



# FACT SHEET

## Community Support Grant - *Lifestyle*

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 - Lifestyle?

The Community Support Grants - Lifestyle, encourages and supports projects, programs for heritage/historical projects, arts and culture, regional living and multiculturalism.

### How much funding is available?

Funding of up to \$1,000.00 as a one off grant, available for projects under the category of Lifestyle 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:

- Community programs that encourage health and wellbeing to enhance regional living
- Programs targeted at multiculturalism
- Promotional materials that promote your project or program accessibility
- Programs/Projects that support community arts and culture
- Heritage/historical projects/displays

### 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





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## **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.

## **How will my application be assessed?**

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

- Encourages community participation and co-operation
- Has positive health and social outcomes
- Is accessible to all people
- Is well planned and managed

## **For Further information:**

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

