



COVID-19 HARDSHIP GRANT GUIDELINES

The aim of the Mackay Regional Council's COVID-19 Hardship Grant is to provide assistance to local community and sporting groups/organisations who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants up to \$2,000 are available to support organisations that clearly demonstrate a level of ongoing hardship coupled with a demonstrated recovery strategy.

Before completing your application form, please read all the information contained in these guidelines.

Submitting Your Application	<p>Only <u>one</u> application will be accepted from each group or organisation on their own behalf.</p> <p>The level of assistance available is limited by Council's budget allocation and its priorities. No applicant can be guaranteed funding, nor can any applicant be guaranteed to receive the full amount requested.</p>
Incomplete Applications	<p>Please ensure all sections of the application form have been completed, as you will be unable to submit an incomplete application. Your application should include sufficient detail to inform the assessors of your request.</p>
Eligibility Criteria	<p>Organisations are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be located within and servicing the Mackay Regional Council community,• Be an incorporated association or company with not-for-profit status; and• Have a valid public liability certificate.
Ineligible Organisations	<p>The following Organisations are ineligible to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Religious Groups.• Fundraising Bodies/Groups (where this is the primary purpose).• Parents and Citizens Associations.• Member Representative Organisations.• Service Clubs.• National Groups/Service Agencies with a local presence.
Selection Criteria	<p>Applications will be assessed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The nature of the ongoing hardship being experienced by the applicant organisation.• The organisation's limited ability to meet its annual operational expenses as demonstrated through provision of treasurers reports for the last 2 financial years that show reduced income.• The long-term sustainability measures being implemented by the organisation to guarantee future operations and viability.
Accountability	<p>Grant recipients are required to acquit the grant within 3 months of receipt of funds.</p> <p>Acquittal forms will be accessible in the SmartyGrants program.</p>
Further Information	<p>Mackay Regional Council Gordon Street, Mackay Qld 4740</p> <p>Telephone: 1300 622 529 Fax: (07) 4944 2400</p>