

Community Environment Grant Program

Caring for Our Local Environment

Grant Pool

Grant Amount: \$300 to \$4,000

Total Pool: \$30,000

In partnership with the State Government we are offering grants to support community-led projects that care for our local environment.

Objectives

The Nillumbik Community Environment Grant supports projects that:

- Will support and empower the Nillumbik community in being environmentally aware in the way they live, work, volunteer, play and think
- Improve people's connections to nature (green spaces and biodiversity) in urban and peri-urban settings
- Encourage more people to take action for the environment
- Will directly benefit Nillumbik's local environment.

Priorities

Projects should support the local delivery of one or more of the priorities of the State Government's Biodiversity Strategy 2037 and/or Environmental Volunteering Plan:

- Victorians value nature
- Victoria's natural environment is healthy
- Sustain existing environmental volunteering programs and networks
- Regenerate environmental volunteering and encourage more Victorians to act for the environment
- Value and recognize the contributions of environmental volunteers
- Understand the diverse needs of the environmental volunteering sector

Potential Projects

A broad range of projects are eligible for funding, including but not limited to:

- Opportunities to advance under-represented groups (such as culturally diverse communities, people with disabilities or mobility issues) and families to participate and connect to nature or take part in environmental volunteering
- Practical community activities that care for the local environment, including water conservation, reducing waste and litter, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to a changing climate, tree plantings (indigenous species), native fauna protection programs etc.
- Improvements to public amenities that will enhance access to the environment
- Visible and lasting improvements to local environments
- Innovative citizen science projects
- Community gardens, green walls, balconies and roofs (which are accessible to others)
- The establishment of new community environment groups or environment volunteer networks
- Events, awareness campaigns, behavioral change campaigns and other innovative communication tools, or the purchase of equipment, that will enhance people's connections to nature, support sustainability initiatives or encourage more people to take action for the environment

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be an incorporated non-profit association, or a community group or individual auspiced by one
- Be based in Nillumbik or have a substantial Nillumbik membership, user or client group
- Demonstrate a minimum of \$10 million public liability insurance
- Not have any outstanding grant acquittals from a previous Nillumbik Shire Council grant
- Obtain any necessary permits or approvals

Applications for projects on private land may be considered, but must demonstrate benefit to the wider community, or positive impacts to public land.

Applicants could include not-for profit: schools, community groups, scouting groups etc.

Matched funding and/or in kind contributions are not required but will be favourably looked upon.

Grant Exclusions

- Activities that do not comply with one or more of the grant objectives, plus one or more grant priorities
- Projects that duplicate an existing activity or program, unless it can be demonstrated that it satisfies an unmet environmental or community need
- Maintenance, vehicles, capital works, trophies, fundraising, gifts, prizes, sponsorship, catering, or ongoing staff and administration costs
- Activities more appropriately funded or undertaken by state or federal government or private landholders
- Renewable energy projects
- Projects that have received full funding from another source
- Projects that are predominantly for the benefit of a single or small number of landholders
- Retrospective funding or projects

2019-20 Timeline

- Applications **Open Thursday 8 August 2019**
- Applications **Close midnight Sunday 15 September 2019**
- Applicants advised of outcomes via email October 2019
- Projects delivered by 30 June 2020 and acquitted by 30 July 2020

How to apply

Applications for Grants at Nillumbik must be made online at <https://nillumbik.smartygrants.com.au>

Required Supporting Material

- Public Liability Insurance certificate of currency
- Quotes for any services or products required for the project valued at \$500 or more
- Emails or letters of support from partner organisations

Need Assistance?

To discuss your application with our environment team call **9433 3141** or email environment@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

For help with the online application form email grants@nillumbik.vic.gov.au