

GRANT GUIDELINES



The South West Community Foundation is committed to creating stronger communities through local giving.

Founded by the people of south-west Victoria, for the people of south-west Victoria, the Foundation offers small grants to community organisations across the Warrnambool, Moyne, Glenelg, Southern Grampians, Corangamite and Colac-Otway municipalities.

Our annual granting round provides SWCF with the opportunity to support hardworking community organisations across south-west Victoria. Through our grants and our Foundations' activities, we aim to celebrate, support and strengthen the community of South West Victoria.

South West Community Foundation Small Grants 2024

South West Community Foundation Small Grant stream gives not-for-profit, community based organisations and groups in south west Victoria the opportunity to access funds for a broad range of initiatives that directly benefit their local communities. Grants of up to \$3,000 are available for a broad range of grassroots, community led initiatives that directly benefit community, with areas of interest ranging from the arts and environment, education, health and wellbeing, accessibility and inclusion, and community building.

Application assessment – criteria:

All applications will be considered on merit, and must align with the objectives of the SWCF to be:

- Community focused – we are part of, and work with the South west Community, responding to needs and realizing opportunities; and
- Collaborative approach – we work in collaboration, not competition with others, seeking to cross-leverage resources to best support the community.

To be eligible, grant applicants must:

- Be incorporated, have an ABN, or auspice by an organisation that is incorporated and has an ABN;
- Be not-for-profit;
- Be located in the south west region of Victoria, (municipalities of Warrnambool, Moyne, Corangamite, Glenelg, Southern Grampians, Colac Otway)

- Be committed to providing either in-kind contributions, voluntary hours and/or financial contributions;
- Be capable of running the project to completion.

What can be funded?

A broad range of charitable projects are eligible for funding under the Small Grants stream:

- Delivering activities, programs and services;
- Training, support for volunteers;
- Purchasing equipment or materials;
- Community infrastructure;
- Community education, environmental and health projects;
- Community based music, theatre, arts or cultural activities; and
- Community resource development.

South West Community Foundation will not support applications that:

- Support religious or political parties or lobbying activities;
- Support projects or initiatives that take place outside the south west region;
- Come from an individual, private business or sole trader;
- Are ongoing organisational operational costs, (i.e. rent, utilities, wages, loan repayments, sponsorship)

A note on sporting clubs:

Although sporting and recreation clubs make a valuable contribution to our community, as a matter of law, their purposes are generally not recognised as charitable and applications from sporting clubs will generally not be supported. If your application is on behalf of a sporting club and genuinely strengthens the community, builds connection, or offers a service otherwise not being met in your community, it may be considered for support by SWCF.

Acknowledgement:

If your application is successful, it is expected that South West Community Foundation is appropriately acknowledged for its funding support. Logos, suggested acknowledgement statements and social media handles will be shared with successful applicants.

Timeline:

March 1 2024 - Applications open

March 31 2024 - Applications close

April 2024 - Assessment period

May 2024 - Outcomes advised

June 2024 - Payments processed & public announcement

November/December 2024 - Progress report to be submitted to SWCF

June 2025 - Acquittal reports completed and returned to SWCF.

Contact us

We strongly encourage all applicants to contact our Executive Officer, Annabel Cussen, to ensure they are eligible, in alignment with our granting objectives, and to discuss the application in detail.

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