

Community Support Grant 2026/27 - Application Form

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Purpose

To support community groups and organisations to deliver key initiatives, programs and activities within the Shire.

Important Information

Before completing this application, applicants are required to read the [Grant Program Guidelines](#).

Please note restrictions apply as to the number of grants available per applicant.

Funding

- Funding is available for eligible organisations up to \$5,000

Closing Date

- 4 June 2027 unless funds are exhausted earlier

Fundraising events and public community events are ineligible for funding under this stream
- refer funding for Community Events Grants Program

Lifesaving and safety equipment is available for volunteer community groups/organisations,
not for private clubs

I/We acknowledge that the Grant Program Guidelines have been reviewed *

☐ Yes

Application Part 1 - Eligibility

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Eligibility

- Applicants must be an organisation based in the Mornington Peninsula Shire's Local Government Area and/or that delivers funded projects, programs and activities within the Shire.
- Eligible applicants must be;
 - a current incorporated association or,
 - a current, registered Not-For-Profit, Charity, Public Benevolent Institution (PBI)
- If the applicant is an unincorporated organisation (e.g. community group), the applicant must be auspiced by another organisation (that must qualify as per above). The auspice arrangement will be for the proposed activity, program or project detailed in the application.

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- For further information, please refer to Grant Program Guidelines under *General Eligibility*

Location:

Please confirm that the applicant is an organisation based in the Mornington Peninsula Shire's Local Government Area and/or that delivers funded projects, programs and activities within the Shire. *

☐ Yes

Organisation Information

Please note:

- organisation status must be current
- applicants may be required to upload model rules/constitutions to ensure the organisation's purpose aligns with the grant program priorities.

What is the legal status of your organisation? *

- ☐ Unincorporated (requires an Auspice Organisation)
- ☐ Incorporated Association (commonly has 'Association', 'Incorporated' or 'Inc.' in the legal name)
- ☐ Public Company with Not-For-Profit and/or Charity registration
- ☐ Proprietary Company with Not-For-Profit, Public Benevolent Institution and/or Charity registration
- ☐ Private Business
- ☐ Other:

Businesses and Public Companies are ineligible to apply for Mornington Peninsula Shire's Community Investment Funding.

Your application will end here.

An unincorporated organisation must be auspiced by another organisation (that qualifies for funding under grant guidelines). The auspice arrangement will be for the proposed activity, program or project detailed in the application.

Eligibility (continued)

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Current Shire Funding

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Have you applied and/or been approved for grant funding from the Mornington Peninsula Shire in the current financial year? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide further information (e.g. grant type, amount, purpose) *

Prior Shire Funding

Has the organisation received Shire funding in a previous financial year? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

If you are unsure, please contact the [Grants Administration Officer - Finance](#)

Applicants must have acquitted and/or have an approved extension date for the acquittal to ensure compliance with all previously awarded funding.

Has the Acquittal Form for previous funding been submitted? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Acquittal report has not reached the due date
- ☐ Unsure

If you are unsure, please contact the [Grants Administration Officer - Finance](#)

You have indicated prior grant funding has not been acquitted.

Please refer to the Grant Program Guidelines eligibility.

Please do not proceed with this application until you have acquitted previous funding.

If you are unsure, please email the [Grants Administration Officer - Finance](#)

Applicant Details

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Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

Ensure you are providing the same name that is listed in official documentation such as with the ABR, ACNC or ATO

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Organisation Primary Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, and Postcode are required.

Organisation Primary Website

Must be a URL.

Contact Details

Contact Person for Grant *

First Name

Last Name

This is the primary contact for correspondence

Position in Organisation *

i.e President, treasurer, committee member

Contact Phone Number *

Contact Email Address *

Applicant Details continued

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Australian Business Number

Applicant ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	

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ATO Charity Type [More information](#)
ACNC Registration
Tax Concessions
Main Business Location

Must be an ABN.

Incorporated but no ABN?

Please upload a completed Statement by a Supplier Form (if you do not have an ABN)

Attach a file:

Applicants without an ABN must submit a [Statement by a Supplier](#) form

Applicant Bank Account Details

Bank Name *

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Account Name

BSB Number Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

Financials and Other Document Uploads

Upload - P&L AND Balance Sheet or 12 month financial statement *
Attach a file:

Upload - Public Liability Insurance - Certificate of Currency *
Attach a file:

Model Rules/Constitution

Please provide a copy of the organisation's Constitution or Model Rules *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file must be attached.

Child Safety

Please upload your organisation's Child Safety Policy.

Upload - Child Safety Policy/Plan *

Attach a file:

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Application Part 1a - Auspice Organisation

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Auspice Agreement

Unincorporated organisations must have an [Auspice Agreement](#) with an incorporated Mornington Peninsula community group/organisation.

Upload: completed Auspice Agreement *

Attach a file:

Funding is paid directly to the Auspice organisation, who are responsible for the following obligations:

- Receipt, bank, and administer all monies related to the grant
- Monitor the project and ensure timely completion
- Complete the financial Acquittal Form and ensure funding is acquitted on time
- Ensure that the group has public liability insurance where appropriate.

Auspice organisations may be required to provide evidence of solvency in the form of current financial statements.

Note: Local organisations (with an ABN and based on the Mornington Peninsula) that are auspiced by a peak body or a larger incorporated body not based on the Mornington Peninsula, may have funds paid directly into the local organisation's account. In this case, please provide your organisation's account number for payment, as the applicant.

Auspice Organisation *

Organisation Name

Auspice Organisation Street Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, and Postcode are required.

Auspice Organisation Email *

Auspice Organisation ABN *

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The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

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ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Is the Auspice Organisation acting as an Auspice for another group this year? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide details (application number or organisation name)

Has the Auspice Organisation submitted an application in its own name this year?

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☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the relevant application number (e.g. FG26/27-358)

Auspice Organisation Bank Account Details

Bank Name *

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Account Name

BSB Number Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

Application Part 2 - Your Project and Budget

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Project Title *

Must be no more than 12 words.
Please provide a succinct title for your project.

Brief Project Description *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.
Describe "what you are going to do". This will be published in Council's reporting - be sure to be accurate and succinct.

Additional Project Information (optional, if required)

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Upload - Additional documentation to support your application (if required)

Attach a file:

What is the address where the project will take place?

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, Postcode response required

In what Council ward will your project take place? *

Assessment Criteria

The following criteria will be assessed on a scale of 1-5:

- 1 = application does not meet the criterion.
- 2 = application just meets some of the criterion
- 3 = application meets criterion
- 4 = application meets criterion in a number of areas
- 5 = application meets criterion at a high level

Applicants project must meet a minimum score of 55%.

1) CRITERION: Community Support Grant Priorities

Indicate which priorities your project supports *

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- ☐ Lifesaving and safety equipment
- ☐ Strengthens the capacity of volunteering on the Mornington Peninsula through training and/or learning new skills
- ☐ Initiatives that contribute to the sustainability of community groups
- ☐ Increases social inclusion, participation and community cohesion
- ☐ Programs, activities and initiatives with broad community benefit
- ☐ Supports environmental priorities
- ☐ Seed funding for new projects

How will your project support the priorities above? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

Write short a short description how the project will support the priorities.

2) CRITERION: Community Partnerships

Does your project/activity involve partnering with other community groups? If so, who are your partners? (If not, answer no) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 30 words.

3) CRITERION: Community Benefit

Who will benefit from this project? *

- ☐ Individual or unidentified level of access
- ☐ Limited to exclusive group membership
- ☐ Broad community access within limited geographic area
- ☐ Broad community access throughout Mornington Peninsula Shire

If your project is a social activity, how many attendees do you anticipate?

If your project is not a social activity, please move to the next section.

4) CRITERION: Feasibility

Please be aware that if your project involves infrastructure changes to Mornington Peninsula Shire owned Facility/Land, you will be required to complete a *Community Capital Infrastructure Proposal Form* alongside your application.

Download: [Community Capital Infrastructure Proposal Form](#)

Will the project be carried out on public or private land/facility? *

- ☐ Shire owned
- ☐ Public land - community use
- ☐ Public land - limited community access

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- ☐ Privately owned land
- ☐ Publicly used private land
- ☐ Unsure

Have you obtained land owner permission? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Pending
- ☐ Not Applicable

i.e Parks Victoria, VicRoads, State Government etc. Preliminary approval is required as a minimum for this application. If successful, funding will not be provided until evidence of full approval is granted. For Shire owned community facilities, please email the Property department for landowner permission

Upload - copy of land owner consent (email is acceptable)

Attach a file:

i.e. correspondence from Community Capital Infrastructure, Arts & Culture Panel, land owner, Shire Property dept.

5) CRITERION: Capability

What skills or experience does your organisation have to deliver the project? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

Who will deliver the project? *

☐ Staff ☐ Contractors ☐ Volunteers

Have you discussed your project with a Shire Officer? If so, whom? *

If you haven't just write no

Project Budget

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6) CRITERION: Budget

Income

Grant Amount Requested (\$): *

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How does GST affect my application?

The ATO considers grants income as taxable income. GST only applies to your grant if your organisation is registered for GST with the ATO. It is illegal to claim GST if you are not registered.

Applicants NOT registered for GST:

Apply for the quoted amount, including GST

Applicants registered for GST:

Apply for the quoted amount, excluding GST (the GST component will be paid to the applicant with the approved grant amount)

EXAMPLE:

A community group applies to replace their failing refrigerator. **Quoted price is \$400 + GST = \$440**

- a) if the group **IS NOT** registered for GST, the application will be for \$440. When payment is made, they will receive \$440.
- b) if the group **IS** registered for GST, the application will be for \$400 only. When payment is made, they will receive \$440 (\$400 + GST).

Additional Community Contribution

Contribution Source	\$ Amount
E.g. fundraising, other government grants	
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Total Project Cost

Total Income Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Expenditure

Please describe the main items of expenditure for the project so that it is clearly understood what the income will be used for.

- Refer to the Grant Guidelines to see what is eligible for funding
- In-kind volunteer hours will be included in the table below (after Totals section)
- Commas and \$ signs are not required
- You may add additional rows if needed.

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Items	Amount
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Total Project Expenditure & Quotes

Total Expenditure Amount

\$

This number/amount is calculated.
This should equal the total income amount.

Upload quotes (online pricing is acceptable) *

Attach a file:

Volunteer (in-kind) Contribution

Volunteer hours for your project are calculated at \$46.92 per hour per volunteer.

Number of Volunteers *

If no volunteers, please
enter '0'

Estimate hours per volunteer *

Total volunteer hours *

This number/amount is
calculated.

**Total in-kind volunteer
contribution ***

\$

This number/amount is
calculated.

Program Outcome/s

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All Community Investment Funding Programs are aligned to the Council Plan and the Community Vision and form part of a planning and evaluation framework.

Applicants are asked to select the output (the tangible things/deliverables eg; numbers of participants or items of equipment etc) in the Application Form below and estimate the number of outputs the project will deliver.

The estimated number of outputs are included in the Funding Agreement. The actual number of outputs is required to be reported in the acquittal at the completion of the project.

Program Outcome/s

Increased community capacity and participation.

Desired Long Term Outcome/s

A cohesive, resilient community.

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Output Estimates

Number of projects/activities: *

Must be a number.

Declaration and Acceptance

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Funding Agreement

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☐ If this application is successful, I/we (our organisation) agree to sign a Mornington Peninsula Shire Funding Agreement prior to funds being released.

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☐ Successful applicants will be required to acknowledge Shire support, using approved Shire logo in any printed and/or digital materials.

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☐ Successful applicants are required to provide evidence at the acquittal stage, within the stated timeframe, that grant funds were spent on the approved purpose (e.g. receipts, bank statements). Where adequate evidence is not provided, Council may require all or part of the grant funding to be repaid.

I declare that the information and attachments in this application are, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete. *

☐ I agree and declare the above to be true and correct

I approve for Shire Officers to talk to other funding bodies / organisations for the purposes of seeking funding to support the activity. *

☐ Yes

☐ No

All successfully awarded grant, subsidy and sponsorship applications are published on the Shire's website for public transparency. Projects/activities awarded feature in a number of Council's promotions of Community Investment Funding through both digital and print mediums. Please indicate below that you agree to these conditions. *

☐ Yes

Council's Policy and Reporting

A list of funding awarded through Community Investment Funding will include names of applicant organisations, details of the projects and value of the funding awarded and will be published regularly on Council's website and in Council's Annual Report.

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Funding is guided by Council's Community Investment Funding Policy and Framework (2025) and is subject to Council's adoption of the annual budget.

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<https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/System-pages/Privacy-Statement>