

FAQ: Local Community Grants

Applications are now open for Sydney Water's Community Grants. We will provide up to \$1000 cash to support projects or activities that benefit the local community in one or more of the following categories:

- arts and heritage
- safety
- health and wellbeing
- education

Does that mean I can't apply for an environment project through Local Community Grants?

Sydney Water is committed to environmental protection. We work to reduce harmful impacts on the natural and built environment - such as plastics on our beaches and in the marine environment. We want to work with community groups already targeting this issue and our [Beat the Bottle Environment Grants](#) are designed to do this. This is our environmental grants program, including education initiatives.

Is my organisation eligible to apply?

We invite local grassroots community organisations from across Sydney, the Blue Mountains and the Illawarra to apply. Your organisation should be a registered association, incorporated body or non-profit organisation, primary or high school. Preference will be given to organisations that are supporting low socio-economic areas.

Should large organisations apply?

This program is designed to support smaller grass roots community groups, rather than large well-known organisations. If you have a program that you feel fits with in this category you are welcome to apply.

Do you accept auspice arrangements with third parties?

We understand that small organisations may not have the necessary financial and registrations in place, so we are willing to accept applications that have [auspicing arrangements](#) in place through councils and other non-profit organisations. It is your responsibility to have this agreed to with the relevant third party before apply.

How do you apply?

Applications are only accepted through our [grants application portal](#).

The application will take approximately 1 hour to complete however you do not need to complete in one sitting. You will be able to start your application, save and return later to complete.

Can I apply more than once?

No, Only one application per organisation can be lodged. For example, a School and the School's P&C can only submit one application between them.

When do applications close?

Applications close at 5.00pm (EST) on Friday 31 May 2019. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.

When will we know if we have been successful or not?

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application via email by Friday 26 July, 2019.

How will applications be judged?

Your project will need to:

- clearly demonstrate Sydney Water's core values at a local scale
- demonstrate clear benefits for the local community. For example, it helps fix a community related problem or
- improves relationships within the community
- be completed with 12 months of receiving funding

Can you provide examples of projects that have been successful in obtaining a grant in the past?

Please visit www.sydneywater.com.au/communitygrants for an overview of past recipients.

Where can I get more information?

Full terms and conditions can be found at the start of the application process. We also encourage you to visit www.sydneywater.com.au/communitygrants for more information

Who can I contact with questions?

Any questions must be submitted by email to partnerships@sydneywater.com.au

Given the high volume of enquiries we expect please allow two (2) working days for a response.