

Whitehorse 2022 Intergenerational Grants Guidelines



Acknowledgement of Country

Whitehorse City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional owners of the land. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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Background

Feeling a sense of belonging is vital to the health and wellbeing of the community. Healthy communities that have intergenerational interaction are socially cohesive, strongly connected, and resilient.

Intergenerational activities have been known to drive social change, build more inclusive and cohesive communities, overcome prejudices and share knowledge and skills.

Council is committed to promoting social connection and supporting people's health and wellbeing by offering funding opportunities to eligible groups/organisations to develop an intergenerational program or expand on an existing one.

Benefits of Intergenerational Activities

For older adults	For children & youth	For both	Wider benefits
Improved health, social & emotional wellbeing	Improved literacy & academic achievement	Increased mutual understanding & respect	Increased understanding Reduced ageism
Increased physical, mental & creative activity	Improved problem solving, social & communication skills	Challenge to negative attitudes & stereotypes	Improved community cohesion & participation
Improved mobility & flexibility Fewer falls	Discovery that older people are interesting & were once young	Exchange of knowledge, life skills & learning	Greater organisational exchange, partnership & collaboration
Improved brain function & mood Reduced depression	Exposure to differently abled & those of diverse backgrounds	Friendship & empathy Enriched experience Happiness & satisfaction	Shared spaces, facilities & resources Reduced costs
Sense of belonging Mitigation of loneliness or social isolation	More work experience opportunities for youth	Improved confidence, mood & self-esteem	Improved trust & engagement across age, ethnicity & class
Increased social activity	Increased stability	Sense of inclusion	Enhanced social capital

Source 1 Inner East Primary Care Partnership 'Building Communities for all Ages, Good Intergenerational Practice'

Whitehorse 2022 Intergenerational Grants

Whitehorse City Council is offering funding opportunities for intergenerational projects taking place between July and December 2022 which connect children and older people.

The 2022 Whitehorse Intergenerational Grants support activities that foster connections between generations, celebrate the valuable contribution of older people, and improve the health and wellbeing of older people in our community.

Objectives of the Whitehorse 2022 Intergenerational Grants

The objectives of the program are to:

- Enable connections and encourage collaboration between children and older people in the community
- Facilitate the sharing of knowledge, skills and experience between generations
- Tackle ageism towards older people

Funding

Grants of up to \$1000 are available to primary and secondary schools, early years' services and kindergartens to develop a new intergenerational project or expand on an existing intergenerational activity.

Each school, early years' services and kindergarten can apply for only one Intergenerational grant per year.

As there is a limited amount of funding available, it may be necessary to partially fund/not fund projects.

Key Dates 2022

7 March 2022	Opening Date
22 March 2022	Virtual Information Sessions (4.30pm or 7pm)
29 April 2022	Closing Date for Grant Submissions Applications Must Be Submitted By 5.00pm On This Date
27 May 2022	Applicant notified regarding outcome of application
10 Jun 2022	Successful applicants must provide completed Funding Agreement and payment paperwork to Council
30 June 2022	Processing of payment of grants to successful applicants completed
9 December 2022	Acquittal form to be submitted to Council

Eligibility Checklist

Applications MUST meet ALL the essential criteria below to be eligible to apply for an Intergenerational Grant. If at least one essential criteria is not met, the application won't be approved.

Your organisation must be a school, early years' service or kindergarten located in the Whitehorse municipality and —

The proposed project is NOT religious, spiritual or political in nature

The proposed project will take place in the City of Whitehorse

The proposed project will take place in between July and December 2022

Your organisation must provide your \$20 million public liability insurance

Funding will NOT be used to pay salaries.

Funding will be used to develop and implement an intergenerational program or expand on an existing program.

Designing your Application

Alternatively, the following ideas may assist you in planning your initiative:

COVID safety

Please ensure you are adhering to COVID safe practices and regulations and consider digital options.

Activity type

There are lots of activities that lend themselves well to engaging multiple generations. If you don't already have a project in mind, the following ideas may provide some inspiration:

- Reading pals
- Skills exchange
- Music sessions
- Drama sessions
- Arts activities
- Storytelling and life stories
- Games
- Gardening
- Cooking/recipe exchange
- Letter writing
- Digital activities
- Environmental education

Partnerships

Your organisation may like to partner with another organisation such as a Local aged care residential facility, seniors' activity clubs, Service clubs, Sporting clubs or Senior citizens clubs.

Contact details for many of these groups and organisations can be found in Council's Community Directory

Location and transport

When planning your project consider the venue and its suitability to intergenerational activities.

Transport to and from the venue is typically a large expense, especially if hiring buses. Considering a venue that is nearby, or within walking distance, will allow more funding to be allocated to activities or materials to implement your project.

Furthermore, ensure facilities at the venue are suitable for all parties. i.e. bathroom facilities that suit all participants, wheelchair access, minimal stairs, appropriate seating, and food and drink facilities (if applicable).

Learn more about Intergenerational activities:

Intergenerational activities reduce the risk of Ageism in our community. Ageism towards older people can come from negative attitudes and beliefs about what it means to be an older person. Watch this video 'Imagine a world without ageism' (2.38 mins) to learn more about ageism towards older people.

Inner East Primary Care Partnership (IEPCP) are an organisation that builds strong partnerships and encourage collaboration across the Inner East of Melbourne to improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

For ideas on intergenerational activities and more information on how IEPCP support health and wellbeing, please read their report on <u>Good Intergenerational Practice</u> or <u>visit their website</u>.

Information Session

To support eligible organisations apply for a Whitehorse Intergenerational grant, Council will host two free virtual information sessions to provide further details on:

- Eligibility
- Key dates
- How to apply
- Required information
- Assessment criteria

Details:

When: Tuesday 22 March 2022

Where: Online (link to be sent to registered participants)

Time: 4.30pm-5pm and 7pm-7.30pm

Bookings are essential.

To attend a session, please email <u>CDEnquiries@whitehorse.vic.gov.au</u> with your name, contact number, organisation name and your preferred time (select either 4.30pm or 7pm).

How to Apply

Step one:

Prior to submitting an application, please ensure you have:

- 1. Read this document,
- 2. Met all the eligibility criteria,
- 3. Planned your project,
- 4. Clearly considered the objectives of the Whitehorse 2022 Intergenerational grants program.

Step two:

Once you're satisfied with step one, register an account with <u>SmartyGrants - Whitehorse</u> (if you do not already have a login)

All grant applications are made via Council's online grants management system' SmartyGrants'. If you haven't already registered with SmartyGrants, please register via SmartyGrants - Whitehorse

Step three:

Complete the Whitehorse Intergenerational Grants application.

Applications can be started, saved and returned to later to complete, the closing date for submissions is 5pm on 29 April 2022, so applications will need to be submitted by this date and time.

Application Assessment

Due to the limited funding available, all applicants are closely assessed based on their ability to demonstrate how their proposed project aligns with the objectives of the Whitehorse 2022 Intergenerational grants program listed above.

To ensure you have submitted a strong application, please ensure you clearly address the objectives.

Application Approval

All applicants will be notified via email of the outcome of their application by the date specified in the timeline.

Successful grant recipients will then be required to return a completed Funding Agreement by the date specified in the timeline.

Grant recipients must acknowledge Council's support of the project in any written publications, annual reports, advertising material and in any other media promotion about the project.

Acquittal Form

Following the implementation of your project, recipients are required to complete an acquittal form via smarty grants. The purpose of the acquittal form is for the recipient to report how their project outcomes addressed the objectives.

Council will seek details such as the number of participants, project details, response from participants, learnings, and any challenges. In addition, recipients will be asked to describe if the partnership developed from the program will be ongoing.

When the acquittal form is submitted, an option is available for the recipient to showcase their program by attaching photos from the program, videos, quotes, school newsletters or any other publication produced by the recipient.

Enquiries

Please direct any enquiries concerning Intergenerational Grants to the Community Engagement and Development team at Whitehorse City Council on 9262 6443 or grants@whitehorse.vic.gov.au.



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