



Frequently Asked Questions: Thriving Communities Grant

This is a supporting document to the Thriving Communities Grant Guidelines. It will assist with preparing applications and delivery of activities. This fact sheet contains definitions for key terms and frequently asked questions about Council's expectations of applicants and successful recipients.



Definitions

Intersectional inequality

Intersectional inequality refers to the experiences of individuals or groups who face a complex layering of discrimination based on multiple, intersecting facets of their identity.

The term 'intersectionality' acknowledges the intensification of inequality that can take place due to one's belonging to multiple marginalised or minority identities, which can include, but are not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender and sexual identity, socioeconomic status, disability, and religion. By applying an intersectional lens to inequality, one can distinguish that the interaction and intersection of various identities to produce unique forms of discrimination cannot be attributed to each factor in isolation.

Social capital

Social capital refers to the resources and quality of relationships that facilitate action and cooperation within or between groups. There are three main types of social capital:

- **Bonding:** connections between members of the same community, such as friends or relatives, resulting in close ties. This strong connection can provide access to social support and personal assistance, especially in times of need.
- **Bridging:** associations between different groups. These connections provide novel information and resources.
- **Linking:** relationships with individuals in positions of influence and institutional power. This connection can foster resources and institutional responses.

Frequently Asked Questions

For further information regarding Penrith City Council's Community Funding Program, please view the 'Frequently Asked Questions: Community Funding Program' on the [Grants Webpage](#) under 'Key Documents.'

Am I eligible for this grant?

You are eligible if you:

- provide services or are located in the Penrith LGA and deliver activities in the Penrith LGA that benefit Penrith residents.
- are a not-for-profit organisation that is incorporated or have evidence of auspice from an incorporated not-for-profit organisation with an ABN. If the application is by an unincorporated organisation, then it should provide evidence of auspice from an incorporated not-for-profit organisation.

How much money can I apply for?

Applicants may apply for:

Tier One – Sole Applicants:

Applicants may apply for a grant up to a total funding amount of **\$2,500**.

Tier Two – Partnerships:

Grant applicants who can demonstrate a partnership may request funding for an additional \$2,500 to a total funding amount of **\$5,000**. This does not include an auspicing arrangement. Partnerships must:



- include the applicant and one or more organisations or groups that are not-for-profit incorporated organisations or unincorporated groups with evidence of auspice from a not-for profit incorporated organisation.
- provide evidence of partnership.
- outline how the partnership will benefit the proposed activity.

You don't need to apply for the maximum amount – it's best to apply for the amount needed to make your activity happen.

What types of activities are eligible for funding?

- One-off activities e.g. an activity that is held once or reoccurs within the defined period of the grant.
- Capacity building activities e.g. workshops and training opportunities for your staff and the community you support.
- One-off purchase of equipment which supports proposed activities.
- Activities that support communications and promotion of new initiatives.

Do you have any examples of eligible activities?

The following are examples of eligible activities:

- A men's shelter applying for first aid training for its volunteers.
- A capacity building activity for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) parents to understand the Australian public school curriculum and support their children early academic life.
- Purchasing of a coffee machine by a youth service to improve social connection among young people.



- Purchase of new music by a choir/music group to enable learning of new music skills that enhance the well-being of participants
- An aged care service applying for a digital literacy workshop for its clients.

When do I need to submit my application by?

For information regarding specific grant timelines and key dates, please view the Community Funding Snapshot and Key Dates [here](#)

Am I able to submit more than one grant application?

Yes. Applicants can submit no more than two grant applications per grant round unless also acting as an auspice. The Thriving Communities Grant is open twice per year. Please note that applicants that possess the same ABN will be regarded as coming from the same organisation.

When will we find out if we are successful? When will we receive the funds?

You can expect to be notified of the outcome of your application approximately 8 weeks from when application submissions close. Successful applicants will be given 2 weeks to sign and return their funding agreement alongside any specified funding conditions. Funds will then be distributed within approximately 2 weeks.

When can we run our activity?

Eligible activities must be held:

- Round 1 – October of the application year to October of the following year
- Round 2 – May of the application year to May of the following year



Do I need to recognise Council's contribution?

No. Grant recipients are not required to recognise Council's contribution to the activity. However, the Community Funding Policy outlines that recipients must seek approval in writing from Penrith City Council prior to using Council's logo in promotional materials.

We have another question – what can we do?

Please contact the Community Capacity team by calling 4732 7777 or emailing community.capacity@penrith.city