Community Small Grants Program

Application Help Booklet 2024-2025

Applications Open

9am Monday 1 January 2024

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Why Council provides grants

Kingston Council works in partnership with the community to enhance the quality of life of current and future generations. Its vision is for a diverse, dynamic community where we all share a sustainable, safe, attractive environment and a thriving economy as identified in the Kingston Council Plan 2021-25 and Living Kingston 2035. Therefore, the Kingston Council invites not for profit community groups and organisations to make an application to the Kingston Grants Program for activities taking place between January 2024 and June 2025.

Through the Kingston Grants Program, Council aims to support community activities that:

- Meet community needs and access;
- Promote community cohesion;
- Encourage residents' engagement and participation in a range of local activities; and
- Assist Council in achieving its planned outcomes.

There are several different grant streams available. For more information, please refer to Kingston Council's Website <u>kingston.vic.gov.au/community/grants/grants-program</u>. The Kingston Grants Program aligns with the guiding principles which can be found in the Kingston Grants Program Policy.

About this help booklet

This help booklet aims to provide information for groups and organisations seeking to apply for **community small grants**. The booklet explains in detail the information we are seeking from the questions in the application form and will also guide you through the SmartyGrants online application process.

Please also read the <u>Kingston Grants Program Guidelines</u> for further information about the grants programs and different grant categories. Community groups and not-for-profit organisations are strongly encouraged to attend one of the grants information sessions (refer to page 4 for details).

Multilingual services are available for those experiencing language difficulties

Translating and Interpreting Service TIS: 131 450. You will be asked to advise which organisation you want to contact, which is City of Kingston. The City of Kingston's phone number is 1300 653 356.

National Relay Service: 1300 555 727 (Quote our 1300 653 356 number or visit National Relay Service website)

For callers who have a hearing, speech or communication impairment and for text telephone or modem callers.

2024 Kingston Grant Program Information Sessions

Tuesday 13th February 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Patterson Lakes Community Centre 54-70 Thompson Road Patterson Lakes

RSVP - 2024 Kingston Grants Program, Tue Feb 13, 2024 at 1:30 PM | Eventbrite

Tuesday 13th February 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Online using Zoom

RSVP – 2024 Kingston Grants Program, Tue Feb 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite

Thursday 15th February 10am to 11.30am

Westall Community Hub (Fairbank Room) upstairs/lift 35 Fairbank Road Clayton South

RSVP – 2024 Kingston Grants Program, Thu Feb 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite

Thursday 15th February 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Kingston Council Offices 1230 Nepean Highway Cheltenham

RSVP – 2024 Kingston Grants Program, Thu 15 Feb 2024 at 6:00 pm | Eventbrite

Smaller sessions will be available upon request, or individual help is also available.

The presentation is available online via our website together with FAQ/s. Should you have further questions regarding your application, please contact the Kingston Grants Officers on 1300 653 356 or community@kingston.vic.gov.au

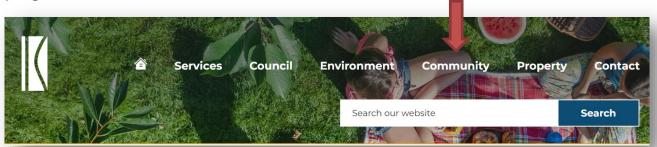
https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/community/grants/grants-program

Community Small Grants

Open 9am Monday 1 January 2024 open all year until funds exhausted

How to apply online

From Council's website home page, you can follow the links to the grants page kingston.vic.gov.au then click on **Community** and then **Grants** and select **Grants** program







Aboriginal community

Council is committed to First Nations Australians and acknowledges the rich and continuous connection to the area that is the City of Kingston. Learn more about our Reconciliation Action Plan, Uluru Statement from the Heart and our Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Group (RAG).



Activities and places

Find local activities and places in your area including Disc Golf, community gardens, parks and reserves and more.



Awards program

Acknowledging and highlighting the outstanding contributions that individuals and community groups make to our city.



Emergency planning

Find out about the measures taken by Council to keep the community safe and to plan for, prevent, and respond to emergency situations in the area.



Events

There's always something going on in Kingston, whether local community events, markets, workshops or major festivals. Find out about what events are going on near you and coming up in our event calendar.



Get involved

You too can be involved in Council, find out about committees, networks and clubs that help guide our policies and projects, or volunteer to get new skills, knowledge and experiences.



Grants

Council has a range of grants available to help provide services and projects in health and welfare, art and culture, sport and recreation, education, environment and community support. Our Kingston Charitable fund assists local charities provide community programs and services.



Health and support

Details of our health and support services, programs and initiatives including sharps disposal, housing and homelessness, prevention of family violence and accessibility services and resources.



LGBTIQA+ community

The City of Kingston proudly supports our LGBTIQA+ community members. We acknowledge and celebrate people of diverse sex characteristics, gender identities and expression, and sexual orientations – including LGBTIQA+ families and relationships.



Council has a range of grants available to local organisations and groups to help provide services and projects for health and welfare, art and culture, sport and recreation, education, environment and community support. Our Kingston Charitable fund also helps local charitable organisations provide community programs and services.



Grants program

Our program provides an opportunity for Council to work in partnership with the local community to build a stronger, more connected neighbourhood by investing in your ideas and aspirations.



Junior Council grants

Chelsea Rotary and the City of Kingston have partnered to offer grants of up to \$1000 for programs, activities, projects, events or services which benefit the environment in Kingston.



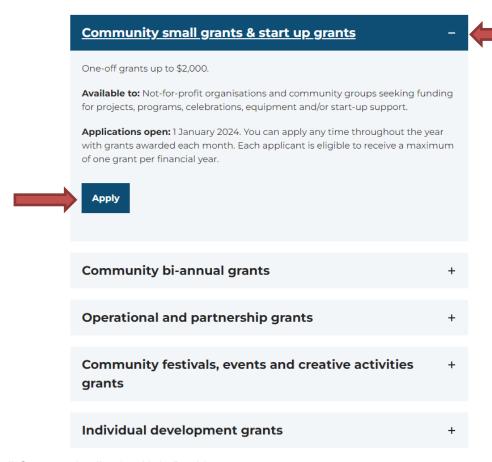
Kingston Charitable Fund

The Kingston Charitable Fund aims to support charitable organisations that meet community needs, make the community stronger and more connected, and complement Council's activities

A breakdown of the grants programs can be found on the Grants page.

Ensure to check if you are eligible to apply by reading through the <u>Kingston Grants</u> Program Guidelines 2024-2025.

Click on **Community small grants & start up grants** to expand the section for further information. Once you select the **Apply** button you will be directed to complete the application form via SmartyGrants. You can also log in via www.kingston.smartygrants.com.au



Select **Log in** to either register or to login to your existing account. If you are new to SmartyGrants, you will need to register first. Select **Register** and follow the prompts to create your account. To start an application, select **2023-2024 – Community Small Grants**.

Community grants



Not logged in. Log in

City of Kingston

Welcome to the City of Kingston online grant application service, powered by SmartyGrants.

Current grants available through the City of Kingston are listed below- click on the link to apply.

If you are experiencing technical difficulties, please contact our Grants Officers on 1300 653 356 or email community@kingston.vic.gov.au

Current Rounds



2023-2024 - Community Small Grants

Submissions are now open.

Submissions close midnight 30 June 2024 (AEST).

Find out more about 2023-2024 - Community Small Grants...

2024 - Community Small Grants - Start Up - Application

Submissions are now open.

Submissions close midnight 31 December 2024 (AEDT).

Find out more about 2024 - Community Small Grants - Start Up - Application...

2024 - Individual Development Grants

Submissions are now open.

Submissions close midnight 30 June 2024 (AEST).

Find out more about 2024 - Individual Development Grants...

Login or Register

A free account is required to make an online submission.

Registration gives you secure access to your forms, allowing you to save your progress and resume later.

Log In	Register
Email:	If you haven't registered or started filling in a
yourname@example.com	form, register here.
Password:	
Forgotten your password?	
By clicking Log In you agree to Our Community's	
Privacy Policy and Terms of Use.	

Log In

Online application – helpful information

To access your current submissions, click on **My Submissions** found at the top of the page to search your application number.

If you forget your password, you can select the **Forgotten your password** button. It is recommended that you use a general email address rather than a private email address if you are registering for an organisation so that others can access the application.

Once you login and select the **Apply** button you can preview the application form (there is also a copy of the application form attached to this booklet).

Save progress

It is highly recommended that you regularly **Save Progress** when you are filling out a form.

NB: when you move from one page to another your information is automatically saved.



For security reasons you will be logged out of your application if 60 minutes has elapsed, and you have not saved your progress or moved between pages. When you are logged out of the system you will lose any changes you have made to that page if they have not been saved. To avoid this happening, simply click **Save Progress** periodically if you are spending a long time working on one page of the form.

Attaching files

You should not move to another page until the file has been successfully attached, otherwise the file upload will be cancelled.

Select **Choose Files** to choose the file you wish to upload from your computer, or you can drag and drop them over the **Choose Files** button

Attach a file: Choose Files No file chosen

The file will begin to upload and the progress bar will be filled in as the file is uploaded

When the file upload is complete, the progress bar will disappear and a link to the uploaded file will be available, along with the option to remove the file

Attach Files

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Attach a file

Answering the application questions

Prepare your documents

You will be required to provide the following documents as part of your application;

- Financial Documents
- Certificate of Currency
- Certificate of Incorporation
- Auspice Proforma and Certificates (if relevant)

Section 1: Eligibility

Please confirm that you are eligible in line with the statements by selecting 'yes'. If you cannot confirm that the statements are correct, you will not be eligible to apply.

Section 2: Organisation Details

The questions in this section inform the assessment panel about your organisation.

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Question	Information required
Group/Organisation name	Please use the organisation's full name (i.e. the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO)
Number of active members and Kingston residents	It is important to accurately tell us the number of active members and the number of these who are Kingston residents
Legal Status	Incorporation is a legal status that many community groups acquire. For more information on incorporation you can visit consumer.vic.gov.au. This site contains a lot of useful information for not for profit organisations and groups. If you are incorporated you will have a certificate with a number on the top left side. This number is what we need. You will be required to attach your incorporation certificate to the application as evidence of incorporation.
	If you are not incorporated you can still apply for a grant, however you will need to find an organisation to auspice your application.
	An auspice arrangement is when a larger organisation assists a smaller organisation to fund a grant activity or event.
	The larger organisation is known as the auspice organisation. Your community group or organisation is known as the grant recipient.
ABN	An Australian Business Number allows us to obtain important information about your organisation and helps process the grant application faster. It may also assist Council to determine if funding from other sources is available to your organisation.
	SmartyGrants will obtain your information when you add this number.

Question	Information required
Financial Documents	Please upload your most recent financial statement. This provides assurance to Council that your organisation is legitimate and equipped to manage grant funding responsibly.
Certificate of Currency	Appropriate public liability insurance is important for all groups to have and is mandatory . Council needs to ensure that your group is fully insured before an application can be considered eligible for a grant.

Section 3: Auspice Organisation Details

Provide Auspice contact information and upload a letter from your auspice group. A proforma letter can be downloaded from the City of Kingston <u>website</u> or by contacting the Kingston Grants Officers on 1300 653 356 or <u>community@kingston.vic.gov.au</u>. The auspice group will need to complete this letter and return it to you, for you to attach to your application. The auspice group is responsible for the project funds for your project. Please refer to page 8 of this booklet for more assistance on attaching documents.

Section 4: Applicant Details

Please complete all questions in this section so that Council can contact you. Primary and Secondary contact details are required. Please include as much information as possible so that Council has multiple ways to contact you about your grant application and check that your email address and phone numbers are correct.

Section 5: Project Details

This section requires you to give a brief outline of your grant application.

Question	Information required
Project title	A description or name for your activity. This title appears in all correspondence between you (the grant applicant) and Council.
Short project description	Provide a brief (maximum 250 words) description of the activity you are undertaking and why you think that it is needed. Clearly explain how you intend to proceed and what you have thought about in planning the delivery of your activity.
	For example: your organisation would like to request funding for a new computer. • Why do you need a computer?
	Have you talked to an environmental officer about choosing a new computer for the energy rating?
	If you have an old computer, have you considered disposing of it in an environmentally considerate way?
	Are there ongoing costs involved which need to be taken into consideration such as internet connection?
	How will the group cover this cost?Who will have access/training to the computer?
	What will it actually be used for?
	Will you share the computer or use it to connect with other groups?
	Please try to give the assessment panel, a clear understanding of what you are planning.

Start/end date	When will your project start and end
Outcomes	How does your project align with the City of Kingston's outcomes? Choose the outcome most relevant to your project: Livability Environmentally sustainable Public health and wellbeing Connected, diverse and inclusive Economic prosperity Informed and empowered
Activity type	Choose from four activity types:
Activities	List the various activities that you will undertake

Section 6: Budget

This section will assist you in breaking down the expenses of your project. Consider all costs that may occur in delivering your project and then consider all sources of income you may have. In-kind support can be included as income here.

For example, if a volunteer is going to provide a service, how much would you have to pay for this service from an outside source? 3 hours work at \$20 per hour is \$60 of in-kind support. This can be written in the income column. If you are a production company and going to charge for tickets, include this as income.

Question	Information required
Amount requested	Specify the amount of funding are you requesting from Council
Total Project/Program Cost	The amount requested may not cover your whole project, therefore please specify the total cost of the project
Expenditure Description	Itemise the expenditure of your whole project. The form automatically calculates the total expenditure
Bank Details	If your application is successful, funds will be transferred to this account (must be the organisation's account and not an individual's bank account)

An example budget for a community event is shown below:

Expenditure Description	Amount	Funding Source
Venue Hire	900	Grant from Kingston Council
Printing of promotional items	500	Donation Local Business
Catering	300	Applicant Contribution
Gift Bags	50	Ticket Sales
Singer	300	In kind support – Singer
Audio Equipment Hire	250	Applicant Contribution
TOTALS	\$2,300	

NB: GST - When quoting for equipment, minor capital works or other services, please include GST in the budget.

Section 7: Certification and Feedback

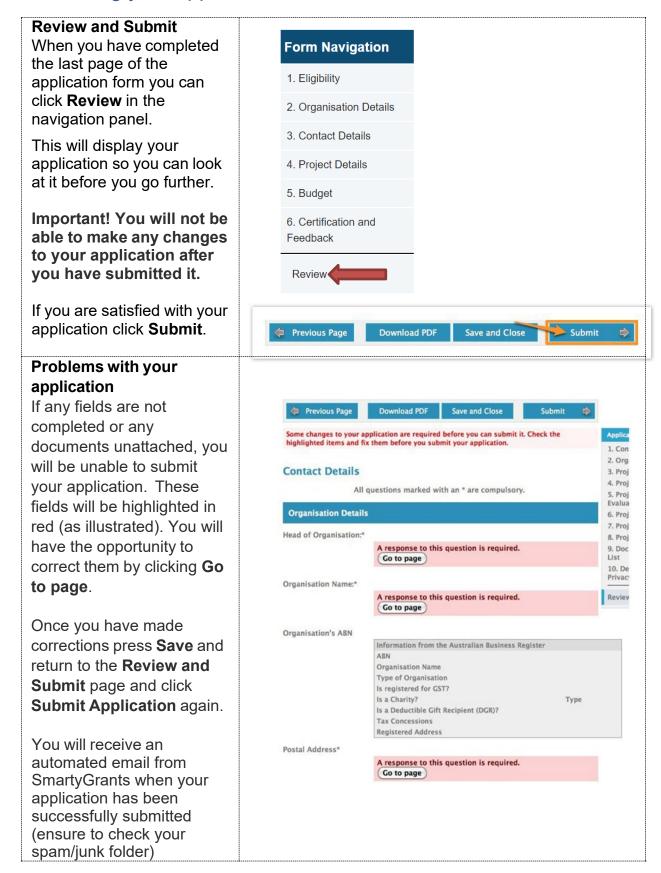
Certification

This is a legally binding statement and must be completed by an appropriately authorised person on behalf of the applicant organisation. This may be a member of your organisation's committee or someone nominated to act on behalf of the committee. Please ensure you have completed all the relevant information and attached all the required documents to your application.

Feedback

Do you know someone who may be a worthy nominee for Kingston Council's Awards? Please provide details in this section.

Submitting your application



Should you have further questions regarding your application, please contact the Kingston Grants Officers on 1300 653 356 or community@kingston.vic.gov.au

Eligibility

* indicates a required field

Program This field is read only.

Applicants: please note

Before completing this application form, you should have read the **Kingston Grants Program Guidelines**

Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

This section of the application form is designed to help determine your eligibility for this grant stream. It is important that you read and understand the Confirmation of Eligibility and acknowledge that you meet the criteria.

If you have any questions about these eligibility criteria, please contact the Kingston Grants Program Officers on **1300 653 356 or email <u>community@kingston.vic.gov.au</u>**.

Please quote the application number below for all enquiries:

Application Number This field is read only.

Confirmation of Eligibility

Organisations must:

- Be legally constituted as an incorporated association, company limited by guarantee, or Aboriginal Corporation, or auspiced by another legally constituted organisation (auspice) for the activity proposed in the application
- Be not-for-profit and managed by a volunteer board/committee of management, or auspiced by a not-for-profit managed by a volunteer board/committee of management
- Be financially solvent
- Be physically located within the City of Kingston geographical boundaries or if located outside the City of Kingston geographical boundaries, have a majority number of Kingston residents (e.g. more than 50% of active members or participants) or be able to demonstrate significant benefit to the Kingston community
- Provide current public liability insurance with a level of cover appropriate to the activity/ program (new community group applicants seeking start-up support are exempt)
- If a Council tenant, be in compliance with all requirements within the tenancy agreement

- Have no overdue grant acquittals and have successfully acquitted previous grants received
- Have no outstanding debts owing to Council, or have entered into a payment plan
- Have no active breaches against the obligations of Consumer Affairs Victoria, the Australian Not-for-Profit and Charities Commission, or the Australian Securities and Investment Commission, as applicable
- Have not received a grant for the same or similar activity from another Kingston Grants Program grant stream or other Council funding source in the same financial year running July to June
- Submit a complete application, including attachments or other supporting information requested by Council
- Adhere to the Victorian Child Safe Standards

O Yes O No You must confirm that all statements above are true and correct.
Ineligible
Your response indicates that you are not eligible for this grant. Click the Next Page and then Submit button if you would like further clarification or to learn about other grant opportunities.
Organisation Details
* indicates a required field
Group/Organisation name * Organisation Name
For organisations: please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.
Meeting Address * Address
Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Address where organisation meets
Number of active members in your Group/Organisation *
Must be a number.
Number of active members who are Kingston residents? *

Must be a number.	
Is your organisation incorpo Yes No	orated?
If no, is your organisation a this grant? ○ Yes	uspiced by another organisation for the purpose of
O No Unincorporated organisations apply If you do not have an auspice you	ying for a grant must be auspiced by an incorporated organisation. should not apply for this grant.
What is your incorporation	number?
Incorporated Association or Austra	lian Company Number
Please attach Certificate of Attach a file:	Incorporation *
Applicant ABN	
The ABN provided will be used check that you have entered th	to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to ne ABN correctly.
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ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	
Financial documents	
Please provide current finar Attach a file:	ncial statement *
Annual account from last AGM - Pro	ofit & Loss

Certificate of Currency

Please attach Certificate of Currency *
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Auspice Information

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Auspice Organisation Details

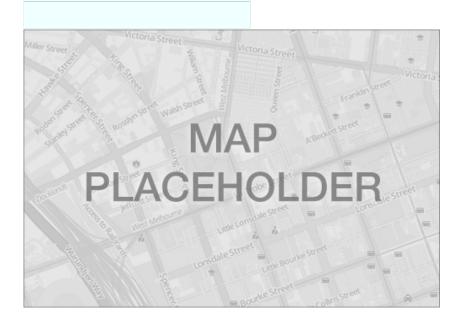
Auspice organisation name *

Organisation Name

Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Auspice primary address

Address



Auspice postal address

Address

Auspice primary phone number *

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Auspice	email address	*	
Must be a	ın email address.		
Auspice	website		
Must be a	URL.		
Primary Title	contact person First Name	at auspice orgai Last Name	nisation *
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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.

Information from the Australian Business Register
ABN
Entity name
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.

Contact Details

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Applicant Details

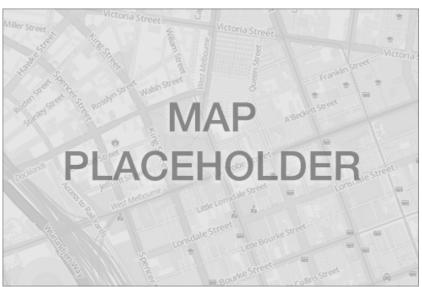
Logo

Attach a file:



Upload a logo or image that represents your organisation. Drag and resize the square to define the area of the image you wish to submit.

Applicant primary address Address	



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Bourte Street
Applicant postal address Address
PO Box preferred or 'as above'
Applicant primary phone number *
Must be an Australian phone number. Mobile number preferred
Applicant email address *
Must be an email address.
Applicant website
Applicant website
Must be a URL.
Primary Contact Details
Primary contact * Title First Name Last Name
This is the person we will correspond with about this grant.
Position held in organisation *
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e.g., Manager, Board Member or Fundraising Coordinator.

Primary contact phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Mobile number preferred
Primary contact email address *
This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.
Project Details
* indicates a required field
indicates a required field
Project title *
Provide a name for your project/program/initiative/equipment. Your title should be short but descriptive
Short project description
Maximum 250 words
Start date of your project
Must be a date.
End date of your project
Must be a date.
Outcomes
Please select one of the City of Kingston's outcomes (benefits or changes) that most aligns with your application.
Which of our outcomes will your project contribute to? If multiple apply pick the most relevant. No more than 1 choice may be selected.

- Activity Type

 O Community Project/Program
 O Community Celebration
- Small Equipment

Capacity Support								
Activities								
Tell us about the activities you	u will undertake in order to cre	ate change. List one per row.						
Activity One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional activities.								
Must be no more than 20 words.								
Developer								
Budget								
* indicates a required field								
Total Amount Poguested								
Total Amount Requested	\$ Must be a dollar amount.							
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	application?							
Total Project/Program	\$							
Cost	Must be a dollar amount. What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?							
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Expenditure Description	Expenditure Amount (\$)	Funding source ie Council						
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Bank Details								
Must be bank details of your organisation (not an individual)								
Bank Name *								
Bank Account *								
Account Name								

BSB Number	Account Number	er					
Must be a valid Australian bank account format.							
Certification and Feedback							
* indicates a required field							
Certification							
This section must be completed by an appropriately authorised person on behalf of the applicant organisation (may be different to the contact person listed earlier in this application form).							
I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made within this application are true and correct, and I understand that if the applicant organisation is approved for this grant, we will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant as outlined in the letter of approval and/or Funding Agreement.							
I agree *		○ Yes		○ No			
Name of author person *	ised	Title	First Name	Last Name			
		Must be a sauthorised	senior staff member, volunteer	, board member or	appropriately		
Position *		Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)					
Contact phone	number *	Must be an Australian phone number. We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation					
Contact Email *	Contact Email *						
	Must be an email address.						
Date *		Must be a	date				
Applicant Fee	dback						
Before you review your application and click the SUBMIT button please take a few moments to provide some feedback							
Please indicate ○ Very easy	how you found Easy	d the onli Neu	ne application putral Olif		ery difficult		

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider
Do you know someone in your organisation who may be a worthy nomination for Kingston Council's Awards (Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year or Kingston's Woman of the Year Awards)?
Please note this is NOT a nomination. By providing the information below you have agreed that you may be contacted in the future about the Kingston Awards or Woman of the Year Awards.
Name of Person
Nomination for: ☐ Citizen of the Year ☐ Young Citizen of the Year ☐ Woman of the Year
Information Privacy

The City of Kingston is committed to protecting your privacy. The personal information requested on this form is being collected by City of Kingston for the purpose of grant administration and/or any other directly related purpose. It will not be disclosed to any other external party without your consent, unless required or authorised by law. If the personal information is not collected, please provide details of the organisation and contact details, however if you are applying as an individual, we will need your personal contact details. If you wish to alter any of the personal information you have supplied, please contact the Inclusive Community's Community Grants team at City of Kingston via telephone 1300 653 356 or email community@kingston.vic.gov.au

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