

Reconnection and Recovery Grants

Reconnection and Recovery Grants are expected to contribute to a sense of community identity, inclusion and connectedness between Wyndham residents, and to building a resilient community that supports good mental health and emotional wellbeing.

It is anticipated that COVID recovery projects will deliver outcomes such as: wellbeing and reconnection; community members freely, respectfully expressing, celebrating and sharing their identities and perspectives with each other; and having an increased appreciation of the diverse perspectives, experiences, creative expressions and histories that make up the Wyndham community.

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- Max project duration: 12 months
- Max grant amount: \$5,000
- Min applicant contribution: \$1 in cash or in-kind for every \$2 in grant funding
- Round frequency: once
- Eligible applicants: not-for-profit groups/organisations
- Project start date: From 1 July 2021. No grant will be funded retrospectively
- During the current COVID-19 environment, all activities must follow State Government advice and be designed for physical-distancing modes of delivery. [DHHS Covid Safe Restrictions](#)

▼ Typical Projects

- Community health and wellbeing responses like relief/food security; staff/volunteer training to deliver knowledge to the community; a podcast series for mental health wellness; family relationship workshops
- Online/social distanced/outdoor cultural and creative workshops, events, festival and performances
- Outdoor activities that educate, tell histories and/or contribute to a sustainable future
- Initiatives that promote social inclusion and connections.

▼ Case Studies

Case Study 1: A not-for profit community organisation saw a need within the community that parents have been struggling with home schooling. In order to deliver virtual technology savvy workshops to the community, they need to upskill and educate their staff in this field. They are successful in securing funding to run professional development workshops for staff in order to teach parents to understand the online education space and better orchestrate online learning from home.

Case Study 2: A community run community centre wants to commence a food relief/security program after identifying a growing need of new migrants experiencing financial hardship in the local area. The children of these families are also in need of school supplies. The centre wants to provide food relief and school supplies packages to these families so applies for funding. They successfully received a grant to commence the project.

▼ Expected Outcomes

Projects are expected to contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:

- People freely and respectfully express, celebrate and share their identities and perspectives with each other
- People have an increased appreciation of the diverse perspectives, experiences and histories that make up communities in Wyndham
- People have increased networks and feel supported by family, friends and neighbours
- Arts projects demonstrate a clear creative or art form specific outcome

▼ Assessment Criteria and Weighing Percentage

- Extent to which the project activities are likely to contribute toward one or more expected outcome(s) 50%

- Demonstrated applicant intent, capacity and readiness to deliver the project 30%
- An effective and appropriate approach to attracting participants and project partners 20%

▼ Apply

You should make an initial enquiry and/or attend a grants session or workshop, and it is recommended that you discuss the project with a Wyndham City Officer in a Council department relevant to your project focus (E.G. Youth, Environment, Seniors etc.). Your application must be submitted by the closing date and before the project commences. After each application is assessed for eligibility and completeness, further information and clarification may be requested. All applications must have evidence of Public Liability Insurance (PLI) attached to be eligible for funding. Applications without PLI evidence attached cannot not be assessed for funding.

The assessment panel considers all eligible applications and makes their recommendation based on the assessment criteria and budget availability. When the grant applications are approved, you will be advised of the result in writing.

The initial grant payment will be made within 30 days of you returning a signed funding agreement and invoice. Submission of a final report at the completion of the project is required. This includes attaching all relevant receipts and paid invoices as evidence of expenditure.

Step 1: Read the [Community Grants Guidelines](#).

Step 2: Prepare any documentation to support your application and if you need assistance contact Wyndham City's Grants Team.

Step 3:

If you get stuck completing your application, please contact Wyndham City's Grants Team for assistance on 9742 0777 or email funding@wyndham.vic.gov.au.