



FACT SHEET

Community Support Grant - *Economy*

Ararat Rural City Council's Community Support Grants Program provides funding for projects and activities that build healthy and vibrant communities; sustain important community infrastructure and encourages community groups to work together to share and benefit from community resources.

What is a Community Support Grant - Economy?

The Community Support grants - Economy, encourages and supports projects which have an economic benefit to Ararat Rural City. Projects that support digital connectivity and growth planning, land and transport initiatives.

How much funding is available?

Funding of up to \$1,000.00 as a one off grant, available for projects under the category of Economy and do not require matching dollar for dollar funding contributions.

A project completion report which includes confirmation that the final project budget matched the initial proposed budget during application will be required at the completion of the project.

Examples of activities that could be considered for funding include:

- Equipment purchase that would assist with the operation of a community group or organisation
- Community programs that encourage health and wellbeing participation and show economic benefits
- Programs targeted at young people that have an economic benefit
- Programs that provide leadership in digital connectivity
- Projects that support land development
- Projects that support transport initiatives

Requests for retrospective funding, recurrent operating costs or salary subsidies, ongoing funding from Council after the project is complete and routine/cyclical maintenance funding will not be considered.

How will my application be assessed?

Applicants must be 'not-for-profit' organisations or have a sponsoring body. The applicant must demonstrate that the project:





- Has economic benefit to Ararat Rural City community
- Is accessible to all people
- Is well planned and managed

What is the eligibility criteria for your organisation?

1. To operate within the Ararat Rural City municipality.
2. Be a "not for profit" organisation or have an auspice body prepared to apply on their behalf.
3. Operate for the benefit of the community and include direct benefits to the community.
4. Be able to demonstrate financial viability and competence.
5. For facilities located on Council owned land or Crown land managed by Council the applicant must be a Section 86 Committee of Management.
6. For facilities not owned by Council the applicant must have written support from the land manager for the project.
7. Relevant to and or linked to Council Plan/s.

Examples of applications that are considered ineligible for funding include:

- Requests for retrospective funding (if a project has commenced it is deemed retrospective)
- Recurrent operating costs
- Salary subsidies
- Routine/cyclical maintenance funding
- Applications to purchase alcohol

For further information:

Contact Council's Community Development Officer (03) 5355 0252 or visit www.ararat.vic.gov.au for an application form and relevant fact sheets.

