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Applications are invited from eligible applicants to receive a grant of up to \$3000 to deliver safety infrastructure such as lighting and/or CCTV to improve the late-night safety and amenity within the Mackay City.

City Safety Grants provide commercial businesses and incorporated bodies funding to improve the late-night economy, community safety and connectivity around licensed venues and surrounding areas within the Mackay City Centre.

Furthermore, the grant seeks to:

- assist licensed venues and businesses to create safer public environments
- decrease instances of risky or offensive behaviour or violence
- increase opportunities for CCTV and surveillance in key locations
- encourage patrons to not congregate on public streets late at night
- create a safer night-time environment for all patrons
- reduce late-night drug and alcohol related violence



## Who is eligible?

Applications will be accepted from commercial properties or incorporated bodies within the Mackay Safe Night Precinct Boundary as determined by the Queensland Government.

If the applicant does not have an ABN, the application must be auspiced by an incorporated organisation or an individual with an ABN (known as the auspice body) who manages the grant on behalf of the applicant. The auspice body is responsible for providing a financial report on completion of the project.



# What can be funded?

Below are some examples of safety upgrades that can be undertaken:

- external lighting: security lighting
- external lighting: decorative/ambient lighting
- CCTV including new, increased or replacement. Note: for CCTV replacements, demonstrated need is to be detailed in the application
- any other project resulting in an improved safety outcome where in accordance with the assessment criteria

# What will not be funded?

- Internal lighting or CCTV
- Works that are not visible from the public realm
- Temporary lighting
- Works completed prior to application approval
- Administration or operational costs related to the project.

### Funding amounts

The City Safety Grants will offer grants to eligible applicants under the following categories:

- works up to and including \$500 (ex. GST)
  maximum grant of 100% (ex. GST) of the total project spend, per commercial property or project area
- works above \$501 (ex GST) maximum grant of 50% (ex. GST) of the total project spend, up to a total value of \$3000, per commercial property or project area.

#### Assessment criteria

## Applications will be assessed against the below criteria:

 The application must demonstrate the need for improved lighting, CCTV and/or safety initiative in reference to achieving the intent of creating a safe environment within the City Centre. (60%)

The application must demonstrate:

- existing known or potential issues the funding will help mitigate; and
- description of foreseen benefits to your premise and the wider City Centre.
- 2. The application demonstrates the proposed works will benefit areas located in the public realm, street and/or laneway network. The application must include a plan detailing proposed location of the project and area of benefit of lighting and/ or CCTV or other safety initiative. (20%)
- 3. The application must include if this is an individual application or joint application with other properties within the City Centre. Projects that can demonstrate the greatest level of collaboration and cost effectiveness will be weighted higher. (10%)
- Evidence that local businesses or contractors are being used for the project. (10%)

### **Supporting Mandatory Application Information:**

- The application is accompanied by the building owners consent to undertake improvement works.
- All supporting documentation has been submitted with the application including before images, and formal quotes for each type of work being completed on the building (e.g. lighting, CCTV).
   Note: One quote for applications less than \$1500 and two quotes where costs are higher than \$1500.
- The application demonstrates the applicant's ability to deliver the project to a high standard within six months of receiving funds.
- Where required, the applicant has demonstrated they have the capacity to match required project costs with a cash contribution (in-kind is not an acceptable contribution).
- Confirmation the applicant has not commenced works.

Grant funds are awarded on a competitive basis and are evaluated against the Assessment Criteria.

Approved funding under the program is at the sole discretion of Mackay Regional Council.



Applications are to be submitted online via 'Smarty Grants' mackay.smartygrants.com.au

The following flow chart provides an outline of how the application process will work.

#### Complete application via SmartyGrants

#### Provide supporting documents:

- Application form
- Budget
- Quotes for services and goods
- Supporting approvals, permissions, permits, licenses and public liability (if required)
- Visuals (photos/concepts), site plans, etc.

Lodge application via SmartyGrants

Council assessment

Applicant is advised of decision

Grant funding released

Applicant initiates works

Work / project complete

Outcome report and acquittal documentation submitted to council





#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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