

Community Celebration Fund Guidelines

The purpose of this one-off rapid response grant program is to empower the community to celebrate the 150 year anniversary of the City of Mount Gambier in their own way.

There are 10 grants of \$5000 available to eligible applicants with the objective to create a vibrant community through:

- Encouraging community to come together and celebrate
- Cultivating community led festivals, events and collaboration
- Celebrating and promoting diversity, accessibility, inclusion and heritage through celebratory activities.

What will be funded:

- Event(s) and/or activities that are open to the whole community for the common purpose of celebrating 150 years of the City of Mount Gambier and
- Events/activities that will be completed by 25 May 2027.

What will not be funded:

- Events and activities not held within the event timeframes
- Events and activities that do not celebrate the 150 year anniversary of the City of Mount Gambier
- Events and activities that are discriminatory in any way, or contravene any legislation
- Fundraising activities, prizes, gifts, awards or sponsorship costs, such as trophies, medals, money or vouchers
- Operational costs for day to day activities and/or processes.

Eligibility:

The following groups and organisations are eligible to apply:

- Not-for-profits, incorporated bodies, co-operatives or associations
- Registered charitable organisations
- Unincorporated bodies with an auspice
- Schools and learning institutions for activities that are not curriculum based and the primary benefit is for the wider community.

Ineligibility:

The following groups, people and organisations are not eligible to apply:

- Individuals without an ABN
- For profits, commercial entities, registered businesses
- Applicants with outstanding acquittals for grant funding or outstanding debts or arrears to City of Mount Gambier

- An organisation involved in legal proceedings relating to winding up its operations, or experiencing insolvency or bankruptcy.

Timeline:

Applications open: Monday 25 May 2026.

Applications close: Friday 24 July 2026.

Activity timeframes: From September 2026 until 25 May 2027.

Application Process**Stage 1: Initial meeting**

The first stage of the application process is to meet with Council to confirm eligibility and availability of funds.

Stage 2: Application

Following confirmation from Council at the initial meeting applicants will be invited to apply for funds using the provided application form.

Stage 3: Council Approval

Applications will be assessed and provided in a report to Council at the Council meeting on 18 August 2026 for approval.

Stage 4: Notification of Outcome

Both successful and non-successful applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application. Once notified, successful applicants can undertake their event/activity from September 2026 until 25 May 2027.

Stage 5: Acquittal

A short acquittal form will be provided for completion and return by 20 June 2027.

Insurance

Applicants must have Public Liability Insurance with a minimum amount of \$20 million. The Certificate of Currency for this insurance will be required as part of the application process. A policy statement or receipt of payment is not an acceptable substitute for the certificate of currency.

Applicants using an auspice would include a certificate from the auspice organisation.

Permits and Approvals

Events may require permits and approvals. These processes are separate to the grant application process. To learn more about the event permit application process <https://www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/services/events-sponsorship-grants/use-of-community-spaces>

How to Apply:

Eligible organisations are invited to contact Council schedule a meeting to discuss their event/activity. To book a meeting please contact Tahlee Chant via email tchant@mountgambier.sa.gov.au or (08) 8721 2555.