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The **Sunshine Coast Council Major Grants Program** is now open, closing **10 March 2025**. The Major Grants Program supports not-for-profit organisations to deliver one-off projects, events and activities with broad community benefit.

Please note Council are also accepting applications for a Minor grant within this Major grant round. This is the last opportunity to apply for a minor grant this Financial Year.

This program offers funding:

- Up to \$15,000 to fund one-off projects, events and activities (all categories)
- Up to \$30,000 to fund infrastructure projects (in the Community Facilities category)

Categories include:

- **Community Development:** Community-led projects, activities and events which contribute to enhancing community wellbeing and/or strengthen the ability of community organisations to respond to community needs.
- **Community Facilities:** Infrastructure projects that involve the development, maintenance or improvement of buildings or land that contribute to providing a safe, accessible, and inclusive community facility. Well-developed projects that are ready to be undertaken and have secured co-funding (if required), are highly regarded.
- **Creative Development:** Projects, events and activities that contribute to Council’s Creative Arts Plan vision for the Sunshine Coast to be alive with arts, culture and creativity and align with the values of this plan to be bold, authentic, sustainable, inclusive and connected.
- **Cultural Heritage:** Projects that document, conserve, promote and make accessible the region’s heritage and social history. Applicants must discuss the project with a council Cultural Heritage Officer prior to applying.
- **Economic Development:** Projects, events and activities that encourage and support local community organisations to contribute positively to improve the economic performance and prosperity of their local community.

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- **Sport and Recreation:** projects, events and activities that promote community participation in sport and recreational pursuits across the Sunshine Coast Council area.

If you wish to apply for community event funding you are required to apply under the category above that best aligns with the event’s purpose with the exception of Christmas, New Year, Australia Day, Anzac Day and Remembrance Day events which must be submitted to the Sunshine Coast Council Festive and Commemorative Events Grants opening again in July 2025.

Please note that co-funding requirements apply:

- Up to \$7,500 – no requirement for co-funding;
- \$7,501 - \$15,000 – 50% of total project costs from applicant and/or other sources;
- \$15,001 to \$30,000 – 75% of total project costs from applicant and/or other sources.

Key points:

- Applicants must have met all acquittal conditions for previously awarded Council grants prior to applying.
- Lower priority is given to applicants that have been awarded a Minor or Major grant within the past twelve months.

For more information and to view the guidelines please visit <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/living-and-community/grants-and-funding/grants-programs/major-grants#information-on-eligibility-category-priorities-and-assessment-criteria>

If you are interested in assistance, or have any questions about this opportunity, the Surf Life Saving Grant Seeking Unit (GSU) would be more than happy to assist. Please contact one of the below GSU team members to discuss further:

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Kind Regards,
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