

**Community Grants Fund: Small Grants for community projects and events that create community spirit** - Applications must be received at least **4 weeks** before the start of the event or project which is to be funded.

### Essential funding criteria

All projects supported by this fund must:

- contribute to building community spirit
- show a direct benefit to the local City of Nedlands community
- be open to all City of Nedlands residents (except street parties which may be restricted to residents of that street and their guests for community safety reasons).

### Eligible projects include:

- Community events and projects;
- Street parties; and
- Projects that benefit people with disabilities and/or their carers.

### Eligible applicants may be:

- Individuals;
- Community Groups; or
- Community Organisations.

Individuals are eligible to apply if applying on behalf of their street i.e for a street party or on behalf of a community group.

Community organisations are incorporated, member-based organisations established for specific, stated community purposes. Community groups are informal, non incorporated groups operating for community purposes. Community groups are still eligible to apply to this fund.

An applicant community organisation must be based within the City of Nedlands or have at least 50 per cent of its members living in the City of Nedlands.

Applications from large-scale charities or community organisations may be considered, where the application is:

- from a local branch of the larger-scale charity or organisations and
- can demonstrate a direct community-building benefit to the City of Nedlands community.

**Ineligible projects include:**

- Fundraising projects - projects aimed at raising funds for the applicant organisation are not eligible. Fundraising projects may be eligible where the funds raised are not for the applicant organisation, but to be donated to an exceptional community cause.
- Core business activities - this fund is not intended to support activities that can be viewed as the 'core' business of the applicant organisation. The City reserves the right to decide whether an activity is core business of the applicant.
- Projects or events charging a fee - to be eligible for funding, events or projects must be provided to the community free of charge and may not charge an entry fee or any other fee.

**Ineligible applicants include:**

- Businesses
- Individuals, where the application is from a privately owned business enterprise or
- State or federal government departments.

For clarity, individuals are only eligible to apply where they are applying for a street party or for a community project or event on behalf of a community group.

For clarity, state and federal government departments are not eligible to apply to this fund. However, local schools are eligible to apply providing their project meets the funds' criteria, including being "over and above" their core business.

**Disability related projects**

All projects funded under the Community Grants Fund must be inclusive and accessible by people with disabilities and their carers. However, some projects may be aimed primarily at specifically benefiting people with disabilities and/or their carers. These are termed disability related projects.

To be eligible for funding, these disability related projects

- must demonstrate a direct benefit to local people with disabilities and/or their carers
- must not be provided by a business.

As most organisations providing disability related services are regional, state-wide or national, applications for support for disability related projects will be exempt from the following requirements:

- 50 per cent City of Nedlands membership and
- Project to be beyond the organisation's core business.

## Key Guidelines

1. A maximum of \$250 will be provided for a street party.
2. All other projects and events may apply for up to \$1,000.
3. The level of funding provided will depend on the scale of the event or project, the number of residents participating, the level of demonstrated community benefit and the availability of funds. For example, a Christmas Carols event for 400 residents may be eligible for the maximum funding, while a smaller event may receive less funding.
4. The City will provide a maximum of 50 per cent of the total project cost, except for disability related projects where the City may provide 100 per cent of funding.
5. Grant funds must be spent on the agreed purpose.
6. Grant funds cannot be spent on purchase of equipment or other capital items.
7. The event or project organisers must accept full liability for the event or project and comply with all local laws.
8. The support of the City of Nedlands must be acknowledged in all publicity for the event or project.
9. The City of Nedlands may include information about any funded event or project in its own publicity.
10. The organisers must acquit their grant within three months of completion of the event or project, providing financial and non-financial information as requested by the City. Applicants with grants that have not been acquitted will not be eligible for further grants.
11. An applicant will be eligible for only one grant per financial year. Applicants must comply with any relevant legislation.
12. Applications to the Fund will be accepted throughout the year until the funds have been depleted.
13. Projects that have already taken place will not be funded.

14. Approval of your application for a grant does not imply approval of your event. Your event will require separate approval by the City of Nedlands if it has any of the following features:

- 200 people or more attending;
- it is a wedding;
- a road closure or the temporary suspension of road rules;
- the consumption or sale of alcohol;
- trading in public places (stall holders);
- temporary structures (such as marquees, staging, amusement equipment etc.);
- fireworks or pyrotechnics display;
- commercial filming; or
- Vehicle access to a park or reserve is required.

To apply for approval for your event please contact the Administration and Events Officer on 9273 3518. Please apply at least 4 weeks before small events (less than 200 people) and at least 8 weeks before larger events (200 or more people).

Thank you for your interest in the City of Nedlands Community Grants. If you require further clarification on the guidelines or would like to discuss your project please contact the Community Development Officer (Events) on 9273 3634 or email [council@nedlands.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@nedlands.wa.gov.au).