



Thriving Queensland Communities Grants for Neighbourhood and Community Centres

Round Two - 2019

Funding Guidelines

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Introduction

The Queensland Government's vision is for safe and healthy communities that give all children a great start, and are responsive to community priorities and needs – communities that thrive and not just survive.

Thriving communities are dynamic, exciting places in which to set up a business, get a job, raise a family and live a healthy and productive life. Thriving communities are inclusive, diverse, Age-Friendly and All Abilities. Thriving communities are built by caring, motivated and passionate residents, volunteers, service providers, businesses, educators and others taking actions, both individually and together, to improve their local communities.

The Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors supports the operation of 124 neighbourhood centre services throughout Queensland. These centres are integral components in communities as they work across people's life stages, from birth to older years, and provide holistic services in early intervention, crisis and post crisis contexts. Neighbourhood and Community Centres (NCC) are important social infrastructure and places of celebrations, inclusion and support.

In 2018, the Queensland Government provided over \$600,000 in one-off grants to 73 neighbourhood centres through the first round of *Thriving Queensland Communities Grants for Neighbourhood Centres* to help Queensland communities thrive.

About the grants

Thriving Queensland Communities Grants for Neighbourhood and Community Centres: Round Two - 2019 will support and build on neighbourhood centres' existing engagement and networking with local communities providing a stronger platform to listen to local community priorities.

Non-recurrent grant funding between \$2,000 and up to \$20,000 (GST exclusive) is available to NCCs to enhance their capacity to listen to and respond to local and community priorities. A total of \$800,000 in one-off funding has been allocated for Round Two.

Successful applicants in 2018 are welcome to apply for Round Two for new projects or to build on the success of projects funded in 2018.

Purpose

Funding is available for eligible organisations to:

- deliver family and community engagement activities that focus on an identified need/challenge;
- purchase equipment or resources that help the centre engage and support the community;
- undertake relevant staff professional development; and
- create linkages with other local community organisations to maximise community connections and use of the NCCs as social infrastructure.

Submissions which demonstrate innovation, target hard to reach people or groups, or respond to identified local needs are encouraged.



Important details

- Funding is non-recurrent.
- Requested funding must be for activities not funded by the neighbourhood centres program.
- Applicants may supplement the cost of the proposed project/s through a co-contribution if the total amount exceeds \$20,000.
- Proposals must not have recurrent implications.
- Proposals for infrastructure upgrades or capital works must have the approval of the building owner and meet local and state building requirements and you must have a lease agreement for at least three years following receipt of the grant.
- The program is competitive, with grants made to proposals that best fit the stated criteria.

Eligible Items

Examples of eligible items	
Family and community engagement activities	Focus ⇒ increase engagement and capability
	Hosting or attending community events, workshops or information sessions Consultation to co-design programs Orientation/Open Days Marketing/Advertising the service to wider community Activities or events which create linkages with other local community organisations to maximise community connections and use of the centre
Staff Professional Development <i>(e.g. developing skills to support collaboration, partnering and leadership/ governance; cultural capability; digital literacy; professional qualifications; and work-related interest areas)</i>	Focus ⇒ promote cultural and social inclusion
	Payment of course/training fees and associated costs Payment of wages for staff undertaking study/training Training facilitator fees Purchase of online training modules Professional /Industry group membership fees
Equipment and resources <i>(e.g. resources to support business growth and capacity building)</i>	Focus ⇒ enhance quality of service delivery
	Minor infrastructure or capital works projects Educational materials and resources Office equipment and technology e.g. computer, printer, iPad, IT software Equipment or venue hire



Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed in accordance with the following selection criteria.

Organisations will need to respond to each selection criterion online through [SmartyGrants](#)

Assessment criteria	Some points to consider
1. Demonstrated alignment with the Department's vision for Thriving Communities	How the grant funding will support your organisation to contribute to the department's vision of and commitment to thriving communities and the achievement of one or more of the priorities in the Department's <i>Strategic Plan 2018-2022</i>
2. Demonstrated improvement to community engagement, connection, networking and quality of service delivery in your community	What is the level of need for the resource/item/service? How it will enhance the viability, capability and quality of service delivery in your local community?
3. Demonstrated value for money	List proposed resource/item/service and respective cost in the budget table provided in the Application Form and order from highest priority to lowest priority. Include indicative costs or quotes.

Grant restrictions

Eligibility

Eligible organisations will be invited to apply for funding and must:

- 1) Have a current Service Agreement with the Department and be in receipt of a grant to deliver Neighbourhood services.

Ineligible items

The following types of resources/items are not eligible for funding under this one-off grant program:

- meeting existing debts or shortfalls;
- office and related equipment that is not primarily for the purposes of engagement and community support;
- employment of staff that may create an expectation of ongoing employment or create ongoing operating expenses;
- activities or items with recurrent implications; and
- ongoing administration or operating costs.



Application process

Applications will be managed online through [SmartyGrants](#).

Late applications will **NOT** be accepted.

Applications open	Tuesday 9 April 2019
Applications close	5:00pm Friday 3 May 2019
Funding offers	June 2019

Assessment and offers

The program is competitive, with one-off grants offered to those centres with proposals that best fit the stated criteria. Applicants may be asked to submit further details or provide clarification during the assessment process.

Applicants will be informed in writing of the outcome of the assessment process.

Reporting and acquittals

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a service agreement with the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors and will be legally responsible for complying with the requirements and conditions of the service agreement.

Information and assistance

Further information including all funding documentation is available at:

<https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/industry-partners/funding-grants/funding-available>

