

# Ripple Effect Grants Program Guidelines



Together, we can shape our region for the better.

Every day, we supply South West Victoria with sustainable water services, while leading our communities towards a healthier, more prosperous future. It's a commitment that we're proud to make to the region we call home.

## About our grants

Our annual grants are part of our *Ripple Effect* program, supporting organisations who are doing their bit for the community.

## Grant streams

### Community grants

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for projects being delivered in the Wannon Water service region.

### International aid grants

Grants of up to \$4,000 are available for projects being delivered overseas.

### School-based grants

Local schools can apply for up to \$1,000 towards for school-based projects.

## Are we eligible?

We support community initiatives and projects, and give priority to community-based, not-for-profit organisations throughout our service region.

We believe it's important they make a significant and positive change within our region. Therefore, applications for event support must align with at least one of our four community strategic focus areas:

### Regional prosperity

Initiatives that will build capacity with a focus on leadership, engagement, partnership, strategy and advocacy e.g. new equipment or facilities, networking events.

### Education, training and volunteering

Initiatives that will promote access to quality education, training and volunteering pathways e.g. digital literacy programs, art sessions, mentoring or professional development.

### Health and wellbeing

Initiatives that will enhance public health and physical and mental wellbeing e.g. first aid courses, mental health and wellbeing programs, defibrillator purchases.

### Natural environment

Initiatives that promote healthy and sustainable ecosystems e.g. kitchen gardens, revegetation projects, biodiversity initiatives.

## Areas outside the scope of the program

Applications that fall outside the scope of the program will not be considered including those that:

- Are being held outside our service region.
- May attract adverse community response.
- Involve open-ended sponsorship or naming rights.
- Discriminate adversely against any people, organisations or groups.
- Support organisations that derive primary income from, or are significantly linked to, tobacco, gaming or alcohol industries.
- Have visible links to political or lobby groups.

## How will you assess my application?

Applications will also be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Initiatives and events must be located or held within our service region. (Note: this requirement is not applicable to international aid grants).
- Where applicable, obligations under the Child Safe Standards must be met including current Working With Children's Check documentation.
- Evidence of your group's legal status and public liability insurance must be provided.
- A letter of support from property owners/councils must be included if you are proposing an infrastructure project.
- Initiatives and projects must be completed and acquitted by the end of May in the following year.

We give priority to initiatives and events that actively encourage inclusive participation and support accessibility including for those who:

- Are experiencing vulnerability.
- Are living with a disability.
- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- Are culturally and linguistically diverse.
- Are experiencing family violence.

## Promotion and dissemination

We ask successful groups to acknowledge our support and use our corporate logo in any promotional materials.

This can be done through your project/event advertising, promotional materials, website and social media. We'll send you a copy of our corporate logo and brand guide to help.

We'll also support you in publicising the success of your project or event. Please share three high-resolution images with us within five business days of the project or event's completion along with authorisation to use these images for promotional use.

## Apply in April

Applications for our grants program open in April each year. Keep an eye on our website at [wannonwater.com.au](http://wannonwater.com.au) for the dates.

Each year we receive a large number of applications and, although they may meet our guidelines, we're not able to support all applicants. Your grant request may be declined, or we may offer part of the amount you have applied for.

The decisions we make are final.

## We're here to help

If you have any questions or need some more information, get in touch.

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