

The availability of financial support remains subject to Community Funding allocations within Council's Annual Budget that may vary from year-to-year based upon Council and community priorities.

Council's Advisory Groups may be consulted in the assessment of Community Funding applications based upon their Terms of Reference and specific expertise.

OBJECTIVE

- To provide financial assistance through grants, sponsorship, donations, waivers and in-kind support which assist groups, organisations and individuals to deliver positive community outcomes.
- To utilise community funding as a strategic opportunity to strengthen quality of life within Vincent through improved community engagement, partnerships and participation
- To complement and support both Council and community priorities through a range of community funding initiatives

POLICY

The City of Vincent recognises that community funding provides a significant opportunity to work collaboratively with the local groups, organisations and individuals to deliver activities which increase social participation, promote social inclusion and strengthen connections within our community. A variety of funding initiatives are offered each year to meet the diverse range of interests, demands and priorities throughout the Vincent community.

1. Seeding Grants

Seeding Grants aim to support City of Vincent based groups, organisations and individuals seeking to implement a new, innovative project that will benefit the local community. 'Cultural Kickstart' grants are available for new projects related to cultural development, artistic development, community art projects or events. 'Community Innovation' grants are available for new projects related to community development, education or recreation.

Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. A one-off amount up to **\$5,000** may be available for each individual project through this funding category.

2. Community Support Grants

Community Support Grants aim to support City of Vincent based groups, organisations and individuals to deliver programs and services that address key social issues impacting the local community. Grants are available for programs and services that demonstrate outcomes that will build a strong and resilient community as well as initiatives that ensure the ongoing sustainability of community organisations.

Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to **\$10,000** may be available for each individual program or service through this funding category.

3. Youth Development Grants

Youth Development Grants aim to support young people within the City of Vincent who are dedicated to addressing key social, economic and environmental issues within the local community. Focus areas include community and social entrepreneurship, environment and sustainability, arts and creative expression, and leadership and personal development.

Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to **\$1,000** may be available for each individual program or service through this funding category

4. Collaborative Grants

Collaborative Grants aim to establish partnerships between the City of Vincent and service delivery agencies that reside and/or operate within our local community in order to effectively respond to a recognised community focus area as determined by Council. This focus area will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure alignment with Council priorities and community demands.

Funding applications are considered and approved by an Assessment Panel comprising Council representatives. An amount up to **\$85,000** may be available for each individual project, program or service through this funding category.

5. Female Sports Participation Grants

Female Sports Participation Grants aim to support City of Vincent based sport and recreation clubs and State Sporting Associations to establish activities, programs or projects that promote and encourage equal participation of women and girls in sport. Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to **\$2,000** may be available for each individual activity, program or project through this funding category.

6. Festival and Event Sponsorship

Festival and Event Sponsorship aims to support City of Vincent based groups and organisations to deliver festivals, events and other similar activities which contribute to community vibrancy. Sponsorship will be provided through direct funding and/or in-kind services with the level of support determined by the value to the Vincent community in terms of economic, cultural and social outcomes. Through a formal Sponsorship Agreement applicants are required to acknowledge support from the City of Vincent.

Sponsorship applications are assessed annually by Council's Arts Advisory Group who provide a recommendation to Council for formal consideration. There is no maximum amount of funding for each festival or event through this funding category with amounts awarded based on alignment with the Guidelines and Criteria as well as Council priorities.

Applicants should also refer to *Council Policy No. 3.8.3 – Concerts and Events*.

7. Town Team Grants

Town Team Grants aim to support the six recognised Town Teams within the City of Vincent (Beaufort Street Network, Leederville Connect, Mt Hawthorn Hub, North Perth Local, Northbridge Common and West End Arts Precinct) to deliver initiatives that improve the performance of Town Centres and/or assistance with their ongoing governance and sustainability.

Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines, Town Centre Place Plans and Town Team Action Plans. An equal amount of funding will be made available to each Town Team annually, subject to Community Funding allocations within Council's Annual Budget

8. Environmental Grants

Environmental Grants are designed to assist and encourage schools, community groups and organisations to implement local projects or initiatives that align with the objectives of the City of Vincent *Sustainable Environment Strategy*.

Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to **\$2,000** may be available for each individual project, program or service through this funding category.

9. Heritage Assistance Fund

The Heritage Assistance Fund provides financial assistance to persons who wish to undertake approved heritage conservation projects on places listed on the City of Vincent Municipal Heritage Inventory. Applicants should also refer to *Council Policy No. 7.6.9 – Heritage Assistance Fund*.

Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to **\$5,000** may be available as a matched grant of 50% for each individual project through this funding category.

10. Heritage Plaques Program

The Heritage Plaques Program provides financial assistance to persons who wish to install a plaque or alternative form of interpretation to recognise and celebrate places of heritage interest in the City of Vincent that are either in situ or have been demolished.

Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to **\$1,000** may be available as a matched grant of 50% for each individual project through this funding category.

11. Active Transport Schools Grants

Active Transport Schools Grants provide financial assistance for schools located within the City of Vincent towards Active Transport Events, Bike Education and/or Partnered Perth Bike Network (PBN) Connecting Schools Grants. The grants should encourage, support and celebrate children, parents and staff in the City to choose active transport options to get to and from school.

Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to **\$1,000** may be available for each individual program or service through this funding category.

12. Active Transport Community Initiatives Grants

Active Transport Community Initiatives Grants provide financial assistance to eligible community groups and not-for-profit organisations to help fund community programs that promote or assist the community to engage in active transport. The grant can be applied to the presentation of a one off event or the development of a program which encourages, supports or celebrates initiatives that promote Vincent residents choosing active transport options.

Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to **\$2,500** may be available for each individual program or service through this funding category.

13. Transport Assistance

Transport Assistance is provided to eligible residents who have difficulty accessing transport to and from medical appointments. Such assistance is provided through direct referral to community based organisations that provide transport services or through prepaid taxi vouchers.

Requests for assistance are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category

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Attachment 1: Community Funding Application and Assessment Overview

Funding Category	Eligibility	Maximum Amount	Application Deadline	Assessment & Approval Process
Seeding Grants	Not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and registered charities	\$5,000	Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted	Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities
Community Support Grants	Not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and registered charities	\$10,000	Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted	Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities
Youth Development Grants	Not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, registered charities and individuals	\$1,000	Applications accepted throughout the year	Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities
Collaborative Grants	Service delivery agencies, not-for-profit organisations, social Enterprises and registered charities	\$85,000	Annually in September or as specific community needs are identified by Council.	Assessment Panel comprising Council and Administration representatives will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria

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Female Sports Participation Grants	Not-for-profit organisations, State Sporting associations and sport and recreation clubs.	\$2,000	Applications accepted throughout the year.	Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities
Festival and Event Sponsorship	Not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and registered charities	N/A	Annually in March	Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, and prepare a report for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council
Town Team Grants	Beaufort Street Network, Leederville Connect, Mount Hawthorn Hub, North Perth Local, Northbridge Common and West End Arts Precinct	Subject to Annual Budget	Applications accepted throughout the year until specific Town Team funds are exhausted	Administration will assess applications based on Town Centre Place Plans, Town Team Action Plans, and category guidelines and criteria
Environmental Grants	Schools, not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and registered charities	\$2,000	Annually in March	Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities
Heritage Assistance Fund	Property owners with a place on the City of Vincent Municipal Heritage Inventory and/or State Register of Heritage Places or within a heritage area	50% of the total cost of works up to \$5,000 maximum	Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted or as specific needs are identified by Heritage Officers	Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities

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Heritage Plaques Program	Property owners and not-for-profit organisations	50% contribution up to \$1,000 maximum	Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted	Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities
Active Transport Schools Grants	Schools	\$1,000	Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted	Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities
Active Transport Community Initiatives Grants	Not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and registered charities	\$2,500	Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted	Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities
Transport Assistance	Residents with demonstrated difficulty accessing transport to attend medical appointments	\$100 for individuals or \$150 for couples	Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted	Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, and the availability of alternative Home and Community Care (HaCC) services
Special Assistance Welfare	Residents requiring property repairs to prevent serving of a notice under Section 135 of the <i>Health Act 1911</i> or Schedule 3.1 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>	N/A	N/A	Administration will assess situations where such assistance is required on a case-by-case basis

