



# Thriving Cohesive Communities

## Funding Information Paper 2019-2021 — Tranche 2

Stream 3 – Engaging young people to become global citizens



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# 1 About the Thriving Cohesive Communities Grant Round — Tranche 2

The Thriving Cohesive Communities (TCC) grants (tranche 2) provide 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 three (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 (this Stream).

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 and Minister for Disability Services and Seniors [Thriving Communities Thriving Queensland Commitment Statement](#).

The grants are available state-wide.

## 2 Funding period

Non-recurrent grant funding will be available for projects of up to 16 months duration (March 2020 – June 2021).

### 2.1 Available funding

Total funding of up to \$210,000 (exc. GST) is available for the period 2019-2021.

Funding of up to \$70,000 (exc. GST) per project is available for applications under *Engaging young people to become global citizens*.

## 3 TCC funding priorities – Stream 3

This Funding Information Paper supports applicants for Thriving Cohesive Communities funding under Stream 3: *Engaging young people to become global citizens*.

We can make Queensland communities welcoming for all by enhancing the way people interact with and include individuals, families and groups in their local community. Government and other service providers play an important role in modelling behaviour that promotes an inclusive and equitable society and engenders trust in our leaders and civic institutions. Volunteer community workers drive many of these opportunities on offer for social participation. We can better equip our local frontline workers and influencers by providing them with the understanding and skills to promote social cohesion.

Projects funded under this stream will support implementation of Action 5 of the *Thriving Cohesive Communities: Action Plan for Queensland 2019-21 (Stage 2)*, being to:

*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).*

The objectives of *engaging young people to become global citizens* are to:

1. increase the knowledge and understanding by local groups with a focus on young people of the factors that build and maintain social cohesion.
2. strengthen the skills of identified influencers to effectively lead conversations, face-to-face and on-line, with young people about diversity, inclusion and social cohesion.
3. provide influencers with skills to challenge racist and discriminatory behaviours, stereotypes and narratives.

## **4 Who is eligible to apply?**

The following types of organisations can apply for funding under this Thriving Cohesive Communities grant round:

- Not-for-profit organisations, including Neighbourhood and Community Centres and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations;
- Local Government Authorities (LGAs);
- P&C Associations;
- Co-operatives;
- Unincorporated community groups and user-led groups who are auspiced\* by an eligible entity.

\*If you are not incorporated you can ask an eligible organisation that has operations or delivers 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 submit reports.

Eligible organisations and associations must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN) that is not for a commercial entity or individual and have operations or deliver services in Queensland;
- have no overdue reports, outstanding financial liability, or service delivery or performance issues for funding previously and currently provided by the Queensland Government;
- hold the appropriate public liability insurance required to undertake the project and all related activities, consisting of a minimum value of \$10 million;

- must not be a state or federal government agency.

Projects must not replicate or replace those that are known to be currently funded in the same location, for example, through Queensland State Government agencies, Local Government, or Australian Government programs or non-government organisations.

Please refer to the Thriving Cohesive Communities Fact Sheet and FAQs for more information.

## **5 What can funding be used for?**

- Salaries and on-costs for workers to deliver the project;
- Hire of venues for project-related activities;
- Project consumables;
- Purchase of small equipment essential for project delivery;
- Vehicle mileage for use of vehicles associated with project delivery;
- Telecommunication, marketing/communication expenses and other administration specific to the TCC project.

## **6 What can't funding be used for?**

Funding will not be provided for:

- Capital expenditure for equipment that is not essential to project delivery;
- Recurrent or retrospective funds — including the reimbursement of costs already incurred or expended, and any projects or activities that have taken place prior to the application being approved. No component of the project, or related activities, that take place prior to receiving funding approval will be eligible for funding;
- Recurring maintenance or operational costs of existing programs or facilities;
- Interstate and overseas travel;
- Professional development activities for staff members that are not specifically related to the effective delivery of the project;
- Activities that involve commercial ventures for personal gain or fundraising activities;
- Purchase of vehicles or similar depreciable assets;
- Funding solely for the purposes of design/planning work or concept plans/feasibility studies /research;
- Capital works or upgrades to existing infrastructure;
- Project activities delivered outside of Queensland;
- Projects with limited community benefit;

- Audit fees and contingencies.

## 7 How to apply

**Ensure you carefully read this information paper to determine whether your project meets the program requirements.**

Funding applications are submitted online through SmartyGrants using the on-line application form. A downloadable copy of the application form is available to applicants via SmartyGrants when the submission process has commenced.

### Submitting applications

Applicants are asked to submit applications online after registering their organisation with SmartyGrants. If you have successfully completed your application you will receive an acknowledgement email from SmartyGrants. **If you do not receive an acknowledgement email, your application has not been submitted.** Check your application to ensure all sections have been completed and resubmit.

Applications will need to include specific support materials as requested in the online application, such as

- incorporation certificates; and
- partnership agreements.

Please check your application prior to submission to ensure you have provided all relevant attachments.

### Key dates

Key dates for submissions are as follows:

SmartyGrants application stages	Key dates
Applications open	Tuesday 17 December 2019
Applications close	2:00pm Friday 28 February 2020
Funding offers announced	April 2020

Completed applications must be submitted through SmartyGrants with all required documents **by 2:00pm Friday 28 February 2020**

### Late applications

An application submitted after the closing time and date will be considered a late application. Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the Assessment Panel. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

## 8 How will applications be assessed?

An initial check will be conducted by the department to ensure the eligibility of the applicant and alignment of the application with the funding objectives of Stream 3 of the Thriving Cohesive Communities grants.

Eligible applications will be progressed to an assessment panel who will rate applications according to how strongly they meet the assessment criteria in this funding information paper. Applications must respond to all sections of the Thriving Cohesive Communities grants application, attach all supporting criteria, and submit the application through SmartyGrants. The panel will consider the local needs, emerging community issues, geographical spread of available funds and to what extent the proposed projects support the purpose of the grant funding.

### Assessment criteria

#### Eligibility requirements

**The project aligns with the objectives of Stream 3: Engaging young people to become global citizens and meets program and operational eligibility requirements**

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## Assessment criteria

The application must include a response to each of the following criteria:

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| <b>1.</b> | <p><b>Project plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• who the target group is for the project; e.g. locations, community-wide or specific groups/sections of the community;</li> <li>• why you think this project is needed and what evidence you have of this need;</li> <li>• what you plan to do – activities, timeframes;</li> <li>• how you are involving the community in the design and implementation of this project.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>2.</b> | <p><b>Anticipated individual and community benefits</b></p> <p>Tell us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what social impact and individual and community benefits you expect to achieve; i.e. expected outcomes in relation to the funding stream objectives;</li> <li>• how your project will add value to and build on any work already being done in the targeted location and with your target group(s).</li> </ul>   |
| <b>3.</b> | <p><b>Applicant capability</b></p> <p>Tell us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• why your organisation is well placed to lead this project. i.e. experience of delivering similar work, capacity to manage to budget and timeframe;</li> <li>• the risks to the project's success and how you will manage these risks;</li> <li>• how any formal or informal partnerships will strengthen the project and the proposed governance structure and roles and responsibilities of each partner (if applicable).</li> </ul> |

<p><b>4. Value for money</b></p> <p>Tell us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How you plan to use the grant funds; i.e. your budget;</li> <li>• About any additional value you will bring to the project, such as in-kind resources and staff.</li> </ul> <p>We need to understand if your project is financially feasible and how it demonstrates a clear social and financial return for investment. Please submit your project budget as per the template provided in the on-line application form.</p>
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## 9 Announcement

Grant recipients will be announced by the Minister for Communities and Minister for Disability Services and Seniors and will be listed on the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors [website](#).

**Funding decisions are final and unsuccessful applications will not be reconsidered.**

Grant recipients will be required to enter into an agreement with DCDSS, outlining the obligations of both parties, including, but not limited to, funding and payment details, reporting requirements, agreed deliverables and acquittal conditions. The panel may decline certain components of an application, or limit the amount of funds approved for individual items.

Grant recipients will be bound to the [grant agreement and contractual terms and conditions](#). Additional individual conditions may be specified at the time of approval. If necessary, a revised project plan may be negotiated.

Unsuccessful applicants will be given the opportunity to seek feedback by emailing a request to [grantqueries@communities.qld.gov.au](mailto:grantqueries@communities.qld.gov.au)

## 10 Assistance

Questions about the funding application form and process go to [grantqueries@communities.qld.gov.au](mailto:grantqueries@communities.qld.gov.au) or refer to the [SmartyGrants](#) application site under the Q&A section.

Queries in relation to the grant application process will be responded to by email up to three working days before the grant round closes.

We also provide feedback on unsuccessful applications up to 8 weeks after the announcement of successful grants.

## 11 Applicant Q&A log

In addition to the pre-prepared Frequently Asked Questions document, the department will provide a list of any relevant Questions and Answers asked by applicants about the funding application form and grants' process. Questions submitted by applicants and responses will be listed on Smartygrants and will be updated weekly each Wednesday. Applicants are encouraged to review all relevant responses before emailing the Grant Queries mailbox.



The last day for responding to questions will be Tuesday 25 February

2020. **Other sources of funding and assistance**

For a full list of Queensland Government grants, please refer to [www.qld.gov.au/grants](http://www.qld.gov.au/grants).