Thriving Cohesive Communities Grants 2019-2021 — Tranche 2
Fact Sheet

The Thriving Cohesive Communities (TCC) grants (tranche 2) provides funding towards projects that enable people from all backgrounds, ages and abilities to be included and to actively contribute to their local community. Funded projects will form part of the Queensland Government’s social cohesion program to build cohesive and resilient Queensland communities and to foster a strong sense of belonging for all Queenslanders.

Tranche 2 grants are offered under 3 funding streams:

Stream 1: Community-led social cohesion planning and action
Stream 2: Pathways to economic inclusion
Stream 3: Engaging young people to become global citizens

These grants support implementation of *Thriving Cohesive Communities: An Action Plan for Queensland 2019-2021 (Stage 2)*. The intent of the Stage 2 Action Plan is to promote communities where Queenslanders of all backgrounds and abilities are respected, treated fairly and have the opportunity to meaningfully participate.

The grants support the Queensland Government’s *Our Future State: Advancing Queensland Priorities* and the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors *Thriving Communities Thriving Queensland Commitment Statement*.

What is a thriving cohesive Queensland community?

A thriving, cohesive community is a community where Queenslanders of all backgrounds, ages and abilities:

- are included and respected
- connected, trust each other and share resources
- have opportunities to make a positive and meaningful contribution.
What is being funded and how much can projects receive under the 2019-2021 Tranche 2 grants round?

There are three streams of funding available under the Thriving Cohesive Communities Tranche 2 grants round for 2019-2021:

- **Stream 1: Community-led social cohesion planning and action**
  Funding for projects to work with local partners to facilitate community-led social cohesion planning and activities in the priority locations of Toowoomba, Rockhampton and Townsville.
  
  Non-recurrent funding up to **$400,000** (exc. GST) is available for projects up to 16 months in duration.

- **Stream 2: Pathways to economic inclusion**
  Funding for projects that resource established social enterprises to engage vulnerable young people and family members in the community.
  
  Non-recurrent funding up to **$120,000** (exc. GST) is available for projects up to 16 months in duration.

- **Stream 3: Engaging young people to become global citizens**
  Assist people in positions of influence with young people to positively engage with them on topics of diversity, inclusion and social cohesion (for example, educators, faith and cultural communities, sporting and interest clubs).
  
  Non-recurrent funding up to **$70,000** (exc. GST) is available for projects up to 16 months in duration.

Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible groups and organisations must be based in Queensland, and can include:

- Non-government and not-for-profit incorporated organisations including Neighbourhood and Community Centres and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) community controlled organisations
- Local Government Authorities
- P&C Associations
- Co-operatives
- Unincorporated community groups and user-led groups who are auspiced by an eligible entity.
- Established social enterprises

If you are not incorporated you can ask for an eligible organisation that has operations or deliver services in Queensland to auspice your project. If successful in receiving funding, the auspicing organisation will enter into the funding agreement to receive the funds and to submit reports.
Successful applicants will demonstrate strong linkages between their proposed project and the benefits to local communities and vulnerable groups.

How do I apply?

Funding applications are submitted online through SmartyGrants using the on-line application form.

If you are new to SmartyGrants you will need to register before you can apply. Refer to the SmartyGrants Help Guide for Applicants for information on registering and completing your application form.

Where can I find more information?

Please refer to the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors Funding and Grants webpage to access the Funding Information Papers and FAQs.

The department will provide a list of applicants’ questions and answers relating to topics such as the funding, the application form and the grants process. These Q&As will be updated each Wednesday, and will complement the Frequently Asked Questions.

The last day for the Department to respond to Applicant questions will be three working days prior to the grant round closing date.

Other queries can be directed to grantqueries@communities.qld.gov.au

Important dates

Stream 1

Tuesday 17 December 2019 – Stream 1 grant applications open

2pm Friday 28 February 2020 – Stream 1 grant applications close

Stream 2

Tuesday 17 December 2019 – Stream 2 grant applications open

2pm Friday 14 February 2020 – Stream 2 grant applications close

Stream 3

Tuesday 17 December 2019 – Stream 3 grant applications open

2pm Friday 28 February 2020 – Stream 3 grant applications close