

# 2025-26 Community Grants

## Which grant is best for my event?

Please use the table below to explore ideas and examples for your event and find the grant that best fits your needs. This is a guide—not a complete list—so be sure your application addresses each grant’s objectives and eligibility requirements. If you’d like feedback or support as you prepare your submission, contact the Grants Team on 5272 5560 or at [communitygrants@geelongcity.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitygrants@geelongcity.vic.gov.au).

Community Events	
Grants for moderate sized (300+ attendees) public events that provide economic and community benefits to the Greater Geelong region; staged from 1 February 2026 and advertised to the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Agricultural shows</li> <li>✓ Community festivals</li> <li>✓ Festivals: music, film, arts, children</li> <li>✓ Food and wine</li> <li>✓ Multicultural (for less than 300 attendances please consider Community Strengthening)</li> <li>✓ Public holiday celebrations e.g., ANZAC Day, Australia Day, New Year’s Eve</li> <li>✓ State or national sporting championships</li> </ul>
Community Events Christmas 2025	
Grants for moderate sized (300+ attendees) public events staged in November and December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Christmas carol concerts</li> <li>✓ Christmas activations</li> </ul>
Community Strengthening (formerly Healthy & Connected Communities)	
Grants to support projects, activities or events that respond to a community need and promote inclusion and positive health and wellbeing within the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Group milestone or anniversary celebrations</li> <li>✓ Multicultural and community celebrations</li> <li>✓ Religious and spiritual events</li> </ul>
Environmental Sustainability	
This grant supports the initiation, development and delivery of projects that enhance our natural environment and drive environmental sustainability actions across the Geelong region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Open days</li> <li>✓ Expos and showcases</li> </ul>

Ineligible for funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Events outside Geelong</li> <li>✗ Ongoing, regular activities of a venue approved under a licence/tenancy agreement e.g., monthly markets, seasonal sporting events or other activities.</li> <li>✗ Events, that due to their nature, are unlikely to be supported by relevant stakeholders</li> <li>✗ Invite-only or member-only events – this includes VIP events/areas which exclude other attendees</li> <li>✗ Fundraising e.g., fetes, markets, fun runs, concerts, competitions where the primary purpose is to fundraise for a charity or cause.</li> <li>✗ Prizes, gifts, awards or sponsorship costs such as trophies medals money and vouchers.</li> </ul>

