

Recommended Applications Round 2 Community Projects 2020 2021

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East Gippsland Performance and Quarter Horse Association	East Gippsland Performance and Quarter Horse Association Facilities Upgrade	This grant would allow EGPQHA to replace arena fencing, upgrade our sand arena, essential for the welfare of both horse and rider and provide a covered all weather area for spectators, officials and participants.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,150.00
Omeo & District Agricultural & Pastoral Association Inc	Portable Shorn Sheep Yards	Complements shearer training shed project. Funding would support purchase of temporary holding pens for shorn sheep for annual Show and training sessions.	\$ 3,448.00	\$ 3,448.00	\$ 6,896.00
East Gippsland Men's Health	Gippsland Men's Health Forum	Funding will support costs associated with delivery of Men's Health Forum. The community event will be run in line with National men's health Week 2021 and will include family events with a workshop and address from keynote speaker Dr. Arnie Rubenstein (mbbs, fracgp) Founder & CEO, The Rites of Passage Institute.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,985.00
Goongerah Landcare	Nest box and fauna restoration monitoring	Funding to support Wildlife nesting box installation and equipment for safe and effective monitoring. Boxes built and installed include those suitable for boobook owls, microbats, sugar glider boxes, assorted Ringtail, Brushtail and Yellow-bellied Glider boxes.	\$ 3,980.00	\$ 3,980.00	\$ 7,970.00
Bairnsdale Four Wheel Drive Social Club Inc	Defib or Die	Funding to support purchase of DEFIB - DEFIBs are a vital part of lifesaving equipment in emergency's and when travelling in remote and isolated areas. Bairnsdale Four Wheel Drive Social Club has been in our community for 36 years. A not for profit family orientated club, with a member base of 59 individuals. Affiliated and Sanctioned by Four Wheel Drive Victoria the club is involved with various environmental care and monitoring projects. The Club is called for search and rescue and played an integral part in accessing remote and isolated communities during the summer bushfires.	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,017.00

Bairnsdale clay target club	Ball Trap upgrade	Funding to support training facility upgrades. Currently there are no trench layouts existing between Mallacoota and Melbourne which means that anyone within East Gippsland with aspirations to perform on the world stage of ISSF trench will either need to travel to Melbourne or Canberra for training. A trench layout to build from scratch would cost somewhere between \$200,000-\$280,000 which is out of reach of most individuals and clubs. An accepted alternative, and one that Olympic athlete Penny Smith uses, is a ball trap. A ball trap layout can deliver a suitable training experience at a fraction of the cost.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,450.00
Bianca Basset	Legless and Blind	<p>Delivery of a community strengthening and empowerment program.</p> <p>The project would offer two sessions, one for the business community. It will focus on how continue to be resilient in your business during change. Session two would be community focused and talk about resilience after trauma.</p> <p>Ben and Mike will also visit the local secondary college and run a resilience workshop with school students.</p>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Glenaladale Recreation Reserve	Glenaladale Rec Reserve Strategic 5-10 Year Master Plan	funding to develop a coordinated plan which would enable upgrades to be implemented in a sequential manner and support joint mangers and future project funding applications	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Mallacoota Gun Club	Clubroom Awning	This project is to construct an awning with concrete floor to the new clubroom and equipment storage building (a 12m x 12m shed) for the Mallacoota Gun Club. The awning will provide important and much needed shade and shelter for club members, visitors and spectators.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
DA Dragons Abreast Gippsland Waratahs	DA Gippsland Waratahs Safety Upgrade (Breast Cancer support group/Dragon Boat)	Funding to support purchase of 20-25 new PFD's (approved life jackets) for members and to also have sufficient spare PFD's on hand to enable interested and prospective new members to come and try Dragonboat paddling. The club also wishes to upgrade its marquee.	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 4,850.00

Rivera Riders	Cycling Safer in East Gippsland	Funding for a "Cycle Safer in East Gippsland" project which would be a safe riding for riding regional roads education session and a coached community bike ride to practise the safe cycling techniques. Participants would receive an especially designed cycling jersey/kit which will reflect their connection with the East Gippsland community, with fellow riders and also incorporate high visibility features in keeping with the emphasis on cycling safely.	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Australian Marine Mammal Conservation Foundation	Marine Mammals Making a Splash in Education	Funding to support delivery of innovative and interactive education incursions in primary and secondary schools across the east Gippsland region. Students enjoy learning about their local Gippsland Lakes Burrunan dolphins, and how they can minimise anthropogenic threats, such as litter, to actively care for their environment within their school community.	\$ 4,994.00	\$ 4,994.00	\$ 10,139.00
East Gippsland United Football Club	Howitt Park Nets replacements due to vandalism	Funding to support replacement of club infrastructure damaged by vandals. The club left the goal nets up at Howitt Park during Covid last year to enable players to practise as part of their exercise regime during lockdown however vandals have destroyed them.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 23,320.00
Bairnsdale and District Old Time Dance Group inc.	Old Time Ballroom Dancing Annual Ball Weekend	Funding to support Old Time Ballroom Dancing Weekend, from Friday night to Sunday afternoon. Participants come from Melbourne, Regional Victoria, and interstate locations. The activity is designed to engage senior citizens particularly, but all citizens are welcome to attend. The event addresses social, community connectiveness and community participation.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,650.00
		TOTALS	\$ 60,322.00	\$ 60,322.00	\$ 151,427.00

All Applications Round 2 Community Projects 2020 2021

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Lindenow Sports Ground Committee of Management	Basketball ring installation	The intent is to install the ring assembly on the old netball court area, that is still suitable for non-competition use.	\$ 2,385.00	\$ 4,770.00
Twin Rivers Lions Club Inc	Printer and Folding Machine	The funding to support purchase of COLOUR PRINTER & FOLDING MACHINE - community service of Twin Rivers Lions Club Inc Initially the printer would be used on a regular basis to produce a minimum of 250 newsletters with a minimum of 6 editions annually.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
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Eagle point community hall inc.	Front fence	Funding to support purchase of materials and contractor to erect fence	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
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The Dunes Festival	The Dunes Festival	Funding will support delivery of music concert at a venue in Lakes Entrance in Winter. Melbourne artists will be engaged, and it is proposed that local artists will be invited to support.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
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Bairnsdale Primary School	754 Science Fair 2021	A weeklong Science Fair celebrating and sharing 754's, and other network Schools', Science work during National Science Week in August 2021The Science Fair aims to educate, celebrate, and connect our school communities through Science and learning.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

Newlands Arm Residents and Ratepayers Association	Minor Building Works of External Meeting Room at the Newlands Arm Community Centre	This project aims to complete the insulation and lining of the area with Foil board panels, and villa board lining sheets. The room is presently incomplete with poor acoustics and sub-standard thermal benefits.	\$ 964.56	\$ 1,691.00
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Ensay Hall (Ensay Mechanics Institute Reserve Inc)	Ensay Hall - kitchen and bathroom basic updates	Funding to support basic updates to provide working areas that meet basic (and council) health and safety requirements. Ensay Hall is the community Emergency Assembly point and provides a venue for community meetings, private functions and any other community gatherings that are required.	\$ 2,934.65	\$ 5,869.30
Ensay Recreation Reserve	Air-conditioning for main Pavilion	The funding to support purchase and the installation of 2 air-conditioners and 2 sweep fans in Main Pavilion at the Ensay Recreation Reserve and a community luncheon to follow.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
			\$ 89,106.21	\$ 211,257.30

East Gippsland Shire Council

Community Grants Program Guidelines

Round 2, 2020-2021



Grants Program Guidelines

Overview

The East Gippsland Shire Council's Community grant programs provide funding opportunities for East Gippsland based community groups, organisations and in some categories, individuals (artists).

Through these programs the Shire supports a wide range of services and innovative activities that strengthen our communities, encourage environmental sustainability, health and well-being, while fostering cultural diversity, the arts and local economies.

There are two funding rounds each financial year. Round 1 opens at 9:00am on Wednesday 6 January 2021 and all applications must be submitted by 5.00pm on Wednesday 3 March 2021. Applications in this round must be for projects that start after mid May 2021.

Dates for subsequent rounds are listed on the [East Gippsland Shire Council website](#).

Applications need to be submitted and acquitted, if successful, via the online grants management program called Smartygrants. Applications forms can be started, saved and submitted at: www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

EGSC staff are available to help support you to make an application. It is strongly recommended that all applicants contact the relevant grant officer, listed in the table on page 3, prior to commencing their application on 03) 5153 9500.

Applicants can only be successful for a specific project in one grant program per funding round.

There is a '[Help Guide for Applicants](#)' available which outlines how to use the Smartygrants system.

All applications must be submitted via the online program.

There will be grant information sessions held at various locations across the Shire. Please visit the [Community Grants webpage](#) for further information.

Are you planning an event?

As an accessible, alternative and healthier option East Gippsland Water have a portable drinking water trailer available to be used at events free of charge for large community and/or non-profit making events. For further details please see their website <https://www.egwater.vic.gov.au/drinking-water-trailer/>

The following table outlines the categories available under the East Gippsland Shire Grants program. As well as the standard guidelines, each category has specific eligibility criteria.

East Gippsland Shire Council Grants Program Categories

Category	Maximum Request	Program Officer	Criteria Page No.
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Community Grants Program

Community Projects	\$5,000.00	Rebecca Pantry Acting Community Programs Coordinator	7
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Arts and Heritage Grants Program

Arts Projects	\$5,000.00	Andrea Court	8-9
Major Arts Projects	\$10,000.00	Arts and Culture Coordinator	
Heritage Projects	\$5,000.00		

Regional and District Events Sponsorship Program

RADES	\$10,000.00	Jeanette Seignior Economic Development Events Officer	10
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It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the application is submitted to the correct program. Your application cannot be switched between programs after submitting.

If you are unsure as to which category you should be applying for, please call program staff on 03) 5153 9500.

General Information

Please familiarise yourself with the standard grant program guidelines as well as the specific criteria for the category you intend to apply for prior to commencing the application form.

Important Information

- After reading this document which includes the assessment criteria you can access the application forms on the [East Gippsland Shire Council website](#)
- These funding programs are not recurrent funding programs. Council will not support the same project, event or program each year unless there is obvious change to its reach, target market or outcomes.
- You may attach supporting documentation such as letters of support, letter of agreement to auspice (if required), photos, financial information that will be of use when assessing your application. If applying for an art grant it is expected that you would supply artistic support material.
- Completed applications and supporting documentation must be submitted no later than 5.00 pm on the closing date indicated on page 1.
- If you have difficulty completing the form or need assistance with determining the appropriate category for your project/event, please contact the relevant Shire Officer (refer to page 3) on (03) 5153 9500.
- The Smartygrants system will save a PDF of your application for you. Shire staff can also email you a PDF copy if required. Be sure to save a copy in case you are contacted for further information.
- Read the questions carefully and ensure you answer them fully.
- Information provided as part of this application must be true and correct to the best knowledge of the nominated representative.
- Demonstrate that your application is financially viable and that the project can be successfully delivered within the specified budget. For Regional and District Events Sponsorship (RADES) your budget should show a sustainable approach to event management. We recommend that event owners focus on social (people), financial (profit) and environment (planet) concerns and demonstrate these sustainable outcomes positively in your budget. For Community Projects and Arts and Heritage grant programs your budget must balance, and you must be showing dollar for dollar matching. For every dollar, you are asking from the grant there must be a dollar coming from elsewhere to match it. 50% of which can be in-kind support.
- If you are applying for an upgrade of a facility it must be on Shire owned land, Crown land or land under an acceptable deed or trust for non-profit incorporated bodies.
- Any grant funding that is unspent at the completion of the project or used on expenses that have not been approved in the funding agreement, must be returned to the Shire.
- Ensure if your project involves children that you adhere to the new Child Safety Standards. For further details please visit their website:
<https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safety/being-a-child-safe-organisation/the-child-safe-standards/>

Eligibility

What is eligible for funding?

To be eligible for funding, your organisation must be able to demonstrate:

- That the project primarily benefits residents and/or service organisations/groups within the East Gippsland Shire.
- Incorporation, or have a letter of support from an incorporated organisation willing to support the project under an auspice agreement.
- Evidence of financial viability and sound management of the project.
- That the project is well planned and achievable within the proposed timeframe.
- That the grant proposal is for a specific project/event that does not require recurrent or ongoing funding.
- That the project organiser will obtain all written approvals, consent and permits from the relevant authorities and/or stakeholders prior to commencing. Failure to do so will result in the removal of funding support.

What is not eligible for funding?

- Fireworks. In this time of drought and extreme fire risk Council will not support the purchase of fireworks.
- An organisation that has not satisfactorily acquitted a previous grant from the East Gippsland Shire Council.
- Projects seeking funding for activities that will be conducted outside the boundaries of the East Gippsland Shire.
- Projects that are not showing other financial (including in-kind) support to the value of the grant request or higher.
- Projects requesting funding for wages/salaries for staff not directly engaged in the delivery of the project.
- General operating expenses.
- Commercial activities or business start-up costs.
- Projects requesting retrospective funding for monies that have already been spent or monies to cover shortfalls in the operational budget.
- Activities and programs that duplicate existing services.
- Individuals and unincorporated bodies, unless auspiced by an incorporated body. The exception is for individual artists in the Arts categories.
- Projects that are the responsibility of the State or Commonwealth Government.
- Activities with a focus on the promotion of a single faith, political activities and/or religious ceremonies.
- Projects that are primarily for the purpose of fundraising and/or where Council's contribution will be specifically used to purchase trophies, prizes or prize money.
- Incomplete applications or applications that have not enclosed all required documentation.
- Projects that are scheduled to occur before Council has made a final decision on the funding round.
- NOTE: Regular maintenance is not eligible and should be built into yearly budgets. Upgrade of equipment may be considered where there is a clear increased benefit to the community.

- Successful grant recipients will need to agree to protect, respect and promote the Human Rights of all and comply with the [Charter of Human rights](#).
- Successful grant applicants will be required to submit and COVID -19 safe plan. it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure COVID -19 Health guidelines issued by Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) are always followed. Please refer to the [DHHS Covid safe -workplace guidelines](#)

Community Grants Program

The aim of the Community grants program is to assist in creating an inclusive, healthy, safe and resilient East Gippsland community. The program is underpinned by community strengthening principles. These principles include but are not limited to:

- Valuing collaborations and partnerships
- Providing access and equity to ensure a socially inclusive community
- Asset based – building on strengths that exist within our community
- Valuing the environmental sustainability of East Gippsland

The maximum amount available to apply for is \$5,000 and all requested amounts require a dollar for dollar contribution, 50% of which can be in-kind.

All applications will be required to identify how the project aligns with the East Gippsland Shire Council Plan or adopted plan such as those linked below:

[East Gippsland Shire Council Plan 2017-2021](#)

[Health and Well-being Plan](#)

[Age Friendly Communities Strategy](#)

[Diversity, Access and Social Inclusion Plan](#)

[Early Years Plan](#)

[Regional Youth Plan](#)

[Reconciliation Action Plan](#)

[Environmental and Sustainability Strategy](#)

[Growing East Gippsland, Economic Development Strategy](#)

What is in-kind support?

It is charitable giving in which, instead of giving money to buy needed goods and services, the goods and services themselves are given. Or, given goods, commodities or services that are worth money, instead of money.

For example: A committee member has lumber in the shed that she is giving to the project. The wood would have been worth approximately \$600 if it was bought specifically for the project. Meaning, \$600 in-kind support would show in the budget under income as well as expenditure.

Community Grants Program

Required documentation

The support materials listed below must be submitted with your application. **Failure to do so will make your application ineligible.**

- A copy of the organisation's most recent Annual Report or Financial Statement showing profit, loss and reserves as a minimum.
- If the applicant is not legally incorporated, a letter and the above documentation must be provided from an incorporated organisation indicating its willingness to auspice the proposed project for you.
- If your project is taking place on someone else's land, an email/letter of support or agreement from the land owner.

Assessment Criteria

Community Projects

All Community Projects applications received will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Meet all eligibility criteria on page 5.
- The extent to which the project addresses a community need and reflects a clear and ongoing community benefit.
- The extent to which the project makes a clear connection to priorities within the [East Gippsland Shire Council Plan](#) or an adopted plan.
- The depth of demonstrated partnerships between community, groups and or organisations.
- The level of inclusion and participation for all community members.
- The applicant has a proven track record and can show clear capacity to manage the project.
- The depth and number of measurable impacts including how these impacts will continue once the funding and or project ends.
- The amount requested must be matched dollar for dollar as detailed on page 6.(50% of the grant request needs to be shown in the budget as other support, half of this needs to be cash and the other half can be in-kind)

Examples of community projects can include (but are not limited to):

- A community celebration, festival or show that is inclusive of the local community.
- Projects focusing on our environment – Resource Smart projects (bio-diversity, waste, energy and water).
- Energy audits, with the aim of improving the viability and sustainability of a community facility, which will in turn could make it cheaper to hire for the community, increasing usage.
- Community education and planning events.
- Projects that improve the health and well-being of the community.
- Projects that build strength and resilience in communities, empowering people of all ages and abilities to feel engaged and connected.
- Upgrade of a community facility for example, adding a kitchenette to a community hall with the aim of attracting more diverse hires, while generating more income for the hall committee, making the hall more sustainable.
- Partnerships with Traditional Owner groups, education, celebration and inclusion of culture.

[Lists of funded projects from past rounds can be found on the Shire website. Scroll to the bottom of the page to view.](#)



Arts and Heritage Grants

The Arts and Heritage grants program aims to support to individuals (Artists) and local organisations to present and or developmental arts activity and heritage projects. The program aims to foster a strong sense of local identity, creativity and community spirit through the categories' below.

- Arts Projects up to \$5,000
- Major Arts Projects up to \$10,000
- Heritage Projects up to \$5,000
- Quick response Art and heritage Grants up to \$500

Projects in this category must generally result in some form of public presentation. Visual arts, literature, music, theatre, dance, multimedia and other art forms.

Quick Response Arts and Heritage Criteria

Quick Response grants are available for projects that have arisen outside longer planning timeframes. Examples of opportunities could include an invitation to exhibit, forum/conference presentation or learning opportunity that could not have been anticipated.

These grants are not available for projects that have long lead times or where the expectation is that it could be applied for through Arts Projects/Major Arts Projects or Heritage Projects funding rounds. Evidence of booking or invitation to speak/attend/present is required.

East Gippsland individuals/organisations can apply for these funds all year round. A brief acquittal report will be required.

The Quick Response Arts and Heritage grants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Timeliness
- Career Development
- Artistic Merit
- Viability

Arts Projects Criteria

The Arts Projects will be assessed against the following criteria:

- The level of artistic/cultural merit, to be shown through artist support material – images and the explanation of the rationale of the work, i.e. the thinking behind the work.
- The extent to which the approach to the artform and presentation shows innovation.
- The extent to which the outcome increases the awareness, appreciation and participation by a broad cross-section of the local community, particularly communities not regularly involved in local cultural activity with the aim of increasing creativity and well-being.
- The amount requested must be matched dollar for dollar. This can include in-kind support. No more than 50% of other support can be in-kind (25% of the total project cost). Other sources of contribution may include ticket sales, cash reserves, donations, other grants, philanthropic, corporate or fundraising.
- Artists should be shown as being paid in the budgets.

Major Arts Projects Criteria

In addition to the criteria listed under Arts Projects (above) the following criteria must also be addressed when applying for a Major Arts Grant:

- The extent to which the project provides new and expanded opportunities to express and celebrate East Gippsland's cultural diversity.
- The demonstrated level of partnerships between artists or art, organisations and the wider community and opportunities to develop new skills.
- That the public presentation will attract a broad or new audience and is accessible to community in the hope of growing creativity and expression in the community.
- The level of community involvement in the creation and/or presentation of the project.
- The extent to which the development and or presentation uses public spaces and places in the municipality, notably East Gippsland halls, community facilities, streets and open spaces.

Heritage Projects

The Heritage Projects aim to support work that enhances East Gippsland heritage. This could include structures, sites, streetscapes, people or objects. Projects could include, but are not limited to, creation of a cultural tourism or attraction, acknowledgement of a local person, cataloguing of community museum's artefacts, event or place known for its historical significance, oral history projects or enhancement of a heritage structure.

- To the extent that the place, person or site is historically significant.
- The depth and level of relevant partnerships.
- The applicant has a proven track record and can show clear capacity to manage the project.
- That the correct procedures are outlined and followed. For example, cataloguing follows the [Museums Victoria guidelines](#).
- The amount requested must be matched dollar for dollar. This can include in-kind support. No more than 50% of other support can be in-kind (25% of the total project cost). Other sources of contribution may include ticket sales, cash reserves, donations, other grants, philanthropic, corporate or fundraising.

Difference between the Community grants and (RADES) Regional and District Event Sponsorship grants.

The Community grants program supports local events with a community benefit focus. Most of the audience will be local audiences.

The RADES funding has a focus on economic benefit to East Gippsland, and the audience will include visitors from around Victoria, interstate and internationally and will require accommodation for two or three nights. .

Regional and District Event Sponsorship Program

The Regional and District Event Sponsorship program is to support the facilitation and enhancement of events held in the East Gippsland region.

Specific Criteria

The following criteria will be used to evaluate applications made under the East Gippsland Shire Regional and District Event Sponsorship Program:

1. The event brings greater economic benefit to East Gippsland and the audience includes visitors from around Victoria, interstate and international. E.g. Provide support material showing visitor numbers, nights of stay and visitor spend.
2. Contribution of the event to community strengthening, through building relationships and engaging relevant stakeholders and community members in its organisation and attendance.
3. Use of and positive promotion of local sport, tourism, recreation and cultural facilities.
4. Capacity of the event to be conducted safely, meet all relevant legislative and legal requirements and have minimal negative impact (or inconvenience) on the community.
5. Level of innovation and creativity of the event and the capacity of the event to engage the community in new opportunities and experiences.
6. Demonstrate that the event is financially viable and includes support from other sources, which could include philanthropic, corporate, fundraising, cash, in-kind or other grants. Along with the ability to develop and improve the competency levels of the event organisers and volunteers.
7. Timing of the event within the overall calendar of events.
8. Location of the event, to ensure that there is an even spread of events across the municipality.
9. Alignment of the event to the [Council Plan](#) and supports adventure tourism.

Other Information to consider

Your application is assessed against the specific criteria listed above and each criterion carries a different weighting of importance. The weightings are as follows:

Criteria Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Weighting	3	1.25	2	1	1.75	2.25	2.5	2	2.5

Funding for up to three years can be applied for.

An event scheduled more than one year out from date of the grant application will generally not be eligible for funding, unless a need for advance funding is clearly outlined in the grant application.

Assessment and Selection Process

The Grants Program is a competitive process and each application is assessed based on the relevant funding criteria.

Below is the expected timeframe of the grants process.

Funding Round 2, 2019/2020 opens	9.00am on Wednesday 6 January 2021
Funding Round 1, 2019/2020 closes	5:00pm Wednesday 3 March 2021
All applications assessed by grants panel	March 2021
Recommendations for funding compiled for Council report	March 2021
Reviewed by Councillors	May 2021
Recommendations approved at the Council meeting	May 2021
Applicants notified of funding outcome	Mid May 2021

All applicants will be advised in writing via the contact email address of the outcome of their application.

Funding allocations in each grants category may not be fully allocated, and the Shire reserves the right to make this decision following assessment of all submissions.

Approved projects

Successful applicants will be asked to sign a Funding Agreement before receiving the grant money, you will be given a purchase order number to add to your invoice and when the invoice is received the payment will be released.

Acquittal report

If successful, on completion of the project you will be required to fill out a final acquittal report, also through the Smartygrants system. The acquittal report includes financial reconciliation and a project evaluation. This is where you will be asked to provide:

- A description of your project and how it met your objectives
- An evaluation of the impact of your project, including things like attendance figures, community impact and outcomes
- A financial reconciliation, showing your actual finances compared with the budget you submitted in the application
- Supporting documentation, including receipts proof of Council acknowledgement on all promotional material, photographs of the project outcomes and feedback on the program.

The acquittal report will be due 30 days after the project end date. You can fill it out and save it as you deliver the project.

Why you are required to acquit the grant

To account for your use of public funds, demonstrating that the funding has been used for the purpose that is was provided for and in accordance with your Funding Agreement. To assist the Council in assessing how successful the programs are and to provide you with an opportunity to make suggestions regarding improvements to the funding programs.

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Outreach Centres

Bendoc Outreach Centre -

18 Dowling Street

Buchan Resource Centre -

6 Centre Road

Cann River Community Centre -

Princes Highway

Connection to Council Plan Applications Round 2 Community Projects 2020 2021

User Organisation	Project	Brief Description	Requested	As per application 'Please outline the connection between your project and the Council Plan or adopted plan? (Links to all Plans and strategies can be found on Page 6 of the Program Guidelines document'
East Gippsland Performance and Quarter Horse Association	East Gippsland Performance and Quarter Horse Association Facilities Upgrade	This grant would allow EGQHA to replace arena fencing, upgrade our sand arena, essential for the welfare of both horse and rider and provide a covered all weather area for spectators, officials and participants.	\$ 5,000.00	<p>Our project directly links to the East Gippsland Shire, Well Placed for Well-being Plan, 2017 to 2021 in two of the identified priority areas.</p> <p>Priority are 2: Being Active and Eating Well This priority area states that some of the local changes that you will be looking for: . Community has access to a greater range of options for organised physical activity.</p> <p>Our project will improve access to a wider range of horses and riders through providing an improved surface to our arena and a shaded all weather protected area for participants, officials and spectators. The current arena surface causes some horses to become foot sore therefore reducing access to members and their horses. The all-weather shelter area will include designated drop off areas to assist access to participation by those with mobility issues and older persons.</p> <p>Priority area 4: Resilient and Connected Communities This priority area states in the local changes we will be looking for: . Communities have increased opportunities to create connection With an upgrade to the arena surface and sheltered area for spectators, officials and participants, EGQHA will be able to widen the opportunities for the whole equestrian community to connect and engage in clinics and equestrian education opportunities. The proposed shelter area will encourage participation by the wider community and improved access to those with mobility issues and older community members by having a designated drop off and pick up are</p> <p>This priority area states that a long-term measurement is, Community Resilience, with on of the measures being the proportion of adults and adolescents with psychological distress.</p> <p>According to clinical research in this area it is well proven that active participation improves mental health outcomes.</p> <p>Participation in sport and recreation activities can reduce stress, anxiety and depression. Participation in group recreation provides a sense of value, belonging and attachment. According to Bandura's social cognitive theory, behaviour is shaped by the interaction between individual and environmental factors. This theory emphasizes the influence of social interaction in relation to behaviour. There are both direct and indirect links between participation in group activity and mental health.</p>

				EGPQHA encourages and supports our membership through promoting active participation and pride in achievement. We do this by providing education and training clinics, regular competition opportunities in a supported environment that encourages learning and improvement at an individual and club level. The upgrades to our facilities will enable us to expand our membership, encourage participation by the wider community and provide a more appropriate facility for the wider equestrian community.
Omeo & District Agricultural & Pastoral Association Inc	Portable Shorn Sheep Yards	Complements shearer training shed project. Funding would support purchase of temporary holding pens for shorn sheep for annual Show and training sessions.	\$ 3,448.00	Our Show works with many groups: CWA, SES,CFA, Vic Ambulance, Omeo Primary School, Swifts Creek Schools. The Show brings a crowd for these groups to do demonstrations to and fund-raising. Our Show is open to all. Shearing is a skilled community asset which must be maintained and enhanced. A shearing school venue enabling the "production" of skilled shearers helps sustain farming businesses. Good and profitable farmers care for the environment
East Gippsland Men's Health	Gippsland Men's Health Forum	Funding will support costs associated with delivery of Men's Health Forum. The community event will be run in line with National men's health Week 2021 and will include family events with a workshop and address from keynote speaker Dr. Arnie Rubenstein (mbbs, fracgp) Founder & CEO, The Rites of Passage Institute.	\$ 5,000.00	<p>We believe that community participation in The East Gippsland Men's Health Forum 2021 clearly falls in line with facilitating a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of East Gippsland.</p> <p>EGMH long term strategic planning effectively compliments the "well placed for wellbeing" for Healthier and More Connected Communities in East Gippsland (2017-2021) strategy and the four wellbeing issues that have been identified as priorities for East Gippsland over the four years:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safe families and communities. 2. Being active and eating well. 3. Protecting our health (Reducing harmful alcohol and drug use); and 4. Resilient and connected communities <p>EGMA also recognises within its own long-term strategy the following elements also identified in the plan being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Gippsland has one of the highest per capita aging populations in Victoria, and one of the fastest-growing • Is well placed to strengthen collaborative action in addressing these impacts and works with Aboriginal people and organisations without duplication of existing services. • That East Gippsland is large and remote consisting of diverse communities recognising that a one size fits all approach is not appropriate and individual qualities of communities should be considered. • "Council is also required to provide opportunities for 'facilitating and supporting local agencies whose work has an impact on public health and wellbeing'.

Goongerah Landcare	Nest box and fauna restoration monitoring	Funding to support Wildlife nesting box installation and equipment for safe and effective monitoring. Boxes built and installed include those suitable for boobook owls, microbats, sugar glider boxes, assorted Ringtail, Brushtail and Yellow-bellied Glider boxes.	\$ 3,980.00	<p>It seems an updated environmental sustainability strategy is currently being worked on. But we did find the following:</p> <p>Our Vision: "That East Gippsland will retain its unique environment. ...the protection, preservation and enhancement of our environment. Promote collective responsibility for environmental sustainability by engaging community and supporting change...projects focussing on environmental sustainability over the coming years. These projects, around climate change mitigation and adaptation, are a high priority ... ". 2014-17 document.</p> <p>We believe our project ties in very well with Councils commitment to the environment and community, especially in this post-bushfire recovery phase.</p>
Bairnsdale Four Wheel Drive Social Club Inc	Defib or Die	Funding to support purchase of DEFIB - DEFIBs are a vital part of lifesaving equipment in emergency's and when travelling in remote and isolated areas. Bairnsdale Four Wheel Drive Social Club has been in our community for 36 years. A not for profit family orientated club, with a member base of 59 individuals. Affiliated and Sanctioned by Four Wheel Drive Victoria the club is involved with various environmental care and monitoring projects. The Club is called for search and rescue and played an integral part in accessing remote and isolated communities during the summer bushfires.	\$ 1,500.00	<p>Bush Fire Recovery - Bairnsdale 4x4 club has helped directly with caring for the community and creating contacts, when delivering care packages after the fires. We can build further partnerships with the council by Carrying out track clearing (of which we currently do, immediately resolving the problem) and reporting of hazards within the bush environment (including community / Shire Assists), further enhancing the reporting frame work. Allowing easier access to the bush for the community, creating that social connection. Economic recovery, our club often brings or supports other clubs that visit the region, creating more contact with the community and educating our visitor about the area, its history and our people.</p> <p>Council Plan - "Inclusive", page 19 " What We Want". sums up the aim of our Four Wheel drive club. People of all abilities, Feel Secure, Promote Healthy Lifestyle, Community Participation, Respect and celebrate the unique character and identity of the places we live</p>
Bairnsdale clay target club	Ball Trap upgrade	Funding to support training facility upgrades. Currently there are no trench layouts existing between Mallacoota and Melbourne which means that anyone within East Gippsland with aspirations to perform on the world stage	\$ 5,000.00	The project ties in perfectly with the 'sporting facilities plan' by providing better and more diverse facilities in our shire. The addition of this project increases the already diverse clay target sports available locally here, while also opening a clear pathway for another Olympic discipline.

		<p>of ISSF trench will either need to travel to Melbourne or Canberra for training. A trench layout to build from scratch would cost somewhere between \$200,000-\$280,000 which is out of reach of most individuals and clubs. An accepted alternative, and one that Olympic athlete Penny Smith uses, is a ball trap. A ball trap layout can deliver a suitable training experience at a fraction of the cost.</p>		
Bianca Basset	Legless and Blind	<p>Delivery of a community strengthening and empowerment program.</p> <p>The project would offer two sessions, one for the business community. It will focus on how continue to be resilient in your business during change. Session two would be community focused and talk about resilience after trauma.</p> <p>Ben and Mike will also visit the local secondary college and run a resilience workshop with school students.</p>	\$ 5,000.00	<p>Priority area 4 of the council Health and Well-being Plan, talks to the importance for resilient and connected communities and is directly linked to Strong Communities within the Council Plan. Some of the local changes council are looking for are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Stigma associated with mental illness is reduced » Greater access to mental health support » Greater engagement of Non-Aboriginal community with Aboriginal activities and events » Communities have increased opportunities to create connections » Greater community acceptance of diversity within the community » Communities are better equipped to adapt before, during and after climatic events » Job seekers feel better equipped to use their skills and qualifications to find employment » Student and parent aspirations increase
Glenaladale Recreation Reserve	Glenaladale Rec Reserve Strategic 5-10 Year Master Plan	<p>funding to develop a coordinated plan which would enable upgrades to be implemented in a sequential manner and support joint managers and future project funding applications</p>	\$ 5,000.00	<p>Our submission has a primary focus of making the Glenaladale Recreation Reserve a safe and functional facility for use by the surrounding community which is the key objective of council. The aim to make a fully accessible inclusive space for community partners and stakeholders. To engage participation in community events, planning and activities, this links with the health and well being outcome of many community strategic.</p>

Mallacoota Gun Club	Clubroom Awning	This project is to construct an awning with concrete floor to the new clubroom and equipment storage building (a 12m x 12m shed) for the Mallacoota Gun Club. The awning will provide important and much needed shade and shelter for club members, visitors and spectators.	\$ 5,000.00	<p>The project aligns with the East Gippsland Council Plan 2017-2021 through two of the Plan's community goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing Strong Communities - the project is a key component of a larger project to rebuild a valuable and well-used sporting and recreational facility in Mallacoota that assists in promoting the wellbeing and quality of life for Mallacoota residents. Many club members are older adults, and the provision of appropriate facilities, including shade and shelter, is vital to people's continued enjoyment and their ability to participate in the sport. This gun club facility encourages participation in sport and community inclusiveness, which ultimately leads to better physical and mental health outcomes. Importantly, the new awning will provide an area where club members and visitors can safely congregate to socialise and stay connected. 2. Providing a Liveable Region - Operation Phoenix will resurrect a facility in the region that provides local opportunities to participate in shooting sports. It is important that the Region provides a diverse mix of sporting and recreation facilities for Mallacoota and district residents that suit different ages, genders, interests, abilities, and cultural backgrounds. Council is committed to providing facilities that support residents to become engaged in activities and their communities. <p>The East Gippsland Shire Health and Wellbeing Plan states that some of the most important features of the community that have influenced the plan are that the Shire has an ageing population, a strong aboriginal community, and a large number of people with a disability. The Mallacoota Gun Club provides an activity that is appropriate for older people and people with a disability, and also engages young people who may not be interested in participating in mainstream sports with shooting come and try sessions. The plan identifies four wellbeing issues as a priority for the Shire over the next four years. Part of Priority Area 4 is to develop East Gippsland into an area where communities and individuals are more socially connected. This project provides a facility to encourage and support people coming together and creating and strengthening community connections, and improving mental and physical health.</p> <p>The East Gippsland Shire Environmental and Sustainability Strategy supports bushfire resistant development and strategies to reduce the use of fuel, power and water. The new clubroom and equipment storage building will eventually have solar panels installed, and stormwater run-off from the roof will enable water to be collected and stored in an adjacent water tank.</p>
DA Dragons Abreast Gippsland Waratahs	DA Gippsland Waratahs Safety Upgrade (Breast Cancer support group/Dragon Boat)	Funding to support purchase of 20-25 new PFD's (approved life jackets) for members and to also have sufficient spare PFD's on hand to enable interested and prospective new members to come and try Dragonboat paddling. The	\$ 2,400.00	Benefits: Local community (healthier and happy population), cancer survivors (both men and women - improved health and fitness and building supportive, inclusive and healthy relationships and partnerships); local business and tourism industry (indirectly from visitors to the area)

		club also wishes to upgrade its marquee.		
Rivera Riders	Cycling Safer in East Gippsland	Funding for a "Cycle Safer in East Gippsland" project which would be a safe riding for riding regional roads education session and a coached community bike ride to practise the safe cycling techniques. Participants would receive an especially designed cycling jersey/kit which will reflect their connection with the East Gippsland community, with fellow riders and also incorporate high visibility features in keeping with the emphasis on cycling safely.	\$ 4,000.00	<p>This project links with the Shire's Health and Wellbeing plan by encouraging members of the East Gippsland community to get out and about on their bikes, feeling safer on our regional roads and confident to participate in exercise with a view to improving their physical health. There are clear links with the Shire's Age Friendly Communities strategy as participants will make connections and possibly new friendships through riding in groups and gathering socially, potentially improving their mental wellbeing.</p> <p>The project will include collaboration and partnership with the Bairnsdale Cycle Club and Bairnsdale Bikes both making use of their knowledge and expertise and supporting their enterprises through potential membership and/or patronage.</p> <p>The project will link in with the Shire's Growing East Gippsland Economic Development strategy through exposure as the East Gippsland themed bicycle jersey/kit is worn and as the wearers speak highly of the region as a great (and safe) place to ride, potentially attracting visitors to the area. In addition it is expected that East Gippsland accommodation and hospitality venues will gain increased patronage from participants out and about on group rides throughout the region.</p> <p>Bike riding is definitely an environmentally sustainable activity and therefore agrees with the East Gippsland Environmental Sustainability Plan.</p>
Australian Marine Mammal Conservation Foundation	Marine Mammals Making a Splash in Education	Funding to support delivery of innovative and interactive education incursions in primary and secondary schools across the east Gippsland region. Students enjoy learning about their local Gippsland Lakes Burrunan dolphins, and how they can minimise anthropogenic threats, such as litter, to actively care for their environment within their school community.	\$ 4,994.00	<p>This project connects with the East Gippsland Shire Council Plan 2017 – 2021 in the area of Strong Communities: East Gippsland. East Gippsland residents have a strong connection to the Lakes and the marine environment of the region, and many locals are extremely passionate about where they live, with many people using their watery backyard for recreation, social activities, and enjoying the natural beauty. Furthermore, many residents can trace their heritage back to the region, and are proud of the area and its assets, and as a result, community stewardship of the Gippsland Lakes is incredibly high. This extends to the younger generations within the region, whose actions directly impact local environments now and into the future. Through engaging school students, our project fosters greater understanding of unique East Gippsland environmental values and an ongoing passion for stewardship. Students are able to take the environmental learnings of our education programs and apply and share them within their local communities.</p> <p>Our project will also address one of the challenges identified in the East Gippsland Shire Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2014 – 2017, identifying the level of education and education opportunities within the Shire may limit the ability for the community to manage environmental issues. Through providing ongoing education opportunities, our project will build the skills and knowledge within participants to foster a greater appreciation of environmental assets and inspire the passion to pursue greater participation in environmental education. Our education programs are also designed to provide</p>

				students with the ability and support to undertake youth-led action within their school and local community, fostering wider environmental awareness.
East Gippsland United Football Club	Howitt Park Nets replacements due to vandalism	Funding to support replacement of club infrastructure damaged by vandals. The club left the goal nets up at Howitt Park during Covid last year to enable players to practise as part of their exercise regime during lockdown however vandals have destroyed them.	\$ 5,000.00	The EGUFC delivery program dovetails nicely into multiple council strategies however the main ones are Health and Wellbeing, the regional youth plan and to a small degree diversity and inclusion. EGUFC has players from multiple local nationalities and cultures and encourages players all abilities to participate in the programs that they feel comfortable with. We place a special emphasis on inclusion of those players who might not feel comfortable in other sports. This year more than ever a return to sport is imperative for people's mental health just from a socialisation point of view and we are putting together programs to ensure that anyone can have a go. The recent Victorian government voucher system for families is a great incentive to get people back on the field and we are encouraging any eligible members to apply.
Bairnsdale and District Old Time Dance Group inc.	Old Time Ballroom Dancing Annual Ball Weekend	Funding to support Old Time Ballroom Dancing Weekend, from Friday night to Sunday afternoon. Participants come from Melbourne, Regional Victoria, and interstate locations. The activity is designed to engage senior citizens particularly, but all citizens are welcome to attend. The event addresses social, community connectiveness and community participation.	\$ 5,000.00	Our project is aligned with the council strategies as an 'Age Friendly' event. Although our main demographic is the retired age group, our event is open to anyone who enjoys old time dancing, and we have many middle-aged people, some even bringing their children or grandchildren. Our project is also aligned with the council's 'Health & Well Being' strategy, by providing exercise for the mind and body, promoting mental wellness and social interaction with people from other districts and states
		TOTALS	\$ 60,322.00	