

Funding review

frequently asked questions

What is the funding review?

The Hobart City Council is reviewing its programs of funding grants, sponsorships and partnerships to design a fit-for-purpose more contemporary model, and importantly to ensure they reflect the needs of our community and the priorities of Council.

The City of Hobart is proud to support the community through grants and sponsorships.

Since 2016, we have invested over \$30M in cash and resources activities that enhance our community and culture and shape the social and economic life of the city.

Why are you undertaking the review?

A lot has changed since the funding programs were formalised. The City wants to be sure that the investment it makes is contributing to a vibrant community and is delivering value for rate payers.

It is our desire that the approach can be streamlined to better inform and enable applicants while ensuring the programs continue to support community outcomes.

What is the timeline for the review?

The review is currently underway. We are seeking input from the community, especially applicants and recipients of the funding programs, to help inform a new model.

We expect Council will consider the recommendations of the funding review at its Council meeting in May 2024.

The revised program will be implemented with updated funding opportunities once the policy is updated in July 2024.

How can I get involved?

We are seeking feedback from the community, especially applicants and recipients of the funding programs, to help inform the new model.

We'd also like to hear from the wider community to understand how you value activity we support. Please contact grants@hobartcity.com.au to provide your feedback.

How will my feedback be used?

The feedback will be used to inform the review as we seek to offer an improved funding program.



What does it mean for me?

Most of the City's grants, sponsorships and partnerships are offered on an annual basis. Council will consider the recommendations of this review to determine the City's approach to future funding opportunities. Shortly after Council makes a decision, we will take steps to implement the new model.

For ongoing funding arrangements, Council officers will brief you on the updated model and what impacts, if any, there are to the funding you have received. All contracted funding arrangements will be honoured. As long-term funding recipients, we strongly encourage you to provide feedback as part of the review. To ensure we understand how the funding is delivered in the best interests of the Hobart ratepayers and community more broadly.

Is Council considering changing the amount of funding available through grants or sponsorships?

The focus of the review is looking at determining a model that is delivered efficiently and effectively supports the needs of our community, as well as the priorities of Council.

Council will continue to determine the amount of funding available through grants and sponsorships through the budget process.

Can I still apply for grants during the review?

Yes! The February Biannual Grant round is now open and accepting applications for:

- [Community Grant \(up to \\$5,000\)](#): Supports community groups and not-for-profit organisations to present activities that involve, engage and benefit the Hobart community.
- [Creative Hobart Small \(up to \\$5,000\)](#): Provides support to smaller artist led creative activities, projects, and events in the Hobart local government area that align with the City's Strategic Plan and Creative Hobart Strategy.
- [Creative Hobart Medium \(\\$5,000 to \\$15,000\)](#): Provides support to smaller artist led creative activities, projects, and events in the Hobart local government area that align with the City's Strategic Plan and Creative Hobart Strategy. Individuals and unincorporated groups must be auspiced by a not-for-profit organisation to be eligible for this grant.
- [Event Grant \(up to \\$20,000\)](#): Supports the planning and delivery of small to medium events in the Hobart local government area.

This round will support activity between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2026. All grants close at **3pm on Monday 18 March 2024.**

Our Quick Response Grants are open until 31 May 2024, or until the funds are fully allocated. This includes the [In-kind Venue and Event Resource Quick Response Grant](#).

For any queries about the grants program, or how to use the online application process please contact our Grants Officer on 03 6238 2132 or grants@hobartcity.com.au.

