

Community Grants Program Guidelines

The Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC) Community Grants Program provides annual funding to support not-for-profit organisations delivering welfare, charitable and community-based initiatives that benefit people in Canberra and the surrounding region.

Grants of between \$200 and \$5,000 are available to eligible organisations. The program aims to support local, community-based groups that make a meaningful and positive contribution to the wellbeing, connection and resilience of the Canberra community.

Eligible Applicants

To be eligible for a Community Grant, applicants must:

- Be a not-for-profit organisation serving Canberra and its surrounding region
- Be an established community, support, volunteer or welfare group delivering activities primarily involving local residents
- Demonstrate a clear community purpose aligned with the objectives of the program

Where an organisation receives funding or support from government or other bodies, the nature and level of that assistance may be considered when assessing eligibility.

The following are generally not eligible:

- Organisations that receive 50% or more of their funding from government and/or philanthropic sources
- Large national organisations
- Applications from individuals

General Guidelines

- Grant requests must be for no less than \$200 and no more than \$5,000.
- Only one application per organisation will be accepted per funding round.
- Grants will not be provided to support the ongoing viability, operating costs or sustainability of an organisation.
- Funding received through the Community Grants Program must:
 - Be used in accordance with applicable ACT legislative requirements governing community contributions.
 - Fall within one or more approved community purpose categories, including:
 - Charitable purposes
 - Recreational activities
 - Education

- Social inclusion, equality or cultural diversity
- Community sport
- Addressing substance misuse or dependence
- Women's sport
- Natural disaster relief or assistance
- Be used only for the purpose outlined in the approved application. Any change to the approved use of funds must receive prior written approval from CSCC.
- Successful applicants must complete and return all required documentation before any payment is made, including acceptance and compliance documentation as requested by CSCC.
- Payments will be made by electronic funds transfer only to the nominated organisation.
- Successful organisations are encouraged to share stories demonstrating how grant funding has benefited their organisation and/or the broader community.
- Grant recipients must complete and submit an acquittal form when requested by CSCC, confirming how the funding was used. Failure to submit the acquittal form by the specified deadline may result in the organisation being required to repay the grant funds.
- CSCC reserves the right to withdraw or cease support if the conduct of an organisation, its staff or members brings the Club into disrepute, including behaviour at CSCC venues or on social media.