



COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME GUIDELINES

Council loves seeing what community groups, organisations, and young leaders can achieve. Funded by the Cash for Cans initiative, Council’s Community Grant Scheme aims to support community ideas and to get projects running that benefit the Litchfield community. These guidelines are to help you submit the best possible grant application.

Please read the entire guidelines before completing your application.

To apply go to www.litchfield.nt.gov.au/council/community-grants

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KEY INFORMATION

KEY DATES

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| Community Initiative Grants | Open All Year Round (until funds are exhausted) |
| Youth Development Grants | Open All Year Round (until funds are exhausted) |
| Sponsorship | Requests are Open All Year for the following years budget |

ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTS 2024/25 Financial Year

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| Applications Open | August 2024 |
| Applications Close | 4 October 2024 |
| Applications Assessments | October 2024 |
| Notification | By 30 November 2024 |
| Grant Distribution | December 2024 |

INFORMATION SESSIONS

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| Information Session | Council Chambers | 15 August 2024 5:45pm |
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WHAT IS THE LITCHFIELD COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME?

Litchfield Council's Community Grant Program aims to support community projects which address local needs, strengthen community relationships, build social inclusion, environmental sustainability and enhance the well-being of Litchfield residents.

Council is seeking applications from individuals, incorporated community groups, and not for profit organisations that are based in the Litchfield Municipality or provide services, activities or projects for the Litchfield Community.

KEY POINTS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

There are three (3) types of grants available.

1. Annual Community Grants
2. Community Initiative Grants
3. Youth Development Grants

GRANT APPLICATION DETAILS

Annual Community Grant – applications must be received before *5pm Friday 4th October 2024*.

Open all year grants – must be received at least *two (2) weeks before* the proposed activity starts.

- The decision to award grants or sponsorship is made by Litchfield Council.
- The decision award grants is final and there is no review or appeal process.
- Funding is provided for the term specified in the funding agreement or notification letter.
- Only applications completed on the supplied forms will be considered for assessment.



HOW IS THE COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME FUNDED?

All community grants are funded by the community recycling their cans and old batteries at the Waste Transfer Stations.

Council currently accepts (at no charge), containers eligible for the deposit and collects the deposit from a third party when Council takes the containers to that facility.

WHAT CAN I APPLY FOR?

Projects must relate to Council's Strategic Plan. You are strongly encouraged to read Council's current Strategic Plan available at www.litchfield.nt.gov.au

Projects from one of the following areas are encouraged:



**Arts and
Culture**



**Youth
Development**



Recreation



**Waste and
Environment**



**Water and Drainage
sustainability**



**Community
and Economic
Prosperity**



**Animals and
Wildlife**

WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED?

- Projects or events held outside the Litchfield Municipality. Possible exemptions for the Youth Development Grant
- Purchases that occur prior to the receipt of funding
- Payment of debt
- Recurrent expenses
- Insurance costs
- Fundraising
- Have a religious or political purpose which seeks to promote core beliefs
- Projects that fall within the core business of the NT or Commonwealth Governments



COMMUNITY INITIATIVE GRANTS

MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT \$500

These quick response grants are designed to support community groups or not for profit organisations with emerging or unexpected needs and opportunities. This grant aims to fill a gap in funding for community grants requiring assistance outside of the Annual Community Grant timelines.

Applications can be made at any time of year but must identify a benefit to the Litchfield Community. One application per community group or organisation will be accepted per financial year.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be an incorporated group or not for profit organisation based in Litchfield or provide services, activities or projects for the Litchfield Community.
- Submit the application at least two weeks before the activity or project starts.
- Be able to show the project or activity benefits the Litchfield Community.
- Have satisfactorily acquitted all previous grants from Litchfield Council.
- Have no outstanding debts with Litchfield Council.
- Be able to demonstrate they have minimal financial resources or limited ability to fundraise for the activity or project.
- Be prepared to and able to show acknowledgement of Council's support for the activity/project.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT

GRANT AMOUNT DEPENDANT ON LOCATION OF ACTIVITY

Council recognises the significant costs associated with travelling for sport and recreation competitions as well as other training and development opportunities. The aim of the Youth Development Grants are to:

- develop the knowledge, confidence and skills of youth
- provide opportunities for the youth to learn and develop the tools and skills required to assist them in their future endeavours

APPLICANTS MAY APPLY FOR:

- \$150 for NT opportunities
- \$300 for Interstate opportunities
- \$500 for International opportunities



ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Submit an application form at least two weeks prior to the activity.
- Be aged between 10-25 years.
- Reside within the Litchfield Municipality
- Have no outstanding debts with Litchfield Council.
- Have satisfactorily acquitted all previous grants from Litchfield Council.
- Be able to demonstrate they have minimal financial resources or limited ability to fundraise for the activity or project.
- Be prepared to and able to show acknowledgment of the Council's support for the activity/project.
- Only one application per individual every two years will be considered for the youth development grant;

ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANT

MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT \$5000

Annual Community Grants encourage new ideas, sustainable projects and activities, and build social cohesion, while benefiting the Litchfield Community.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be an incorporated group or not for profit organisation based in Litchfield or provide services, activities or projects for the Litchfield Community.
- Submit an application form before the application deadline.
- Be able to show the project or activity benefits the Litchfield Community.
- Have satisfactorily acquitted all previous grants from Litchfield Council.
- Have no outstanding debts with Litchfield Council.
- Be able to demonstrate they have minimal financial resources or limited ability to fundraise for the activity or project.
- Be prepared to and able to show acknowledgement of Council's support for the activity/project.

HOW WILL THE GRANT BE ASSESSED?

The Community Grants Committee will assess each valid application on merit and put forward their recommendations at the next Council meeting after the Committee meet.

BUDGET

Your budget must reflect the objectives of your activity and include all income and expenditure for that activity. Please also include any financial and/or in-kind support from your group/organisation and partners. When you have completed your budget, your total income and expenditure must be equal.



Income

You must provide all income contributions both financial and in-kind that are related to your project/event.

For example:

- Amount you are seeking from Litchfield Council.
- Grants you are seeking from other funding bodies.
- Sponsorship, donations or other funding.
- Your organisations financial and “in-kind” contribution.

Expenditure

Quotes must accompany all expenditure items in your budget. Quotes may be submitted as a catalogue item (web or hard copy) or quotes from a supplier. Failure to do so may result in your application being deemed ineligible or unsuccessful. A sample budget is below.

Sample Budget

Below is a sample budget for a school holiday sports workshops program.

| INCOME | AMOUNT (inc. GST) |
|--|-------------------|
| Grant amount requested from Litchfield Council | \$2070 |
| Income from other sources (other grants or donations) | \$660 |
| Club or organisation funds towards the project | \$200 |
| In-Kind support contribution | \$1050 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$3980 |

| EXPENSES | AMOUNT (inc. GST) |
|---|-------------------|
| Venue hire @\$11/hr for 20 hours | \$220 |
| Facilitator for workshops | \$650 |
| Sports equipment hire (balls, bats, protective gear) | \$1000 |
| Printing of promotional materials @ 10c per page for 100 pages | \$10 |
| First aid @\$35/hr for 20 hours | \$700 |
| Public liability for workshops | \$200 |
| Prizes for workshops | \$150 |
| In kind: 4 x referees @\$15 per hour for 20 hours | \$300 |
| In Kind: three volunteer sport coaches @\$25/hr for 30 hours | \$750 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES (inc. GST) | \$3980 |



WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF I AM SUCCESSFUL?

You will be notified of the outcome of your Annual Community Grant via email by the *end of November 2024 (TBC)*

If your application is successful, your club or organisation will be required to sign a funding agreement. This funding agreement is an agreement between Council and your club or organisation and will outline:

- The funding amount
- Exactly what you will be required to spend the money on
- Any special requirements for receiving the funding
- When the acquittal is due

Once Council has received your signed funding agreement, you will receive the funds in your nominated bank account.

If you are successful, we may request to visit your club or organisation to present the grant and organise a photo opportunity.

You will be required to complete an acquittal outlining what the funding was spent on. If you do not complete an acquittal, you may not be eligible for future funding from Litchfield Council.

SPONSORSHIP

A sponsorship can be either financial (cash) or in-kind (products and/or services).

For the purpose of these guidelines, sponsorship is defined as an agreement between Council and an external party, where the external party receives from Council either money or an in-kind benefit and in turn, Council receives benefits which could include but are not limited to branding, hospitality and advertising.

Council welcomes all opportunities to work in such partnerships. Any sponsorship Council undertakes however must not compromise Council's reputation, image, probity or ability to fulfil its functions and responsibilities.

Applications for sponsorship can be made at any time of year for the following years budget.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS?

If you receive a grant or sponsorship from Council, you will be expected to:

- Spend the money for the purpose for which the grant or sponsorship was given as per the agreement.
- Acknowledge Council's support in any advertisements, flyers or other activities used to tell people about the funded activity or project.
- Submit an acquittal that shows how the grant money was used (for grants only).
- Return any unspent funds to Council unless written consent has otherwise been granted by Council.