

Make it Happen - Hobsons Bay Recovery and Reconnection Grants

Grant Focus: People with a disability and their carers

Council Staff contact - applicants requesting over \$10,000 are required to contact a Council Officer to discuss your proposal. All other applicants are also encouraged to discuss proposals.	
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Grant Focus	
<p>Grants under this focus area provide financial assistance to local community organisations and groups for activities and projects that meet the needs of people living with a disability in the community. Projects which improve the lives of people living with a disability and promote inclusiveness, educational and/or capacity building components are especially encouraged.</p> <p>Projects that help to continue working, adapting, building resilience and engaging through the COVID-19 pandemic are also encouraged.</p>	
Priorities/Criteria	
<p>Applications should address one or more of the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community building and strengthening in the context of COVID-19 • Support people living with a disability's health, wellbeing and connection • Support people living with a disability social inclusion and participation • Networks, partnerships and advocacy • Strengthen the capacity of people living with a disability to live and participate actively in the community 	
Example applications/proposals	
Proposals that enhance people's independence and health outcomes by encouraging, physical activity, good nutrition, emotional wellbeing and social inclusion.	Projects that promote active participation, positive attitudes and images of people living with a disability.
Proposals that promote social interaction while building capacity in activities of daily living for participants e.g. cooking and nutrition, self-advocacy, navigating service systems, transport/travel skills.	Enhancement or creation of Networks/Support Groups that provide support, information exchange, guest speakers for people living with a disability and their families and carers.
Projects that reduce isolation and build ongoing connections in the local community in areas such as arts and culture/ recreation/ sport/social activities.	Disability awareness training for groups/organisations or the purchase of assistive technologies which support existing plans for greater participation by people with a disability.
Projects that build skills to enhance capacity for employment and or volunteer roles.	
Items/proposals that are ineligible	
One-off outings which do not promote ongoing participation.	

HBCC is aware some people with a disability may require additional support in applying for a grant. Please contact the identified staff officer if you require assistance to meet your needs.