

MEDIA RELEASE

MID MURRAY COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM OPEN SOON FOR APPLICATIONS

Community groups and organisations can soon apply for funding support for initiatives to provide opportunities for the Mid Murray community to participate in recreational, cultural, community and environmental activities.

The Mid Murray Council's Community Grants Program opens for applications on 1 May 2024. The annual program offers a range of grants to assist with community events and projects, as well as a grant stream to support locals attending sport, music, art or other cultural events.

There are some changes to the grants program this year, which applicants should be aware of before they apply. These include:

- Community groups can only apply for a grant from one funding stream.
- All applicants must contribute 50% in either cash or in-kind support.
- All expenditure of funds must be used for the intended purpose as outlined in the application.
- Groups must provide:
 - Quotes to the equal value of the funding request – preference will be given to applicants who use local business/suppliers where possible and within budget.
 - Community group meeting minutes demonstrating support for project/event application.
 - Evidence of the group's current financial position.

Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey said the Community Grants Program provides valuable assistance to groups and individuals who deliver important initiatives for the district.

"This program gives real support for many community groups, organisations and individuals to provide meaningful outcomes for the Mid Murray.

"Over recent years the grants have assisted with the promotion and running of local events, funded much-needed medical and sporting equipment, and given a boost to groups working towards facility upgrades and local history projects.

"It's a way that Council can recognise and support the efforts of our fantastic community groups and individuals in providing opportunities for our residents in a wide range of activities, including recreational, cultural, community and environmental.

"Interest in these grants is always significant, and the changes to the application process this year will ensure the grants deliver the maximum benefit for our community."

The Council offers the grants annually across three main funding streams – Small Community Grants (up to \$1,000), Community Event Grants (up to \$2,000) and Community Project Grants (up to \$5,000).

An Individual Sport and Cultural Grant program also runs year-round, supporting locals to attend sport, music, art or other cultural activities at a State, National and International level. This grant has a sliding scale of contribution amounts including \$100 for events in SA, \$200 for interstate events and \$400 for international activities.

For more information about the Council's Community Grants Program, including how to apply, visit <https://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/community/grants>.

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