



**BUNNINGS**  
Community Grants Program

Supporting practical projects that deliver real impact

## Introducing the Bunnings Community Grants Program!

The Bunnings Community Grants Program has been established to complement the incredible work already happening in stores, and will sit alongside the amazing local fundraising, BBQs and community engagement taking place in store. In this document you'll find an overview of the grant application process, eligibility criteria and answers to some frequently asked questions. If you have any questions, please contact [communitygrants@bunnings.com.au](mailto:communitygrants@bunnings.com.au)



### Program Overview

The Bunnings Community Grants Program will allocate \$1 million to invest over the next five years to support community groups across Australian and New Zealand. The program will commence with phase one in 2026.

- Round One – July 2026
- Round Two – January 2027

### Phase One - Small Community Grants

This grant supports local, grassroots projects that create immediate benefits for communities across Australia and New Zealand, including projects focused on regional areas.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Bunnings Community Grants Program, you must be a registered not for profit organisation in Australia (with a valid ABN) or New Zealand (with a valid NZBN).

Grants are not available to individuals or international organisations.

### Application Process

1. Gather all necessary information, including your organisation details and a description of how you'd benefit from a grant.
2. Visit [www.bunnings.com.au/campaign/community-grants-program](http://www.bunnings.com.au/campaign/community-grants-program) (AU) or [www.bunnings.co.nz/campaign/community-grants-program](http://www.bunnings.co.nz/campaign/community-grants-program) (NZ)
3. Select "Small Community Grant"
4. Review the Community Grants Program Terms & Conditions.
5. Fill out the online application form. Please note this will be delivered by a third-party website, SmartyGrants, who we have worked with to set up the application portal. You may need to create a SmartyGrants account to do this – we're here to help if you have any trouble.
6. Submit your application. When you do so, you'll be accepting the Community Grants Terms & Conditions.
7. Your application will then be reviewed by our Grant Advisory Group.
8. You will be notified of the outcome of your application within approximately 4-6 weeks of the relevant funding round closure date, including any next steps.

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## How much funding can I receive?

Small Community Grants - you can receive grants up to \$10,000 (AUD) (cash, product or hybrid).

## How long does the application assessment process take?

You'll be notified of the outcome of your application within approximately 4-6 weeks from the relevant funding round closure date.

## Who reviews the applications?

Applications are reviewed by a dedicated Grants Advisory Group which comprises Bunnings team members and executive leadership team. The Group's primary role is to evaluate grant applications and support a fair decision-making process.

## How will the Grants Advisory Group assess applications?

The Grants Advisory Group will assess applications based on five key principles:

1. Organisational eligibility and governance (Yes/No assessment)
  - a. Meets eligibility requirements legal status, purpose, compliance
  - b. Demonstrates appropriate governance and financial viability
2. Community need and benefit
  - Clear articulation of the community need being addressed
  - Demonstrated benefit to a defined community or cohort
3. Alignment with Bunnings' purpose and values
  - Strong alignment with our values
  - Clear rationale for why Bunnings is an appropriate partner
4. Deliverability and feasibility
  - Project is achievable within proposed timeframe and budget
  - Risks identified and appropriately managed
5. Proportional accountability
  - Willingness and capability to provide appropriate reporting and acquittal

## Can I apply for a grant if I've been successful or unsuccessful previously?

Yes, both successful and unsuccessful applicants can re-apply for future rounds of the Community Grants Program. However, any prior award of funding will be a consideration as part of the 'Wide Allocation' assessment principle.

## What documents do I need to submit with my application?

You will need to submit your organisation details, and a description of how the grant will be used. You do not need to attach any other documents. Please do not provide bank details or any confidential financial or health records with your application.

## Does submitting an application constitute an agreement to the Community Grants Program Terms & Conditions?

Yes, it does. The Terms & Conditions can be found at: [www.bunnings.com.au/campaign/community-grants-program](http://www.bunnings.com.au/campaign/community-grants-program) (AU) or [www.bunnings.co.nz/campaign/community-grants-program](http://www.bunnings.co.nz/campaign/community-grants-program) (NZ)





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## **Will the information I share in my application remain confidential? Who has access to it?**

Yes, your information will remain confidential in accordance with the Community Grants Program Terms and Conditions and the Bunnings Privacy Policy, which can be found on the Bunnings website. As applications are submitted via SmartyGrants, a third-party provider, your information will also be managed in accordance with the Our Community (SmartyGrants) Privacy Policy, which can be found at [smartygrants.com/policies](https://smartygrants.com/policies)

## **How will we receive grant money?**

If you're successful for a grant, we will deposit the funds directly into your nominated bank account.

## **Is SmartyGrants a safe website to use for applications?**

Yes, SmartyGrants is a well-established grants platform used by many businesses. For information on SmartyGrants' Privacy Policy and Terms of Use, visit [www.smartygrants.com/policies](https://www.smartygrants.com/policies)

## **Are there other ways to get support from Bunnings outside the grants program?**

Yes. The Community Grants Program complements the wide range of support Bunnings provides to local communities. Our stores regularly support community organisations through activities such as fundraising BBQs, in-store and local activations, product or material donations, and community engagement initiatives.

If your request is smaller in scale or locally focused, we encourage you to connect directly with your local Bunnings store to explore these opportunities. The Community Grants Program is designed to provide a more structured pathway for funding requests, particularly for larger or more complex projects.

## **How do I know if my grant was unsuccessful?**

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the Advisory Committee review.

## **Do I need to provide details on how the grant was used?**

Yes. All successful applicants are required to complete and submit a brief questionnaire within three months of the end of their project. This includes a brief summary of how the funding was used, confirmation that it was spent as outlined in the application, and an overview of the impact and outcomes achieved. Supporting information (such as photos, invoices or impact measures) may also be requested to demonstrate how the grant supported your community initiative. This will help us share the great work you're doing and help build awareness.

## **Who should I contact if I have any questions?**

Contact [communitygrants@bunnings.com.au](mailto:communitygrants@bunnings.com.au) any time, and one of our team members will get back to you as soon as they can.

