

Community Festive Season Meals Grant - 2026

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Community Festive Season Meals

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Activity eligibility

The aim of this grant is to facilitate community meals or the purchase of items for food relief hampers for use between Christmas and the New Year. Do you agree to the following:

- Activity to be held on or between Monday 1 December and Wednesday 31 December.
- Be held at a public venue within Greater Bendigo that does not offer or promote gambling of any form.
- Be welcoming and inclusive of all people, including being able to accommodate some 'walk ins' on the day
- Use the City's guide to accessible events
- Use the City's guide to healthy catering
- Be alcohol, smoking and vaping free (or have designated smoking and vaping free zones, if the event is to be held outdoors)
- Support local suppliers and businesses where possible
- Adhere to food safety standards and any other legislated requirements; and
- Use the City's guide to waste wise and plastic free events

Please select below *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicant type

Applicant type, please select one of the following:

- ☐ Registered legal entity (such as an incorporated association)
- ☐ Auspicing organisation on behalf of individual
- ☐ Non-incorporated group
- ☐ Auspicing on behalf of a non-incorporated group

Organisational Eligibility

Does your organisation...

Provide or advertise any type of Gambling? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Provide or advertise any type of tobacco or vaping products? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Have an outstanding debt with the City? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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Have an outstanding acquittal with the City? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Organisational History

Has your organisation...

Received any other grants or funding from the City in the past 3 years? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Got a Lease, license or management agreement with the City? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Received any asset donations (e.g. harddrives, monitors) from the City in the past 3 years? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Eligibility Criteria

Thank you for applying to the City of Greater Bendigo Community Festive Season Meals Grant.

If you have had any questions flag with an asterisk * that are listed above, Please refer to our Community Grant Guidelines, Grants Policy and Appendices located via our Community Grants Webpage. If you have any further queries, please contact a Grant Officer via 1300 002 642 or grants@bendigo.vic.gov.au.

If there are no asterisks listed, please continue the application.

Organisation Details

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Organisation Details

Organisation Name *

Organisation's ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

ABN

Entity Name

ABN Status

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Entity Type

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

DGR Endorsed

ATO Charity Type

ACNC Registration

Tax Concessions

Main Business Location

Must be an ABN

Postal Address

Address

Primary Website (if applicable)

Must be a URL

Head of Organisation *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Head of Organisation telephone contact *

Head of Organisation email address: *

Is your organisation an auspice for this application? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Auspice

Not-for-profit community organisations in the process of becoming incorporated, or those without capacity to manage the funding, may arrange for an eligible organisation to apply on their behalf. This is known as an 'auspice' arrangement.

Further details regarding auspice arrangements can be found at [Community Grants webpage](#)

Name of auspicing organisation: *

Address of auspicing organisation *

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Contact name: *

Contact email: *

Must be an email address.

Date of agreement *

Must be a date.

Auspice agreement form

Attach a file:

Sign here *

Contact for Application

Contact Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Position held *

Contact number: *

Contact email *

Must be an email address

Organisation Details

Activity name *

Briefly describe the activity *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Provide a brief overview of the activity you are organising.

Project Details

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When will the activity take place?

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Event date must be held on or between Monday 1 December and Wednesday 31 December 2025.

Expected start date: *

Must be a date and no earlier than 1/12/2026.

Expected finish date: *

Must be a date and no later than 31/12/2026.

Start time: *

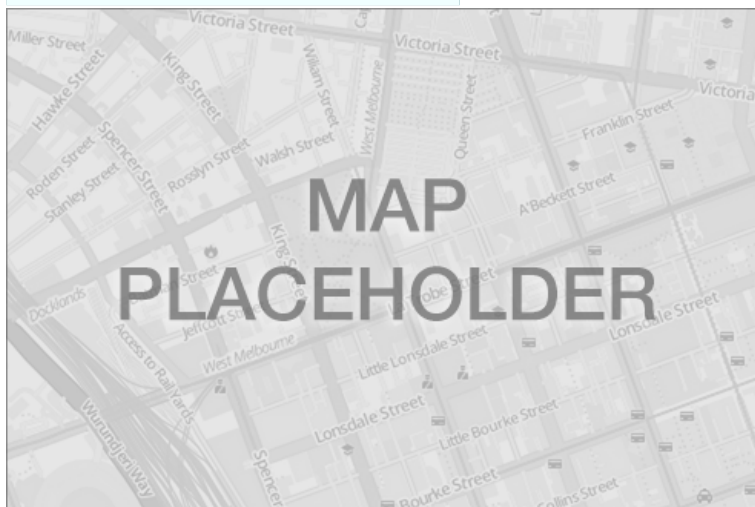
Finish time: *

Location

Where will the Community Festive Season Meals activity be held?

Venue name: *

Address *
Address



Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, and Postcode are required.

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Assessment criteria

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Who? 30% weighting

How many people are you aiming for? Where are most people likely to come from? Will volunteers be supporting activity planning and running? If so, how many? Will other organisations be helping with activity planning and running?

Who? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Which of these groups will benefit from the activity? (Select all that apply) *

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|---|--|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People | ☐ Homeless | ☐ Faith based communities |
| ☐ People experiencing poverty | ☐ Children | ☐ Young people |
| ☐ Older adults | ☐ Sole parent families | ☐ LGBTQIA+ community |
| ☐ Women | ☐ People experiencing mental ill-health | ☐ People experiencing chronic physical ill-health |
| ☐ People with disability | ☐ Culturally and religiously diverse | ☐ No particular group is the focus |
| ☐ Refugees and people seeking asylum | | |

Which social justice barriers will this activity help to minimise? (Select all that apply) *

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|---|--|---|
| ☐ Racism | ☐ Lack of access to services and facilities | ☐ Homophobia, bi-phobia, transphobia and intersex discrimination |
| ☐ Social marginalisation | ☐ Limited transport options | ☐ Limited access to communication technologies |
| ☐ Food insecurity | ☐ Poverty | ☐ Low income and unemployment |
| ☐ Mental ill-health | ☐ Inter-generational disadvantage | ☐ Climate change |
| ☐ Poor access to education | ☐ Ageism | ☐ No particular social justice barrier is the focus of this activity |
| ☐ Sexism | | |

How? 35% weighting

How will you advertise the activity? How will you ensure the activity is welcoming, inclusive and accessible? How will you manage if there is a higher than expected demand for this activity?

How? *

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Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

How will the activity minimise social justice barriers? *

What? 35% weighting

1. Will any permits be required for the activity? What will you do to ensure the activity adheres to food and safety standards? What will you do to promote healthy food and drink choices at the activity? What will you do to cater for dietary or cultural requirements at the activity? How will you ensure the activity is alcohol and smoke free? (There should be a designated smoke free zone if the activity is held outdoors) How will you minimise activity waste and use of plastics?

What? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 400 words.

Activity budget

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Use the following tables to explain what the activity will cost (expenditure) and where your organisation is planning to get the money from (income). Note: The expenditure and income totals should match.

Income

Requested grant amount *

\$

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 2000.
This amount should equal the same as the Total income amount.

Other income:

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Total income

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

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Budget

Expenditure

Venue hire:

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Food/Catering

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Other supplies

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Equipment hire:

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Expenditure

Entertainment

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Advertising:

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Insurance cover:

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Other expenditure:

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Total Expenditure Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Amount Requested *

Must be a dollar amount.

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

Please attach quotes for the activity, where applicable

☐ Yes

☐ No

Attach itemised quotes

Attach a file:

Support Material:

If applicable, please attach any support material e.g. letter of support, partnership letter.

Attach Files:

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Advertise to the Public

Do you agree to your event being included on the Community Festive Season Meal events flyer? The flyer will be promoted on the City's socials and shared through its networks.

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please complete the following details

Event Date

Must be a date.

Event Time

Event Name

Event Venue

Event Address

Email

Must be an email address.

Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

If no, please explain the reason

Tell us the reason

Declaration and Privacy Statement

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I certify that all details supplied in this application and in any attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the application has been submitted with the full knowledge and agreement of the management of my organisation/group.

I have read the accompanying guidelines for applicants provided with this application form.

I agree that I will contact the Strong Communities Team immediately if any information provided in this application changes or is incorrect.

*The Greater Bendigo City Council (the **City**) is a body corporate constituted as a municipal Council under the Local Government Act 2020. The City handles all personal information it collects in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and our Privacy Policy - available here <https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/About/Document-Library/privacy-policy-pdf>.*

The information collected by us, or on our behalf, will be used to do anything necessary to facilitate the City's Community Grants Program, including but not limited to receiving applications, assessing applications, entering into funding agreements, administering payments, and receiving evaluations and acquittals.

Some or all of the information we collect will be used internally at the City and may also be disclosed to third parties involved in the City's Community Grants Program, including the Community Assessment Panel and/or other similar bodies.

If you do not provide us with this information, we will be unable to assess your application, enter into a funding agreement with you or administer a payment to you.

You have a right to access personal information that we hold about you, subject to any exceptions in relevant legislation. Should you wish to discuss the collection of your personal information you can contact us at grants@bendigo.vic.gov.au.

I understand that the information above will be used in accordance with relevant legislation and declare that this information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I am authorised to complete this application and have read and understood the declaration and privacy statement *

☐ Yes

Authorised Person's Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Position held *

Date of declaration *