

Grant Focus: Neighbourhood Resilience and Strength

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	
Neighbourhood resilience and strength grants support activities that foster or respond to the strength in a particular area, building local connections, celebrating the community, strengthening support frameworks, building awareness of local services and providing opportunities to reduce isolation and loneliness.	
Priorities/Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build local leadership • Local connection • Opportunities for social and economic participation • Celebrate and build on local strengths • Invest in local assets • Gather interest and start work on an area or topic that requires attention 	
Example applications/proposals	
Elements of a strong application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community need demonstrated • Community engaged already • Supports strong connection building • Harnesses community energy • Encourages participation – a people project • Engages businesses or contractors to support achieving the community outcomes • Partnerships exist or will be built through the project. These may work in partnership with other areas, such as festivals, sport, youth, music, performance 	
Cultivate awareness in local history beyond the usual core – school resources supported by community days, campaigns for local activity and exploration	Engage local places and spaces such as libraries and community centres
Bringing people together to develop, create, explore, learn, teach and share	Build a local action, recreation or fun group
Street libraries	Fun day or neighbourhood open day
Locals meet and greet sessions	
Items/proposals that are ineligible	
Elements that are led by businesses	Opportunities that respond to the needs of a local business
Activities that do not respond to community need	