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MEDIA RELEASE

Community Action Grants Program returns for 2018/19

Hindmarsh Shire Council's Community Action Grants Program continues in 2018/19 with \$30,000 available over the course of the year. The program was established in 2013 to support communities with funds to provide services, self-help and assist with community development, social action and connectedness. Round 1 has been divided into four categories of Event Sponsorship, Small Equipment Grants, Minor Facility Upgrades and Community Assistance.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay said "This is the second year that online applications will be available. Online applications were very popular last year with almost half of the applications received via online. Applicants will still be able to submit hard copy applications via the Shire's Customer Service Centres. These grants are a great opportunity for community groups who require financial assistance to complete new projects that address a community need, improve social connections and build community wellbeing".

The Events Sponsorship category of the Community Action Grants is designed to assist community organisations to promote social connectedness and promote Hindmarsh as an "event destination" for visitors. This category offers grants of up to \$500 to assist with events within Hindmarsh Shire which demonstrate social and economic benefit to the Hindmarsh community.

The Small Equipment category provides up to \$1,000 to community based groups to assist with the cost of purchasing small equipment to benefit their organisation. Additionally, grants up to \$2,000 are also available to assist these groups with the cost of upgrading their community facilities through the Minor Facility Upgrades category.

Grants up to \$1,000 are also available to assist groups with worthwhile projects under the Community Assistance category. This category is designed to help projects that might not meet the criteria of the other categories available within the Community Action Grant program.

Cr Ismay noted that “it is important for applicants to pay close attention to the grant guidelines and deadlines for each round and submit applications accordingly.”

Round 1 of the Community Action Grants Program will close at 5.00pm on Friday 31 August 2018. The four categories and deadlines for the 2018/19 Community Actions Grant Program are detailed below:

Category	Round 1 Closing Date	Round 2 Closing Date
Community Assistance	Closing Date 31 August 2018	Closing Date 1 March 2019
Event Sponsorship		
Minor Facility Upgrades		
Small Equipment		
Council Meeting Date	September 2018	March 2019

Community Action Grant application forms are available on council’s website www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/apply-for-grants .

For more information or to receive a grant application via email, please contact Michelle Farinha, Community Development Officer on 03 5391 4443, or email grants@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

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