



## Environment and Sustainability Grant Fact Sheet

**Funding Amount:** Up to \$3000

**Who can apply?** The Environment and Sustainability Grant is open to the following applicants:

- Not-for-profit and incorporated organisations, clubs and groups.
- An auspice of an appropriate organisation including a not-for-profit and incorporated organisation.
- An organisation delivering a service that is the responsibility of State or Federal Government whereby the initiative is outside of their core business.

**What is the Environmental and Sustainability Grant?**

This grant support organisations to:

- Increase community awareness and understanding of environmental sustainability
- Help ensure our natural environment is healthy and sustainable for future generations
- Build community capacity to live sustainably through efficient use of water and energy, including use of renewable energy, resource recovery and/or reuse of materials, and increasing biodiversity
- Reduce waste and litter, and eliminate the use of single-use plastics

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**Examples:**

This grant can support initiatives and projects that demonstrate diverse environmental sustainability benefits, including:

- Mitigate and adapt to the local climate change impacts.
- Programs focused on reducing, reusing and recycling using circular waste principles.
- Establish initiatives to reduce litter and waste.
- Protect and enhance biodiversity.
- Care for local natural environments including open space, bushland, reserves and waterways.
- Support local and sustainable food production and distribution.
- Encourage sustainable transport initiatives including walking and cycling.
- Increase understanding of environmental sustainability.

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**Assessment Criteria:**

Applications must address the following criteria:

Criteria	Weighting
<b>Alignment to one or more strategic directions outlined in the Whitehorse Council Plan or the 2040 Community Vision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Application clearly articulates how their proposed project is aligned to the Council Plan strategic directions.</li></ul>	30%
<b>Clear project plan and budget.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Application clearly outlines the project plan and timeline.</li><li>▪ Application clearly demonstrates how the requested funding from Council will be allocated.</li><li>▪ Application demonstrates in-kind and financial support from other sources.</li></ul>	25%
<b>Evidence of community need or emerging priority.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Application is supported by provision of data, case studies, local knowledge etc., which demonstrates the community need for the proposed project/activity.</li></ul>	20%

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<p><b>Project is clearly short term/one-off or sustainable into the future.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application demonstrates that the success of the project/activity/purchase will not rely on ongoing funding from Council.</li> </ul>	15%
<p><b>Experience/capacity to deliver.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application demonstrates that the organisation has relevant experience and genuine capacity to deliver the project/activity.</li> </ul>	10%

Council supports applications that demonstrate consideration of **gender equality and environmental sustainability**. All applicants are encouraged to:

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For more information visit:

[www.vic.gov.au/single-use-plastics](http://www.vic.gov.au/single-use-plastics)

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