

Grant Focus: Ageing well (55 years and above)

Council Staff contact - applicants requesting over \$5,000 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	
Grants under this focus area provide financial assistance to community organisations and groups for activities and projects that foster the social, health and wellbeing needs of older residents (55 years and over).	
Priorities/Criteria	
Applications should address one or more of the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting and enhancing older person’s health, wellbeing, and social connection • Increasing digital ability and confidence • Organisation/group capacity building and sustainability • Assistance to vulnerable and or isolated residents • Partnerships that collaborate in assisting older adults in areas of identified need. <p>Applications must identify a need for the project in the community.</p>	
Example applications/proposals	
Projects that address identified local needs or emerging issues. Partnerships between community groups are encouraged.	Older resident’s online social connection programs.
Enhancement or creation of Networks/Support Groups that provide peer support, information exchange, guest speakers on issues relevant to older adults, e.g., managing health conditions, access to support services, developing resilience.	Neighbourhood based projects that assist/support vulnerable residents and address loneliness and social isolation.
Projects to support lifelong learning	Projects that reduce social isolation and build local connections.
Projects that foster intergenerational activities.	Projects that support ageing carers.
Projects that develop digital and technology skills and assist in addressing the “digital divide”.	Partnerships between older person’s community groups that support committees, governance, leadership, and succession planning.
Items/proposals that are ineligible	
One- off outings.	Funding for existing senior’s club activities and events.