



Community emergency quick response guidelines

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Front page: The community emergency quick response grant supports small projects to help our communities during the Covid-19 pandemic

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Purpose

The community emergency quick response grant supports small scale initiatives for local residents and organisations which build the capacity of our communities to respond to the current impacts of Covid-19.

- increasing community skills in sourcing and preparing healthy food
- improving access to tenancy rights information and long-term rental tenancy options
- building capacity of organisations to support and advocate for tenants including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and non-residents.

Funding priorities

Funding will support urgent community-led projects that support our vulnerable residents and those with the greatest need. Priorities for funding include:

- strengthening social cohesion among our diverse communities
- increasing the readiness and resilience within our communities to respond to shocks
- improving social inclusion and wellbeing in local neighbourhoods and vulnerable communities
- providing advice and referrals on individual rights under public health orders
- improving access to personal protective equipment such as masks and hand sanitiser
- supporting the development of skills and resources to improve our local digital literacy
- increasing access to affordable internet, digital technology and equipment to support participation in education and access to essential services such as data vouchers
- increasing access to affordable and healthy food

We particularly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled groups, organisations and networks.

Expected program outcomes

Applications can contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:

- strengthening community cohesion to build the resilience of our local communities
- increasing digital inclusion within our local community
- reducing food insecurity
- improving access to information on rights and conditions of tenants

Funding is available up to \$10,000.

Key dates

Program will be open until 31 December 2021 or until funds are exhausted, and period extended if required.

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Projects can commence at any time and should be completed within 6 months.

Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed against:

- demonstrated immediate need or opportunity
- demonstrated connection and benefit to the local community
- demonstrated capacity to commence and deliver project within a short time to meet immediate needs
- demonstrated experience relevant to the scope of the proposal
- demonstrated ability to deliver under current restricted conditions and provide a safe working environment
- alignment with the program's funding priorities and outcomes.

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding an applicant must:

- be located within the City of Sydney local area or able to demonstrate immediate benefit to local communities
- be an unincorporated community group or a not-for-profit organisation structured as:
 - companies
 - cooperatives (non-distributing)
 - foundations
 - incorporated associations
 - Indigenous corporations
 - partnerships
 - trusts, including charitable trusts

Not eligible for funding

Funding is not available for:

- projects that directly contravene the eligibility and ethics framework or existing City of Sydney policies

- multiple applications from one applicant
- projects or programs that will rely on recurrent future funding from the City of Sydney
- applicants located outside the [City of Sydney local area](#) and unable to demonstrate immediate local benefits
- projects that can't provide safe working methods, or follow relevant government restrictions.

Dedicated support

Further support and accessible application formats that include verbal applications are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, people with disability and culturally and linguistically diverse applicants.

To access this support, call 02 9265 9333 or email communitygrants@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Accessible applications are subject to the same assessment and approval process as other grants and may require a longer lead time to apply.

More information

Find out more about [our grants and sponsorships](#).

Visit the [Social Sustainability](#) webpage to view further social policies.

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