

Grant Focus: Children and families

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	
<p>Grants under this focus area provide financial assistance to community organisations for activities that foster the social, health and wellbeing needs of children and families.</p> <p>Projects that work with children and their families to create a gender equitable community which fosters respectful relationships and reduces violence against women and children.</p> <p>Projects that celebrate diversity and challenge discrimination to foster a socially inclusive community that welcomes people regardless of gender, sex, intersex status, sexuality, race, culture, faith and disability.</p> <p>Projects that support vulnerable children and families to be actively engaged in their communities.</p>	
Priorities/Criteria	
<p>Applications must identify a need for the project in the community</p> <p>Applications should address one or more of the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community building/increasing community capacity • The health, wellbeing and connection of children and their families • Organisation/group capacity building • Social inclusion and participation for vulnerable children and their families • Networks and partnerships • Service gaps 	
Example applications/proposals	
Projects working to ensure children and families have access to services when needed	Programs engaging vulnerable children and their families to support connection and engagement with community
Welfare and support for families, where the initiative will engage vulnerable families with other longer-term services and welfare provision	Programs to encourage new participants, and a diversity of participants
Projects celebrating diversity and social inclusion	Interventions for members, participants and clients vulnerable to disengagement through financial hardship or other barriers
Community awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait culture and history, especially where Aboriginal elders and services are engaged	Intergenerational connection
Parenting and Grandparenting programs, such as to support children’s mental health, healthy eating, creating play	Projects which address unmet needs of children and families
Items/proposals that are ineligible	
Proposals that are core / curriculum and education and/or where it is the responsibility of other tiers of government	Basic equipment that should be provided by an early years service, where a business case regarding hardship has not been demonstrated
Other activities already explicitly listed in the not eligible list of activities in the guidelines	Activities identified in lease, licence or service agreements with Council already expecting that activity to be delivered
School and early education providers proposals that do not demonstrate a community benefit or connection	Regular school and kindergarten events and activities e.g. parent social events, fundraisers (fairs, fetes), gallery exhibitions, gardens and food gardens