

Connected Communities Grants Program Round 1 2026/2027 Hindmarsh Shire Council

Please complete the following application to be considered for the **2026/27 Connected Communities Grants Program**. Please note that if you are submitting your application via hard copy/paper, you will be required to ensure all supporting documents are attached.

These include:

- Any quotes/information that the funds will be used for (**quotes must specify the GST exclusive price**)
- Income and expense table to be completed in full and accurately
- If you are holding an event, you are required to fill out the attached 'Intention to Hold an Event' form. Please complete the form for your application to be considered (Social Communities Stream Only)
- Additional information you may need to support your application

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Council will handle any personal information provided in this form in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*. Council's privacy policy contains information about how to access your personal information and seek correction of such information; as well as how to complain about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles and how Council will deal with such a complaint.

For more information, please see Council's Privacy Policy or contact the Community team on (03) 5391 4444. Your personal information will not be disclosed to any other party unless Council is required to do so by law, has gained your consent to do so or an information privacy principle exemption applies.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Monday 31 August 2026 at 11:59pm

Date: _____

1. Grant and Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	
Address	
Contact Name	
Contact Email	
Contact Phone	
Category Applying For (tick applicable category)	☐ a) Active Communities (up to \$1,500)
	☐ b) Social Communities (\$500 - \$2,000)
	☐ c) Creative Communities (up to \$1,500)
	☐ d) Resourced Communities (up to \$500)

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Amount Applying For (excluding GST)	
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2. Assessment Criteria	
Please circle the relevant answer	
Is your community group, club or organisation operating within Hindmarsh Shire?	YES / NO
Will the activity, program or event be delivered within Hindmarsh Shire?	YES / NO
Do you have the appropriate insurance and meet relevant regulatory requirements?	YES / NO
Has the project commenced?	YES / NO
Do you have the relevant required permission? (e.g. venue consent, landowner approval etc)	YES / NO

Please fill out the relevant section relating to the stream that you are applying for.

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES	
3. Project Details	
This stream provides funding for sport and recreation initiatives that align with Council's Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, Sports and Recreation Strategy and Fair Access Principles.	
Project Description & Brief Summary of objectives/activities:	

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Explain how the project will increase participation and impact the community.	
Explain how your project aligns with Council strategies. <i>(Example: Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, Sports and Recreation Strategy or the Fair Access Principles)</i> <u>Plans, Strategies and Position Statements Hindmarsh Shire Council</u> <u>c024-sports-and-recreation-reserves-allocation-use-and-fair-access-policy.pdf</u>	
Indicate the timeline involved in this project. <i>(Include any permissions, approvals and capacity to deliver and acquit by the end of the financial year)</i>	Project Start Date: Details of milestones/achievements during project: Project Completion Date: Are approvals required to complete project? (Planning, building, local laws)
Explain how this project provides long-term benefit for the club and community.	

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Explain how this project helps to deliver a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment at your club/organisation.	

SOCIAL COMMUNITIES	
4. Project Details This stream supports events and activities that bring people together.	
If you are holding an event, you will need to fill out the ‘Intention to Hold an Event’ form that is attached at the end of this application. Please complete this form for your application to be considered (Social Communities Stream Only)	
Project Description & Brief Summary of events and/or activities. <i>Please include the project title, date and location of the event.</i>	
Explain how this project will increase participation and community connection. How many are expected to attend?	

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Explain how the project will celebrate community, culture and/or identity. <i>(Why is this event important to the Hindmarsh community?)</i>	
Explain how your activity/event will be inclusive, accessible and safe.	

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES	
5. Project Details This stream supports arts and culture projects, programs or activities that celebrate creativity.	
Project Description & Brief Summary of objectives/activities:	

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Explain how your project/activity will engage the community and increase participation.	
Provide any evidence of how your project/activity celebrates culture, identity and place.	
Explain how your project/activity is innovative, accessible and inclusive.	

RESOURCED COMMUNITIES	
6. Project Details This stream supports community groups that requires resources to enable meaningful community activities.	
Project Description & Brief Summary of objectives/activities:	

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Provide evidence of community benefit and impact.	
Explain the need for this project and why it's important to your club/organisation.	
What will the funding be used to purchase? Include costing and quotes, timelines, permissions and completion date. <i>(If the purchase is larger than the funding amount, please provide detail on how you plan to cover the additional costs).</i>	
Explain how your project/activity is accessible, inclusive and improves volunteer capacity and efficiency. <i>(How will this resource make your volunteer's lives easier?)</i>	

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7. Previous Applications			
Has your organisation previously applied for a grant from Hindmarsh Shire Council? (If yes, please fill out the following table)		☐ Yes ☐ No	
Financial Year:	Project Name:	Category:	
		Amount Received:	
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		Amount Received:	

Income/Expense Table

The following Income/Expense Template needs to be completed for your project. The income and expense amounts **should be the same**.

Please ensure you include any financial contribution from the organisation, requested contribution from Hindmarsh Shire Council, any external funding, In-Kind/Volunteer labour, and any other income relevant to this project.

Your expense table should include every expense that the income is covering and both Income and Expense Total should equal the same amount.

NOTE: The expenditure amount on your quote and table below must exclude GST.

Income		Expense	
Hindmarsh Shire Grant	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$

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	\$		\$
<i>In-Kind/Volunteer Labour</i>	\$	<i>In-Kind/Volunteer Labour</i>	\$
Total (GST EX):	\$	Total (GST EX):	\$

5. Submission		
Applications can be submitted in the following ways:		
Email	In Person	Mail
Email your application, along with all required attachments to community@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au	Hand in application and attachments to any of our Customer Service Centres in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow	Send your printed application and attachments to PO BOX 250 Nhill VIC 3418

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