

Capital Infrastructure Program Guidelines

2022–2023



Introduction

Redlands Coast's strong and vibrant community spirit is nurtured through services, programs, organisations, facilities, and community partnerships. Over the past 12 years Redland City Council's Community Grants and Sponsorship Program has supported a diverse range of valuable, community-based projects and events, awarding more than 1,200 grants, totalling more than \$7.5 million, to applicants.

As we continue to navigate the pandemic and adjust to a COVID-normal future, Redland City Council is determined to assist in revitalising events and community services and supporting the Redlands Coast economy.

Redland City Council's Community Grants and Sponsorship Program will be available in 2022-23, with one round of capital infrastructure grants to continue to build and strengthen community partnerships and invest in tomorrow's Redlands Coast.

Those who have their bright ideas and plans mapped and those still in the planning phase are encouraged to keep an eye out for when community grant rounds open and submit your application.

This guideline is designed to guide you through the application process so your event or initiative can go from idea to reality, helping to drive civic pride and ensure Redlands Coast continues to be the best place to live, work and play.

To all the individuals and not-for-profit organisations Council has worked with in the past – and hope to work with in the future – thank you for your tireless endeavours to make Redlands Coast naturally wonderful.

By applying for a community grant today, you are investing in the Redlands Coast community tomorrow.

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1. About the program

Capital Infrastructure grants are available to assist eligible organisations build, renovate or refurbish community facilities in the Redlands, including hard-wired technology upgrades.

The program aims to meet and respond to Council's vision and goals as outlined in Redland City Council's Corporate Plan.

2. Program objectives

The program is designed to support delivery of Council's vision and goals outlined in Redland City Council's Corporate Plan. Applicants are required to align their project with one or more of the program objectives to be eligible to apply for funding.

- Increasing employment and/or boosting the local economy.
- Assisting community organisations to provide services.
- Empowering community organisations and building capacity.
- Building community infrastructure.
- Assisting disadvantaged/vulnerable groups.
- Providing cost-efficient initiatives.
- Increasing leverage to gain additional funds from state/federal departments.
- Creating identity, a sense of place and celebration.
- Contributing to a sustainable environment.
- Supporting a robust living culture in the Redlands.

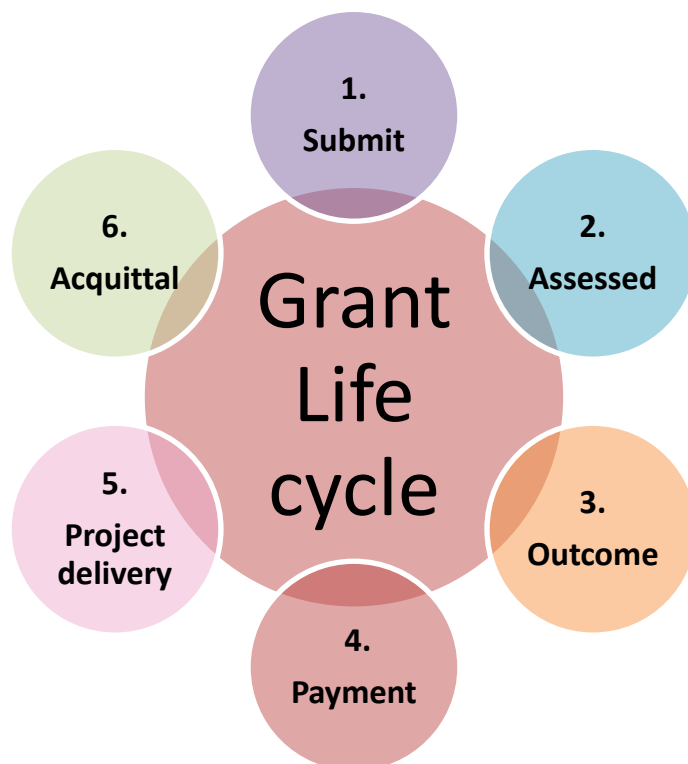
3. Redland City Council Strategic Goals

Redland City Council, through its Corporate Plan is committed to an enriched and sustainable future for our city and the communities that live, work and play here. We strive to make a difference and make it count through the services that we provide.

Applicants are required to align their project with one or more of the following strategic goals in Council's *Our Future Redlands – a Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond*.

- City Leadership.
- Strong Communities.
- Quandamooka Country.
- Natural Environment.
- Liveable Neighbourhoods.
- Thriving Economy.
- Efficient and Effective Organisation.

4. Grant Life cycle



1. Submit	Submission of online application with supporting documentation.
2. Assessed	Application assessed by a panel of Council Officers and decisions determined by a Grants Panel.
3. Outcome	Applicant advised of funding outcome.
4. Payment	Funds provided to successful applicants.
5. Project delivery	Project delivered within a specific timeframe.
6. Acquittal	Acquittal of funds required including receipts of expenditure.

5. Available funding

There are two levels of funding available under the Capital Infrastructure program as follows:

Category	Further information	Available funding	Applicant cash contribution
Small Capital Infrastructure	Part A	Up to \$10,000	No cash contribution required
Major Capital Infrastructure	Part B	\$10,001 - \$50,000	50% cash contribution

Supply of equipment such as furniture, decorations and fittings, that are required to deliver the project are eligible up to \$3,000 or 30% of the total amount granted (whichever is the lesser amount).

Receiving funding under the above categories doesn't guarantee that future stages of the project will also be funded. For example, if you have three stages to your project and have received funding under Small Capital Infrastructure for the first stage, this does not guarantee you will receive funding for the next two stages.

Cash contribution

Calculate your organisation's cash contributions for **Major Capital only**:

- Applicants must make a 50% financial cash contribution.
- Total project cost less 'in-kind' contribution equals total cash component. You must provide 50% of the total cash component.

For example, if a project's total project cost is \$120,000 and your 'in-kind' contribution is \$20,000 then the total cash component is \$100,000. You would then be expected to contribute \$50,000 (50% of \$100,000) and the grant sought is \$50,000 (50% of \$100,000).

Contributions based on barter arrangements, including assessed cost of volunteer labour, free goods or services and in-house labour costs, are eligible components of your in-kind contribution. As well as confirmed revenue, savings, grant funds and pending grant funds are eligible components of your financial contribution.

6. How does an applicant apply?

Applicants must register and apply for funding through Council's website using the online portal *Smarty Grants*. Before registering or applying, applicants must thoroughly read and understand these guidelines. The guidelines are updated every round; please ensure you review the guidelines each time you apply.

7. How often can an applicant apply?

An eligible applicant can submit:

- One application per funding round under Small Capital Infrastructure projects provided it does not have an approved application from a previous funding round that has not been acquitted.
- One application within a 3 year period for Major Capital Infrastructure projects provided it does not have an approved application from a previous funding round that has not been acquitted.

An auspicing organisation is permitted to auspice multiple organisations in any one funding round, provided it does not have an approved application in its own right from a previous funding round and/or an outstanding acquittal.

8. Timing / important Dates

There is one Capital Infrastructure round per year which is open for a period of four (4) weeks. Applications can only be submitted when the funding round is open. Opening and closing dates are published on Redland City Council's website when available.

The grant assessment process may take up to three (3) months from start to end.

9. Is your organisation eligible?

Eligible organisations	Ineligible organisations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not-for-profit Incorporated or registered by an Act of Parliament. • Have an active ABN or Statement by a supplier. • Be operating and financially viable. • Have a bank account in the name of the legal entity. • Hold Public Liability Insurance. • If sourcing an auspice organisation, ensure the auspice organisation is a not-for-profit. • If sourcing an auspice organisation, ensure the auspice agrees to accept legal and financial responsibility for the grant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government or semi-government organisations i.e. hospitals and libraries. • Public and private education institutions i.e. primary, secondary and independent schools, or tertiary institutions. • For profit businesses. • Child care and after-school care service providers. • Political parties and political lobby groups; • Industry peak bodies or organisations that as part of their charter do not provide a direct community benefit. • Organisations that hold a license for more than 20 gaming machines. • Auspicing organisations and/or applicants that have outstanding rates or other debts to Council. • Organisations that are supported through Council's Targeted Funding Allocations to deliver community services, if applying for the same project.

Applicants who are ineligible to apply for a grant are also ineligible to auspice an applicant. This criteria applies except for 'Organisations that hold a licence for more than 20 gaming machines'. These particular organisations are eligible to auspice applicants if it can be demonstrated that the auspicing organisation would not benefit from the applicant receiving the grant.

10. Application requirements

An applicant must:

- not commence the project before receiving written notification of grant approval;
- evidence of support and partnerships with other organisations for application activities is highly desirable;
- the funded activity must be delivered in Redlands, however the applicant may be based outside the Redlands;
- provide written land owners consent from Council where the project is occurring on Council owned or managed land;
- where funded projects are held in a Council building or facility, the building must meet all requirements of a building compliance inspection as per the lease agreement;
- have a legal right to conduct works on the proposed site and have a registered lease or permit to occupy for a minimum three-year period;
- secure all permits and approvals required to conduct works, which should be obtained or in progress, prior to submitting the application; where works are on Council land approvals must be provided by RCC before lodging a grant application;
- have appropriate site or works plans considering impacts and accessibility to other users and residents as a result of the works;
- have an established budget containing sufficient funds to cover all costs, not just building works;
- ensure only licensed contractors undertake works related to the project;
- have a facility management plan or an identified need for the project in a strategic plan or other document; and
- provide two written quotes for all works required and evidence to support your application is essential.

An applicant may require a Development Application or Permit under the *Planning Act 2016* or Council's City Plan. The nature of the project will determine the type of approvals required and it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure these approvals are in place prior to project commencement. Applicants who have these approvals at the time of application will be considered favourably.

11. Grant funding for equipment

Applicants are encouraged to seek funding for equipment through other funding programs outside of Council, such as the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF). Further information on this program is available at www.gamblingcommunityfund.qld.gov.au

Requests for funding towards equipment can be considered if it's:

- a) essential to delivery and there is a demonstrated need; and
- b) not greater than \$3,000 or 30% of the grant (whichever is the lesser).

12. What will NOT be funded

The program supports projects that are clearly aligned with the program objectives. Project activities that are considered to be outside of the scope of the project or are the responsibility of the applicant or their identified partners, will be deemed ineligible.

The following activities are ineligible for funding under this program:

- projects for fundraising purposes where proceeds will be provided to a third party;
- projects of a political nature or those which incorporate political activities;
- projects operated for commercial purposes;
- day-to-day operational costs for an organisation, including staff wages, rent and insurances (unless there is evidence it is an additional expense incurred by the funded project);
- projects which begin before grants are awarded (no grants will be awarded retrospectively);
- payment of debts to any entity including Council;
- recurrent projects;
- projects considered the core responsibility of other levels of government;
- events or activities in competition or conflict with Council;
- projects that have the same or similar outcome that have been funded under any other Council programs including Operational funds, Sponsorship and the Mayor and Councillors Community Benefit Fund;
- project costs incurred outside the funding period;
- purchase of vehicles;
- purchase of alcohol, prize money or the purchase of prizes including gift cards;
- donations;
- project costs already supported through other Federal or Queensland Government funding;
- maintenance of a Council facility where the responsibility of maintaining the facility lies with the lessee, including but not limited to, painting and day-to-day maintenance to ensure the general upkeep of the building or facility;
- regular maintenance or replacement of floor coverings;
- purchase of land, existing buildings or facilities;
- turf, landscaping and laying of turf;
- building work and professional fees that are not related to the project;
- repair or redevelopment of facilities damaged by fire, explosion, vandalism, flood (except projects impacted by floods in areas declared by the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)), cyclone, storm, or other natural disaster where the facility should be covered against that type of damage by insurance; and
- works on privately owned land unless significant local partnerships are demonstrated and the project has wide community benefit and ongoing access is assured through an appropriate tenure agreement.

13. How is an application assessed?

Both your organisation and your project must be eligible for funding for your application to be considered. Only information contained in an application will be assessed.

Your project will be assessed on the quality of the information and how well it meets the assessment criteria identified below:

Program / Strategic Priorities

- ability to achieve one or more of Redland City Council Strategic Goals; and
- ability to meet one or more of Program objectives.

Benefits / Opportunities

- project responds to identified needs and emerging local issues;
- project provides positive outcomes and benefits for the community; and
- project demonstrates evidence of strategies that enable the project to continue beyond the life of the funding.

Partnerships

- evidence of involvement from other relevant organisations in either the planning or delivery of the project; and
- Evidence of partnership contributions either in-kind or monetary.

Ability to Deliver

- project demonstrates appropriate qualifications and/or level of experience of individuals/organisations delivering activities;
- a project plan demonstrates capacity of the organisation to undertake all aspects of the project, including milestones, evaluations, marketing, deadlines and the acquittal process; and
- budget is comprehensive, realistic and represents value for money.

The number of grants awarded and the value of grants will be at Council's discretion and will reflect the merit of applications, and in particular, the needs of the city. Council reserves the right to offer applicants a smaller grant than they requested.

If you have previously been approved for funding from Council, the delivery and outcomes of those projects will be taken into consideration. Organisations that have outstanding issues with Council can be refused funding for their project.

14. Approval Process

Applicants will receive an email acknowledging receipt of their application. This email will contain a unique reference number which should be quoted when making enquiries about your application.

Applicants that are successful in obtaining funding will be advised in writing and required to:

- enter into a Funding Agreement and agree to its terms and any special conditions; and
- provide an invoice, before payment will be processed.

Successful applications may at Council's discretion be required to enter into a progress payment schedule that will be outlined in the final funding agreement. All Capital Infrastructure grants greater than \$20,000 will be paid in instalments. These instalments will be negotiated with the grant recipient based on the schedule of works. Also, funding may only be provided once certain conditions are met.

Unsuccessful applications will have the opportunity to seek feedback so improvements can be made prior to the next round.

15. Funding conditions

Project monitoring and reporting

Applicants must acquit funds that have been provided at the completion of the project or activity. This includes providing adequate receipts or evidence of approved expenses that at least equal the amount of the grant. For this purpose you are required to keep all receipts for items purchased.

Statutory declaration or certification from external auditors in lieu of receipts or invoices will not be accepted.

Should an applicant not acquit grant funding, they will remain ineligible under future funding rounds until such time as the acquittal is provided and meets Council's satisfaction.

Repayment of grant

You must repay to us:

- (a) Within 30 days of our request or as otherwise agreed, any part of the spent on purposes not approved by the Grant Funding Agreement;
- (b) Any and all unexpended grant unless otherwise agreed, within 30 days or the earlier of:
 - i) the end date
 - ii) termination of the Grant Funding Agreement;
- (c) Any difference between the actual project costs and the budget costs which are greater than \$100 (where the budget costs exceed the project costs).

All repayments must reflect any associated GST component relating to the original payments.

Variations

Funding must be used in accordance with the Grant Funding Agreement. Any changes to the grant activities undertaken or the project duration must be approved by Council.

Please send an email or letter to the Community Grants Team with your request outlining the changes you are seeking to the funding agreement before the project end date, for example: changes to the nature/purpose of the project, the way in which the project is to be carried out and completed, the budget and/or any extension to the funding period.

Approval must be sought and approved in writing before you undertake any changes. Variations cannot be sought after the Funding Agreement end date.

16. Support and assistance

The Community Grants Team can provide information to applicants about the Capital Infrastructure Program. The Grants Team are available to assist with identifying the most suitable category for your project and can organise for you to meet with a Council Officer who can provide advice in the development of your project/application.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to seek assistance with their applications to ensure their application meets the objectives of the category they are applying under and to increase the chances of being successful in receiving funding.

If you need any information about Council's Community Grants, visit our website www.redland.qld.gov.au/grants or contact either of the Community Grants Team or Council's Customer Service Centres.

COMMUNITY GRANTS TEAM

Phone: (07) 3829 8999

Email: grants@redland.qld.gov.au

17. Additional information

Insurance

It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain and maintain adequate insurance (including public liability minimum \$20 million) with a reputable insurer, in relation to activities carried out by the applicant for the project, to guard against any claims for loss or damage to property and injury or death to persons.

The applicant is also responsible for ensuring a safe work environment in accordance with Workplace Health & Safety (WH&S) Act 2011 and its associated Regulation and Codes of Practice.

Where applicable, the applicant is to obtain and maintain workers compensation insurance in accordance with applicable legislation and where relevant, ensure appropriate Council approvals can be obtained to complete your project.

Temporary Entertainment Event Permit

Provision of grant funding for events will be dependent on approval of a Temporary Entertainment Event Approval under Redland City Council's Local Law through Council's Environmental Health Team.

A Temporary Entertainment Event Approval should have been sought or in progress, prior to submitting your funding application. If you do not need any approvals you will need this confirmed in writing.

Contact Council's Environmental Health Team on (07) 3829 8999 for further information.

Australian Business Number (ABN)

All applicants must have an ABN. Organisations that have not registered for an ABN will have the withholding tax (PAYG) of 46.5% deducted from their payment if they do not complete a 'Statement by a supplier' form. To obtain a form, visit the Grants website www.redland.qld.gov.au/Grants.

To register for an ABN, contact your accountant or visit the Australian Business Register at www.abr.gov.au.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Applicants must advise whether they are registered for GST. GST can affect your grant in the following ways:

- Total amount paid for goods and services purchased using the grant funding.
- Total grant funding approved.

If an application submitted by an organisation, which is registered for GST, is successful an additional 10% will be automatically added to the grant amount to cover the GST component. This will ensure no out of pocket expenses for organisations that are registered for GST.

For advice on GST, contact your tax advisor, or the Australian Taxation Office on 13 24 78 or www.ato.gov.au.

18. Budget sample

Income	Itemised description	\$ Amount
Your financial contribution	From savings	\$5,000
Sponsorship from other organisation	State Government grant	\$5,000
Other grant funding towards this project	Fundraising	\$1,500
Revenue/income generated from this project		\$0
Redland City Council Capital Infrastructure Grant	Tradesmen costs and installation	\$23,000
Other income		\$0
Volunteer/in-kind support	Staff labour	\$1,500
Total Income		\$36,000

Grant Expenditure	Itemised description	\$ Amount
Redland City Council Grant expenditure	Electrician	\$5,000
	Plumber	\$5,000
	Louver installation	\$5,000
	Mesh and bird proofing	\$5,000
	Floor removal and replacement	\$3,000
Other expenses		\$0
Total Expenditure		\$23,000

19. Definitions

Term	Definition
Acquit	To advise Council of the outcomes of assistance provided through a Community Grant through the online form provided
Applicant	An individual or organisation or group submitting an application for a Community Grant.
Assessment Criteria	Criteria that have been developed for assessing applications received and to guide funding distribution.
Auspice	An incorporated body that will accept legal and financial responsibility for a project or activity on behalf of a non-incorporated group seeking funding.
Capital Infrastructure	The capital works that are separate or ancillary of a fixed building.
Capital Works	Building and engineering works that create an asset, including the construction and installation of facilities and fixtures that are a part of that asset.
Community Grants Program	Redland City Council's program of grants available to the Redlands Community.
Community Grants Team	A team within Redland City Council responsible for grants administration.
Council	Redland City Council.
Eligibility Criteria	Criteria that must be met for an application to be assessed for funding.
Fixed Structure	Constructed or erected with a fixed location on the ground i.e. buildings, mobile homes, walls, fences and signage billboards.
Grant	Money or goods provided to recipients through formally recognised programs for a specific purpose and outcome.
Grant Conditions	Conditions that apply to the allocation and use of funds.
Incorporated Body	An organisation, group or other entity that is legally incorporated. This includes entities incorporated under the "Associations Incorporation Act 1981", "Corporations Act 2001" (c'wealth), "Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976"(c'wealth), "Cooperatives Act 1997", "Community Services (Aborigines) Act 1984", "Community Services (Torres Strait) Act 1984", and organisations with non-profit objectives incorporated by an Act of Parliament and approved by The Treasurer.
In-kind support	Where labour and/or materials are contributed to the project as opposed to funds. Sources could include the applicant, businesses, organisations or individuals.
Operational costs	The cost associated with the ongoing activities and services of an organisation e.g. rent, insurance, wages and venue hire.
Organisation	An incorporated body seeking funding for a project or activity.
Recurrent projects	Repeated or continued projects in the same location, occurring on a regular or semi-regular cycle (for example annually).
Recipient	Organisation or individual that is successful in their grant application.

PART A: SMALL CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Purpose

To assist eligible organisations build, renovate or refurbish community facilities, including hard-wired technology upgrades in the Redlands.

Available Funding

Grants up to \$10,000 are available for eligible organisations to build, renovate or refurbish facilities, including hard-wired technology upgrades.

Requirements

Applicants must:

- be a not-for-profit and incorporated entity;
- be operating and financially viable;
- have a bank account in the legal name of the entity;
- hold Public Liability Insurance;
- have no outstanding debts to Council.

Projects must:

- meet one or more of the Program Objectives; and
- meet one or more of Council's Strategic Goals outlined in Council's *Our Future Redlands* – a [Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond](#).

Examples include

- Roof restorations
- Upgrade of community kitchen
- Replacement of asbestos roof

PART B: MAJOR CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Purpose

To assist eligible organisations build, renovate or refurbish community facilities, including hard-wired technology upgrades in the Redlands.

Available Funding

Grants from \$10,001 to \$50,000 are available for eligible organisations to build, renovate or refurbish facilities, including hard-wired technology upgrades.

Requirements

Applicants must:

- be a not-for-profit and incorporated entity;
- be operating and financially viable;
- have a bank account in the legal name of the entity;
- hold Public Liability Insurance;
- have no outstanding debts to Council; and
- provide a cash contribution of 50% towards the project.

Projects must:

- meet one or more of the Program Objectives; and
- meet one or more of Council's Strategic Goals outlined in Council's *Our Future Redlands – a Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond*

Examples include

- Roof restorations.
- Upgrade of community kitchen.
- Replacement of asbestos roof.