

# Community Grants Program



# Mayor Forward



As Mayor of Redland City, I continue to be inspired by the commitment and passion of our residents and local not-for-profit organisations who contribute so meaningfully to the wellbeing and vibrancy of our community.

Through grassroots initiatives, cultural celebrations, environmental stewardship and social support programs, these groups play a vital role in shaping Redland City into a resilient, inclusive and thriving place to live, work and visit.

To better support this important work, Redland City Council has enhanced its Community Grants Program, making it more accessible, user-friendly and responsive to community needs. Informed by feedback from past applicants, the program now features more frequent funding rounds and streamlined application processes—ensuring that community groups can access support more efficiently and effectively.

In the year ahead, Council is particularly focused on supporting initiatives that deliver broad community benefit, including signature events that promote economic development, capital infrastructure projects, and community-led programs that celebrate our unique identity and strengthen neighbourhood connections.

I encourage all eligible individuals and organisations to explore the updated program and take advantage of the opportunities available. Together, we can continue to invest in the people, places and projects that make Redland City exceptional.

Together, we can continue building a strong, inclusive, and thriving Redland City.

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**Cr Jos Mitchell**

Mayor Redland City

## Community Grants Program Overview

Council offers two key grant programs to support grassroots community initiatives and larger-scale events. These programs are designed to strengthen local connections, celebrate our unique identity, and build a vibrant and thriving Redlands Coast.

Whether you're a community group hosting a local celebration, upgrading a facility or an organisation planning a major event, these grants provide support to help bring your ideas to life and create lasting benefits for the Redlands community.



# Events on Redland Coast Grant Program

Council supports events that bring people together and contribute to the spirit of the Redlands Coast. We encourage well-organised safe events that engage our local residents, attract visitors and stimulate the local economy.

This framework supports smaller community groups in developing their events, with the goal of achieving financial sustainability and becoming a key destination event in the Redlands. Funding can be considered as a tiered approach from Community Celebrations to multiyear Signature Events Attraction and Retention Fund.

## Community Celebration Grant

To support local community groups to host small scale localised celebration events that foster inclusion, cultural diversity, and community spirit.

This includes events that bring people together, celebrate local identity, and strengthen community connections.



## Events Grant

To support events that benefit the broader Redland Coast community through celebration of community values and engagement while encouraging economic activity.



## Signature Events Attraction and Retention Fund

To support events providing commercial benefits to the Redlands Coast region through the acknowledgment of Redland City Council and/or Redlands Coast.

Multiyear funding can be considered for signature events that demonstrate the Redlands as a destination location.





# Stronger Communities Grant Program

Council supports activities that improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities and to enable physical, social, cultural, environmental and economic participation. Funding is available for not-for-profit organisations to fund initiatives that create long-term social, infrastructure or environmental benefits.

These grants emphasise community impact, sustainability, inclusivity and measurable long-term outcomes. Funding can be considered as a tiered approach with development from Rapid Response Grant to multiyear Build and Thrive Grant.

## Rapid Response Grant

To support improvements to organisational practices, resilience and capacity to deliver services and/or to provide support to an urgent community priority within Redland City.



## Community Support Grant

To support organisations to deliver projects that provide opportunities to meet social, cultural, recreational, or environmental outcomes for the residents of Redland City.



## Build and Thrive Grant

To support community with large or multiyear projects aimed to support organisations' long-term viability and improve infrastructure that serves as a public, cultural or community benefit.



# Rapid Response Grant

Support for improvements to organisational practices, resilience and capacity to deliver services and/or to provide support to an urgent community priority within Redland City.

## Available funds

Funding is available from \$500 to \$3,000

## What can be funded?

Funding is available for a wide range of community-focused activities, including:

- Volunteer support with training and recognition
- Website updates and digital improvements
- Governance and planning such as strategic plans and constitution reviews
- Seed funding for new organisations (operating for less than 3 years)
- Wildlife carer support for equipment and transport for sick/injured animals (individuals or organisations)
- Equipment purchases for community benefit

### More Information

For more information please visit Council's website or scan the below QR Code.



# Community Support Grant

Support for organisations to deliver projects that provide opportunities to meet social, cultural, recreational, or environmental outcomes for the residents of Redland City.

## Available funds

Funding is available up to \$20,000

## What can be funded?

Funding is available for a wide range of community-focused activities, including:

- Wellness workshops, and mental health programs that promote physical and emotional wellbeing
- Skill-building workshops, educational events, and environmental awareness campaigns that strengthen community participation and resilience
- Projects that benefit young people, seniors, and underrepresented groups within the community
- Habitat restoration, wildlife protection, sustainable land and water management, biodiversity conservation, community education, research, weed management, transport for sick/injured animals in Redlands, and equipment for registered wildlife carers



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# Build and Thrive Grant

Support for community with large or multiyear projects aimed to support organisations’ long-term viability and improve infrastructure that serves as a public, cultural or community benefit.

## Available funds

Applicants can request up to \$85,500 in total funding over a three-year period

Funding Options	
Multiyear Funding	Apply for the full amount across three years to support a staged approach to project delivery.  Payment of year two and three instalments are dependent on the successful completion of an annual acquittal of the previous years project.
Single Year Funding	Apply for a portion or the full amount to deliver the project within one year.

## What can be funded?

Funding is available for a wide range of community-focused activities, including:

- Capital works that benefit the community (e.g. sports grounds or facility upgrades)
- Construction, renovation, or enhancement of community infrastructure
- Accessibility improvements such as ramps and pathways
- Sustainability upgrades like solar panels and rainwater tanks
- Roof restorations, including asbestos replacement
- Community kitchen upgrades

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# Community Celebration Grant

To support local community groups to host small-scale, localised celebrations that foster inclusion, cultural diversity, and community spirit. This includes events such as neighbourhood cultural festivals, heritage days, and seasonal or holiday gatherings that bring people together, celebrate local identity, and strengthen community connections.

## Available funds

Funding is available up to \$15,000

## What can be funded?

Funding is available for a wide range of community-focused events, including:

- Inclusive community events like festivals, neighbourhood fairs, and volunteer-led gatherings
- First Nations and multicultural celebrations
- Lantern and tree lighting ceremonies
- Cultural storytelling events
- Seasonal celebrations, such as Christmas carols and small to medium community events



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# Events Grant

To support local community groups to host medium-scale, events that benefit the broader Redlands Coast community through celebration of community values and engagement, through economic and tourism activity.

## Available funds

Funding is available up to \$20,000

## What can be funded?

Funding is available for a wide range of community-focused events, including:

- Festivals, trade fairs, conferences, and summits that attract visitors and increase local spending
- Events promoting local businesses, products, or industries
- Business expos and networking events that support economic development
- Music festivals or concerts
- Sporting events (e.g. World Cups, Olympic, State/National events)
- International film festivals, arts and crafts fairs
- Cultural heritage festivals and historical reenactments

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# Signature Events Attraction and Retention Fund

Events providing commercial benefits to the Redlands Coast region through the acknowledgement of Redland City Council and/or Redlands Coast.

## Available funds

Applicants can request up to \$60,000 per financial year, up to three years

## What can be funded?

Funding is available for a wide range of community focused events including:

- Major events, festivals, trade fairs, and sporting events that attract visitors and boost local spending
- Major events that showcase and support local businesses, products, or industries
- Large-scale networking events or expos that encourage business growth and collaboration within the community
- Large-scale events that create job opportunities or provide training and skill-building for local residents
- Multi-year initiatives that strengthen the Redlands Coast identity

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For more information please visit Council's website or scan the below QR Code.



**All applications go through an assessment process designed to ensure equity, openness and transparency.**

For help with your application, please refer to the Community Grants webpage.

Here you can check if you:

☒ Are you eligible?

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☒ Are you applying under the correct category?

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☒ Are you aware of funding round dates?

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☒ Are you able to meet the requirements as a grant applicant?

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☒ Are you able to acquit funds provided (show evidence of expenditure) upon project completion?

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**For more information:**

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