

BETTER BAYSWATER GRANT FAQs

1. What is the Better Bayswater Grant?

The City encourages and supports the Better Bayswater grant funding to innovatively respond to social disadvantage, protection of the natural or built environment, partnerships, community development and capacity building.

For a better understanding of community development, please read [Community Development in the City of Bayswater](#).

2. How much funding is available?

The City provides two rounds of Better Bayswater grant funding per financial year. Grant applicants can apply for up to a maximum of \$5,000 for their project, subject to applicants matching a minimum of 50% of the project funds.

The applicant's contribution can be cash, in-kind or a combination of both. Please note that financial sustainability is a criteria for the decision making panel when assessing grant applications.

3. When can I apply?

Applications for Better Bayswater grants are available twice a year, generally in March and October. Contact the City's Officer on (08) 9272 0622 if you would like more information on the funding rounds.

4. What kind of projects or programs are eligible?

The following criteria must be met for a project or program to be eligible for the Better Bayswater Grant:

- You must be able to effectively describe the proposed project or programs expected outcomes;
- The proposed project or program must be directly linked to one or more of the City of Bayswater Strategic Community Plan aspirations, outcomes or strategies, and be of benefit to City residents;
- The proposed project or program must not duplicate a project or program already available in the local area and must not clash with other City of Bayswater planned initiatives; and
- Funding must not be sought for deficit funding for organisations experiencing a shortfall of cash revenue or anticipated revenue.

5. What kind of projects or programs are not eligible?

The following projects are considered ineligible for the Better Bayswater Grant:

- Fundraising events;
- Facility maintenance projects;
- Retrospective applications;
- Projects or programs that charge for participation
- There is no cost to participate in the proposed project or program
- Projects or programs with a political campaign focus; and
- Travel, accommodation costs or any costs associated with local, national or interstate representation of any programs, projects and services considered the responsibility of other government departments, individuals and private-for-profit groups.



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6. Can I apply for more than one grant in a year?

Applicants that have received a grant from the City of Bayswater from any one of its Community Grant Program funding streams in the current financial year, they are ineligible to apply for funding until the following financial year. The City's four funding streams within the Community Grants Program are:

- Community Events;
- Better Bayswater;
- Capital Works; and
- Donations.

7. If we are not incorporated, will that be a problem?

This is not a problem; it just means that you will need to partner with another group or organisation which is incorporated.

An auspicing body is an incorporated group that applies for a grant on behalf of an unincorporated group. The auspicing body is responsible for the legal processes associated with delivering your project including insurances and the financial management of the grant.

8. Will I be required to submit an acquittal form?

Yes, the acquittal for Better Bayswater Grant funding must be received within 30 working days of the project or program completion unless agreed otherwise and included in the funding agreement.

9. What is an 'in-kind contribution'?

Community organisations often contribute to a project with their own resources. In-kind support refers to goods or voluntary work donated for the project. For example, a graphic designer might donate their time to design the marketing materials, or your venue hire fees might be waived. These can be accepted as an alternative to a financial contribution.

10. Costing in-kind contributions (voluntary labour)

Voluntary labour can be calculated at the following rates:

Unskilled: \$20/hour	General work is being undertaken where no recognised qualification is required.
Skilled: \$35/hour	A person with a recognised qualification specific to the work being undertaken e.g. Tradesperson, Chef, Arborist etc.
Professional: \$50/hour	A person with a formal tertiary qualification specific to the work to be undertaken i.e. architectural, legal, engineering, surveying work or similar.

Please note that if you use voluntary labour as an in-kind contribution you will be required to include a volunteer roster in your acquittal, and each volunteer must sign to confirm their hours.

11. Where do I find the application forms and other documents?

These can be found on the City's website.

12. How long does it take to get a decision?

Funding decisions can usually be made within 30 working days from the close of applications.



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13. Can I discuss my project/idea with an officer from the City of Bayswater?

Yes, we encourage you to talk to us before submitting a grant application. Please contact the **City's Funding Contact Officer** on **(08) 9272 0622**.