

Community Grants Now Open

Round One of South Gippsland Shire Council's Community Grants program is now open for applications.

The program offers grants of up to \$10,000 aimed at assisting local not-for-profit groups achieve their goals. Grants could be for equipment purchases, project development or festival and events – anything to help enhance the work done by community groups that benefits the broader South Gippsland community.

Grants are available in the following categories:

Minor Projects and Equipment Grant (up to \$5,000), Major Projects and Equipment Grant (up to \$10,000), Festival and Events Grant (up to \$10,000) and Planning and Development Reports (up to \$10,000).

Council previously awarded a total of \$239,678 worth of funding to 39 community organisations in the 2025/2026 Community Grants Program.

Applicants are encouraged to read the Community Grant Guidelines 2026/27 and to contact the team before applying. To read these guidelines and make your grant application, please visit

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants. Grant applications close midnight 31 August 2026.

If you have any questions or need help applying, please contact the Grants team on 5662 9200 or grants@southgippsland.vic.gov.au, or come along to a drop-in information session during the listed hours. No appointment needed.

- Leongatha Library - Tuesday 21 July 2.00pm to 7.00pm.
- Mirboo North Library - Wednesday 22 July 2.00pm to 5.00pm.
- Korumburra Library - Thursday 23 July 10.00am to 3.00pm.
- Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre - Friday 24 July 11.00am to 3.00pm.
- Visitor Information Centre, Foster - Tuesday 28 July 10.00am to 3.00pm.
- Toora Community Library - Wednesday 29 July 10.00am to 12.00pm.
- Poowong Library - Thursday 30 July 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

Quotes attributable to Nathan Hersey, Mayor of South Gippsland Shire Council

"Our community groups are the beating heart of South Gippsland, delivering important services, programs and opportunities that strengthen and enrich our community."

"I am proud that Council can support the great work of so many local groups through the Community Grants Program, and I encourage all eligible groups to take advantage of this opportunity and apply."

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