



Arts and Heritage

Overview

The Grants for Community program is part of Yarra Ranges Council's contribution to creating a connected and inclusive community. It supports local groups, not-for-profit organisations and individuals to lead projects that identify and respond to community concerns and aspirations with confidence and creativity.

Arts and Heritage projects provide an opportunity for community to express themselves in diverse ways, connect with each other and to the place they live. Participation in cultural activity contributes to community sense of creativity, identity, social connection and wellbeing. As we recover from the pandemic and storms/natural disasters of the past few years, grant projects can also help with the recovery process.

This funding stream supports groups and individuals to deliver projects that develop and express the Yarra Ranges' diverse cultural heritage and creative practice. Projects will foster opportunities for the community to experience and participate in arts, culture and heritage.

Project Outcomes

Projects funded under this stream should deliver on one or more of the following outcomes.

- A deeper understanding of local people, history and culture
- A broad knowledge of Indigenous history, continuity and culture in Yarra Ranges
- Development of community leaders to help shape our diverse cultures
- Provision of opportunities for Yarra Ranges artists to develop creative practice
- Public visibility of contemporary and historical Indigenous culture
- Visibility of the cultural, historical and artistic diversity of the region within townships

By delivering on these outcomes, projects will be supporting the following strategic priorities.

Greater and more meaningful participation from communities

Increase the economic size of the creative industries and expand its impact on both the local economy and vibrancy of our communities.

Develop vibrant and active public places particularly within our townships that express and celebrate our creativity and history

The selection criteria reflect strategic priorities of Council that are based on local evidence and engagement with communities. For more information, please refer to the Grants for Community Guidelines. For Arts & Heritage enquiries please contact our [Cultural Development Officer](#) or call 1300 368 333.

Create a vibrant
Yarra Ranges
together!





Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the desired outcomes and priorities for the Arts and Heritage Stream and following criteria:

Community benefit

- Deliver a high quality project that contributes to the cultural richness of the region and meets Council's identified strategic priorities
- Utilise public places creatively
- Interpret and reflect the distinctive stories and heritage of the region
- Enhance community capacity to drive arts and heritage activity in the region

30%

Partnership and collaboration

- Provide an opportunity for community to participate in high quality arts, heritage and cultural activity
- Seek creative collaborations with community, artists, heritage practitioners and other groups
- Provide evidence of community consultation, where appropriate

25%

Organisational capacity

- Demonstrate capacity to deliver the program or service, including evidence of strong governance (transparent, documented policies) and a well-defined project plan
- Demonstrate capacity to deliver the project including experience, people and resources
- Include clear measures of success

15%

Budget

- Include a clear and well documented budget
- Be achievable within the proposed budget
- Have funding and/or in-kind support from other sources¹

15%

Inclusion

- Demonstrate consideration for inclusion principles, specifically including culturally and linguistically diverse groups, Indigenous community members, gender diversity and people living with a disability.

15%

¹ Please indicate in your budget if you have applied for other funding and mark whether the funding is confirmed.

