



KATHERINE
TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY GRANTS

2027

2026/27 Guidelines & Information

PURPOSE



The Katherine Town Council Community Grants Program provides one-off financial assistance for projects, activities and events that deliver a clear benefit to the Katherine community.

The program aims to:

- encourage community participation
- strengthen local organisations and volunteers
- support inclusive community events and activities
- help bring new ideas to life
- build a vibrant, connected community
- give locals and visitors more to do throughout the year

FUNDING AVAILABLE



Applications open each financial year.

\$2,000

Up to, for community projects and activities.

\$5,000

Up to, for *major community events

*A major event is generally one that attracts broad community participation, has significant social, cultural or economic benefit and requires a higher level of planning and delivery.

WHO CAN APPLY?



Eligible applicants include

- incorporated not-for-profit organisations
- incorporated sporting and community groups
- organisations applying on behalf of a community group (auspice arrangements)
- volunteer groups where Council is satisfied appropriate governance and accountability arrangements are in place.

Applicants must have satisfactorily acquitted any previous Council grants before a new application will be considered.

WHAT CAN AND CAN'T BE FUNDED?



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Eligible activities	Ineligible activities
Events Workshops Festivals Community activities Equipment hire Artist or facilitator fees Venue hire Local travel (directly related to the activity) Project materials Marketing Catering (directly related to the activity) Council permits or similar project costs	Ongoing operating costs Wages not directly related to the project Capital building works Uniforms Memberships Competition fees Alcohol Retrospective expenses Public liability insurance Prizes Activities that are primarily the responsibility of another funding body

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE ASSESSED



Eligible applications are assessed by a panel of three elected members and one Katherine Town Council officer.

The criteria includes:

- the benefit to the Katherine community
- value for money
- whether the project is well planned and achievable
- the applicant's contribution through volunteers, fundraising or other support
- alignment with the objectives of the Community Grants Program.

Previous grant recipients are welcome to apply. Receiving funding in previous years does not guarantee future funding. Each application will be assessed on its own merits.

FUNDING CONDITIONS



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Successful applicants must

- use the funding only for the approved purpose
- obtain any required permits and insurance
- acknowledge Katherine Town Council's support in promotional material where practical
- advise Council of any significant changes to the project
- complete an acquittal within two months of the project being completed.

Projects must not commence before funding is approved unless Council has agreed otherwise.

TIPS FOR A STRONG APPLICATION



Applications are more likely to be successful if they clearly explain:

- what will happen
- who will benefit
- how the funding will be spent
- what other support the project has
- how the project will make a positive difference to the Katherine community.



NEED A HAND WITH YOUR APPLICATION?

Contact Katherine Town Council on (08) 8972 5500 for advice on completing your application or for further information.

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