



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 supports organisations to improve their sustainability practices and or promote sustainability in the community. This includes programs that address climate change or other environmental sustainability issues at a local level. This funding amount can help foster sustainable living and a healthy natural environment.

Examples:

This grant will support initiatives and projects that demonstrate diverse environmental sustainability benefits. These include but are not limited to projects that:

- Mitigate and adapt to 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 community awareness and understanding of environmental sustainability.

Assessment Criteria:

Applications must address the following criteria:

Criteria	Weighting
Alignment to one or more strategic directions outlined in the Whitehorse Council Plan or the 2040 Community Vision <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Application clearly articulates how their proposed project is aligned to the Council Plan strategic directions.	30%
Clear project plan and budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Application clearly outlines the project plan and timeline.▪ Application clearly demonstrates how the requested funding from Council will be allocated.▪ Application demonstrates in-kind and financial support from other sources.	25%
Evidence of community need or emerging priority. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Application is supported by provision of data, case studies, local knowledge etc., which demonstrates the community need for the proposed project/activity.	20%
Project is clearly short term/one-off or sustainable into the future. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Application demonstrates that the success of the project/activity/purchase will not rely on ongoing funding from Council.	15%
Experience/capacity to deliver. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Application demonstrates that the organisation has relevant experience and genuine capacity to deliver the project/activity.	10%

Council supports applications that demonstrate consideration of **gender equality and environmental sustainability**. All applicants are encouraged to reduce their waste and consider resource recovery methods such as recycling. For more information visit www.vic.gov.au/single-use-plastics

For further enquiries regarding this grant, contact Council's Community Grants Officer: Grants@whitehorse.vic.gov.au