administrative processes are efficient. Applications and reporting is proportionate to the amount of funding offered.

Grant Programs 2024/25

Grant	2024/25 Budget	Who Can Apply	Grant Amount
Cultural Development Fund - Festivals and Events	$135,000	Not-for-profit community / cultural organisations	Tier 1: $5,000 - $10,000 Tier 2: Up to $20,000
Cultural Development Fund - Key Organisations multi-year grants	$180,000	Incorporated Not-for-profit cultural organisations	Up to $30,000 per annum for 3 years
Cultural Development Fund - Projects	$125,000	Individuals and Not-for-profit Organisations or Groups	Up to $12,000
Community Grants Program • Community Strengthening • Social Inclusion Partnerships • Program Support	$285,000	Not-for-profit organisations or groups	Up to $10,000
Toyota / CoPP Equipment Fund	$30,000	Not-for-profit organisations or groups	Up to $1,500
Quick Response Grants	$20,000	Individuals, community organisations, schools, and social enterprises	Up to $500 (individuals) Up to $2,000 (organisations)
Diversity and Aging Support	$22,745	Not-for-profit organisations or groups	Up to $1000
Seniors Festival Grants	$10,000	Not-for-profit organisations or groups	Up to $800
Youth Access Grants	$100,000	Individuals, Not-for-profit organisations or groups	Up to $500 (individuals) Up to $15,000 (organisations)

Grant Program Descriptions

Community Grants Program

The City of Port Phillip Community Grants Program provides a strategic opportunity to partner with community groups and organisations to strengthen community capacity and create and promote an inclusive, liveable, sustainable, and vibrant community.

Eligible organisations are invited to submit applications that will enhance diversity, enable community participation and decision-making, and contribute to the building of healthy, strong and inclusive communities

Cultural Development Fund Projects

The CDF-Projects grants offer opportunities for local artists or arts and related organisations to apply for funds to support delivery of creative projects that engage our community.

This stream is open to all artforms and cultural heritage projects and is designed to develop new work, reconnect with our communities, and celebrate the creative life of the City.

Cultural Development Fund Festivals and Events

The CDF-Festivals and Events grant offers opportunity for arts, cultural, trader and community organisations to apply for funding to support delivery of festivals and events in the City of Port Phillip that engage our community, foster social connectivity and/or drive visitation and support local economic benefit.

Cultural Development Fund Key Organisations

Cultural Development Fund (CDF)-Key Organisations is a City of Port Phillip arts funding initiative developed through the Art and Soul: Creative and Prosperous City Strategy to provide multi-year organisational funding for significant arts and cultural organisations in the City of Port Phillip.

Applicant organisations must have a strong track record of producing high-quality work, encouraging visitation to the City, and significantly engaging the community.

Quick Response Grant Program Organisations and Individuals

The Quick Response Grant Program (QRGP) provides small grants to eligible individuals and organisations throughout the year. This is a competitive program that is limited by the amount of funds available

Youth Access Grants Recreation and Get Involved Programs

The City of Port Phillip Youth Access Grants aims to provide access and inclusive recreational opportunities for young people aged 12 – 18 who live, study, work or recreate within the City of Port Phillip and enable young people to build social connections and a positive sense of self.

Seniors Festival

The City of Port Phillip Seniors Festival is a celebration for seniors. It includes free and low-cost events that recognise seniors' valuable contribution to our community.

The Seniors Festival aims to promote a positive attitude to ageing amongst the whole community.

Love My Place

The Love My Place grants program (LMP/the Program) sought to activate public spaces within the City of Port Phillip through unique events, experiential public art, and experimental installations to support high streets and activity centres.

The Love My Place grant program is no longer offered.

Community Meals Subsidy 2022/23

The program supported community organisations to provide free or low-cost meals to disadvantaged community members.

The Community Meals Subsidy is no longer being offered.


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