

## Fact Sheet

# COVID Response Community Grants Program

We recognise the significant impact COVID-19 has had on individuals, families and the organisations and groups that provide services across our community.

Through a new round of community grants, we are supporting creative initiatives that increase social connection, reduce isolation, and improve physical and mental health during these difficult times.

### **What is the COVID Response Community Grant Program?**

As part of supporting the community, we are providing COVID Response Community grants of up to \$5,000 to assist organisations and groups to address the impacts of COVID-19 within their community.

These grants form part of our RE3 campaign which encourages us all to reset, reboot and revitalise. While our community grants program usually comprises four categories, the focus this year is solely on assisting with the response to COVID-19.

### **Who can apply for these grants?**

We are seeking applications from community groups who are wanting to implement new or adapt existing services, programs, or activities to operate under COVID-19 restrictions.

We encourage applications to be creative and unique in their approaches to increasing connection, reducing isolation, promoting healthy relationships, or improving social, physical and mental health during COVID-19 restrictions.

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Local community groups with programs that provide a direct benefit to the residents of Strathbogie Shire.

For more information on eligibility, criteria and how to apply visit our website [www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au) and view a copy of the RE3 COVID Response Community Grants Guidelines.

### **How can my community group apply?**

Applications are to be submitted online through SmartyGrants, which you can access here: [strathbogie.smartygrants.com.au/RE3CovidResponse](http://strathbogie.smartygrants.com.au/RE3CovidResponse)

### **How are applications assessed?**

Council assesses each application on merit. Eligible applications will be assessed using a specific criterion listed in the RE3 COVID Response Community Grants Guidelines.

### **When are the applications due?**

Applications open from 9am Wednesday, 16 September 2020 and close at 11:59pm Friday, 13 November 2020.

### **When will applicants find out if they are successful?**

Applications will be assessed after the closing date, 13 November 2020 and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in late December 2020.

### **Who can I contact for more information?**

Applicants are encouraged to contact Debra Ellis on (03) 5795 0000 or by email [info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au) to discuss their submissions. Please also see our website for further information on this grant opportunity [www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au).