

MEDIA RELEASE

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COVID-19 Community Action Grants Program 2020 now open

Applications for Council's COVID-19 Community Action Grants Program 2020 open on Thursday 7 May to provide a source of grants that can respond quickly to the needs of community groups and organisations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The *Program* provides grants of up to \$10,000 to community organisations that are experiencing hardship, as well as, offering assistance for programs that directly benefit the community.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said the focus of this grant program is to respond to the immediate challenges of COVID-19 and to help build community resilience, cohesion and connectedness both during and after the pandemic.

"We appreciate that the pandemic has presented many difficulties for our not-for-profit community groups, including financial, membership and the loss of connection with many in the community," she said.

"These grants are designed to support the operations of community organisations, as well as provide resources for programs that will connect people and offer much needed support to residents, families and households."

To apply for the COVID-19 Community Action Grants Program 2020, visit https://gleneira.smartygrants.com.au

If you need some assistance to complete your application, visit and download a fact sheet from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

For further information and assistance with this special grant program or completing an application, contact Council's access and inclusion volunteer officer on 9524 3333 or email COVID-19CommunityActionGrants@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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