

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2025–2026

Examples of successful grants



GLEN EIRA
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Example 1

Community Group A (CGA) sought funding to establish a 'Work for Wellness and Empowerment Program' that included counselling, mentoring, workshops and pre-employment skills training.

The program's target population was women in Glen Eira who wished to return to work. The program aimed to address issues of social isolation, mental health and community disengagement. The program hoped to support women to gain confidence, self-esteem through mentorship, learning opportunities and skill development.

CGA demonstrated a need for the program in the community and experience running other community- strengthening programs. They provided a clear and relevant budget which outlined the project expenses and their approach in engaging participants from Glen Eira.

Example 2

Community Group B (CGB) sought funding to operate a weekly community meal and food parcel program run by volunteers. The group demonstrated collaborations with several local groups and organisations to support local residents at different stages of life experiencing social isolation and disadvantage. Their application demonstrated an increasing need for the program to regularly assist a growing number of older people and families with young children.

CGB was able to show how it was responding to a community health issue, supporting volunteering, addressing social isolation, and working with other local organisations to support the Glen Eira community to be resilient. The application provided a clear budget and the group had experience in running this program over time.

Example 3

Community Group C (CGC) sought funding to run a community event to celebrate cultural diversity in Glen Eira. CGC engaged a range of different community organisations to partner in the event and share their different nationalities

and rich cultural heritage with the wider community. The community celebration provided an ideal opportunity not only for the participants from these organisations but people living in Glen Eira to experience different types of music, dance and food from a range of cultures.

CGC showed evidence of running similar events in the past and as having appropriate understanding of the compliance and safety requirements of running large scale community events. CGC's application ensured the event would be inclusive and open to all residents and would encourage improvement in community tolerance and harmony. The budget accurately reflected the expenses for the program and the different income streams of support. The group included facility hire of a large open space in Glen Eira.

Example 4

Community Group D (CGD) sought funding to deliver a series of concerts engaging musicians and singers locally from schools and musical groups. The project aimed to engage people back into participating in community life, attending events and enjoying the talents of local musicians. The project aimed to improve people's social connection and mental health.

CGD provided sufficient detail to show how the project would be delivered with dates, venue and themes for concerts. The budget provided matched the event expenses and several quotes for proposed purchases were provided.

Example 5

Community Group E (CGE) sought funding to run a series of tours to local community gardens and parks in Glen Eira on the benefits of planting with indigenous plants. The project included a range of education workshops and excursions on sustainability and the benefits of indigenous planting. The project demonstrated strong alignment with Council sustainability strategy and opportunities for networking and partnership across the community, Council and residents of Glen Eira.