



# 2025 Grants & Philanthropic Funding

## Capital Works

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# About this resource

Museums & Galleries Queensland has compiled a listing of grant and philanthropic funding opportunities of interest to museums, galleries and other collecting institutions in Queensland.

## Funds for 'Capital Works' could include the following:

- Upgrades of infrastructure
- Construction of new buildings
- Facility and accessibility improvements

## Disclaimer

This resource, created by Museums & Galleries Queensland, is intended as a starting point only and does not necessarily represent all levels of funding available to any particular group. This information is also subject to change. Grant seekers should check the funding body's website and speak to a funding body representative before applying. This listing does not include: funding for film, television or radio projects; sponsorship opportunities; or funding for commercial/for-profit arts businesses.

## LORD MAYOR'S BETTER SUBURBS GRANTS

### Brisbane City Council

**Funds:** \$10,000 - \$200,000

**Closes:** Community Facility Category: Check website for next round  
Community Support Category: 12 May 2025

**Purpose:** The Lord Mayor's Better Suburbs Grants program supports not-for-profit community organisations to deliver projects and activities across the city and to maintain, improve and develop community facilities. The program comprises two categories.

- The Community Facility Category provides funding to improve, develop and maintain community facilities, with preference provided to Council community-leased facilities. Funding is available for both the planning and design, and construction, phases of projects.
- The Community Support Category provides funding to support projects that respond to local community needs, improve community facilities and build organisational capacity. There are two rounds each year.

**Eligible applicants:** Incorporated not-for-profit organisation with a community facility based in the Brisbane Local Government Area. Community Facility Category applicants will also need to own the land or community facility, or have the authority to undertake the proposed works on a Council community leased facility.

**Eligible projects:** Community facility maintenance, community facility development, organisational development.

**Contact:** Phone: 07 3403 8888 and ask to speak with the Community Facilities Operations Team  
Email: [Communityfacilities@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:Communityfacilities@brisbane.qld.gov.au)

**Website:** <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-and-safety/grants-awards-and-sponsorships/community-grants/lord-mayors-better-suburbs-grants>

## LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNITY FUND

### Brisbane City Council

**Funds:** \$250 – \$10,000

**Closes:** 12 June 2025, or when each ward has fully spent their allocated budget

**Purpose:** The Lord Mayor's Community Fund supports community projects that build stronger communities in Brisbane. Projects must contribute to the Brisbane City Council's aspiration to be a friendly and safe, active and healthy, clean and green, or vibrant and creative city.

**Eligible applicants:** Applications for funding can be made by not-for-profit community organisations, or by Councillors.

**Eligible projects:** Community events, equipment hire towards a community event, community facility improvements and equipment.

**Contact:** Phone: 07 3403 8888 and ask to speak to the Grants Unit.

**Website:** [brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-and-safety/grants-and-awards/community-grants/lord-mayors-community-fund](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-and-safety/grants-and-awards/community-grants/lord-mayors-community-fund)

## COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ACTION GRANTS

### Queensland Government

**Funds:** Up to \$50,000

**Closes:** Check website for next round

**Purpose:** The Community Sustainability Action grants provide grant funding to eligible community groups and individuals for innovative projects which seek to address climate change, conserve Queensland's natural and built environment and protect our unique wildlife. The program supports locally based, community driven projects which encourage real change in Queensland communities.

**Eligible applicants:**

- Owners of places entered on the Queensland Government's Heritage Register, including individuals and trusts.
- Non-profit incorporated organisations that are legally/contractually responsible for maintaining heritage-listed places on the Queensland Government's Heritage Register.

**Eligible projects:** Undertake urgent repair/conservation works on heritage-listed places, conserve the original heritage features of heritage-listed places, conserve heritage parks and gardens, prepare or update a heritage conservation management plan by a qualified heritage architect.

**Contact:** E: [csagrants@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:csagrants@des.qld.gov.au) Phone: 07 3330 6360.

**Website:** <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/management/funding/community-sustainability>

## GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

### Queensland Government – Department of Justice and Attorney-General

**Funds:** \$500 – \$100,000

**Closes:** 28 February 2025 (Round 123), 30 June 2025 (Super Round 124), 31 October 2025 (Round 125)

**Purpose:** Grants are allocated to not-for-profit community groups to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities.

**Eligible applicants:** Applications must be from community-based organisations with not-for-profit objectives that is incorporated or registered as an act of parliament (or sponsored by an organisation incorporated or registered as an Act of Parliament).

**Eligible projects:** The Gambling Community Benefit Fund website lists funding priorities for each round. Check the website for updated details.

Priority 1: Items/facilities directly affected, damaged or destroyed by a declared natural disaster in the last 2 years

Priority 2: Equipment and facility improvements

Priority 3: Buses, cars, caravans, boats, tractors, trailers, large mowers, motorbikes and similar items

Priority 4: Community events, training, workshops, festivals, publications and website development

Priority 5: Organisations that have received a grant or grants from the GCBF of more than \$15,000 in the past two years.

**Unlikely to be funded projects:** Salaries and wages, rent and lease costs, public liability insurance for events, administration expenses (stationary, office supplies, etc.), consumable items, internal training not provided by a third party.

**Ineligible projects:** Items purchased prior to approval, fees for services (e.g. grant writer fees), equipment or service that will benefit an individual, operating costs, help with generating income (e.g. sponsorships).

**Contact:** Phone: 1800 633 619 Email: [cbf@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:cbf@justice.qld.gov.au)

**Website:** [justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/community-grants](https://justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/community-grants)

## FUNDING SUPPORT FOR QLD REGIONAL INNOVATION PRECINCTS AND PLACES

### Australian Government – Business

**Funds:** Up to \$3,000,000  
**Closes:** 30 June 2027

**Purpose:** This program provides funding for the establishment of infrastructure, the acquisition of plant and equipment including digital infrastructure and upgrades that support future industry focussed collaborative projects in QLD regional innovation precincts and places.

**Eligible applicants:** The applicant organisation must be a partner in an existing Queensland innovation precinct or place based in a Queensland region.

Additionally, the applicant must be:

- a corporate entity, not an individual.
- registered for goods and services tax (GST), with an Australian business number (ABN).
- a precinct partner in an innovation place based in a Queensland region.
- collaborating with one or more organisations based in a Queensland region.

**Eligible projects:** Funding will be targeted at capital works and/or physical infrastructure costs, including:

- buildings.
- digital infrastructure – internal to the precinct/place.
- cost of plant and equipment required specifically for a project.

**Contact:** Email: [GrowingTI@dtis.qld.gov.au](mailto:GrowingTI@dtis.qld.gov.au)

**Website:** <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/regional-precincts-and-places-infrastructure-and-technology-program-qld>

## AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE GRANTS

### Australian Government – Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

**Funds:** Total funding pool of \$5.3 million  
**Closes:** Check website for next round (opens late 2025)

**Purpose:** The Australian Heritage Grants program funds projects that do one or more of the following:

- maintain, protect and conserve the National heritage values of one or more listed places
- improve access to one or more listed places
- improve engagement with, and awareness of, the values for which one or more list places were listed.

**Eligible applicants:** To be eligible you must:

- be a site owner and/or manager of one of the listed places on Australia's National Heritage List, or have the support of the site owner and/or manager of one of the listed places
- have an Australian Business Number (ABN), unless you are not entitled to an ABN
- You must also be one of the following entities:
  - a state or territory agency or body
  - a local government agency or body
  - Commonwealth corporate entity
  - an entity incorporated in Australia (includes registered land councils)
  - a partnership
  - an individual.

**Contact:** Phone: 13 28 46

**Website:** <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/grants-and-funding/australian-heritage-grants>

## PLUS1 Creative Australia

**Funds:** Matched fundraising for up to \$25,000 or \$50,000 depending on the size of the organisation  
**Closes:** Check website for next round

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**Purpose:** Plus1 is a dollar-for-dollar matched fundraising program, designed to boost the fundraising efforts of small-to-medium not-for-profit arts organisations. Plus1 supports not-for-profit arts and cultural organisations to develop and run more effective fundraising campaigns, boost their fundraising skills and secure new backers.

**Eligible applicants:** Plus1 is for small-to-medium organisations in Australia's arts industry. Creative Partnerships Australian define eligible organisations as those that:

- are a legally constituted entity (with an ABN) and are registered as a not-for-profit organisation (as defined by the Australian Taxation Office)
- have an annual turnover of less than \$5 million in the previous financial year
- are based in Australia, and are carrying out the majority of their arts activity or practice within Australia
- are operating with the primary purpose of providing arts and cultural opportunities for Australian artists and audiences

**Eligible projects:** The project or activity that will be funded through your Plus1 fundraising campaign is entirely up to the applicant. It can include, but is not limited to:

- Employment of artists or arts/culture workers (new contracts or continued employment of existing staff)
- Core operational costs
- Creating and presenting new works. For example, artist's fees, creative development, production, marketing, and touring costs
- Program initiatives. For example, education programs and/or scholarship opportunities
- Employment of new staff. For example, an artistic director, business development manager, or fundraising and marketing staff
- Fundraising support. For example, campaign expenses, customer relationship management, and IT software and hardware
- Capital works or building upgrades.

**Contact:** [cpa.programs@creative.gov.au](mailto:cpa.programs@creative.gov.au)

**Website:** <https://creative.gov.au/about-us/partnerships-and-co-investing-with-us/fundraising-support/>

## TELSTRA'S CONNECTED COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM

### Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR)

**Funds:** \$200,000 available for grants up to \$10,000

**Closes:** Closes 20 March 2025

**Purpose:** Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program will boost support for communities across remote, rural and regional Australia to improve resilience, environmental sustainability and liveability through the power of connection. The program seeks to foster:

- Resilient communities that are well prepared and socially connected when disaster strikes with the ability to renew and recover together;
- Sustainable communities that are diverse and inclusive, planning for the health, wellbeing, and prosperity of their people and the planet; and
- Liveable communities that have digital capability, and help to equip individuals with the skills to live, learn and work in a digital society.

**Eligible applicants:** To apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant organisations must be a not-for-profit organisation with either an Incorporation Certificate and/or an ABN. If you are unsure if your organisation is a registered not-for-profit (e.g., if you are a Co-operative, Other Unincorporated Entity, Public Company or Trust), please contact FRRR;
- Project must be for charitable purposes and offer clear public benefit;
- Not-for profit organisations with or without DGR-1 endorsement are eligible;
- Organisations can submit one application per grant round; and
- Projects must benefit communities in remote, rural or regional Australia.

**Ineligible applicants:** You will be considered ineligible if:

- Application is submitted by individuals, sole traders, private or commercial businesses (as per the submitted ABN);
- Application is submitted by an organisation that is not a legal entity (i.e. a registered not-for-profit), without the written consent of the governing / partnering body who holds the ABN / Incorporation Certificate;
- Application is submitted without required financial documentation (see additional information on the second tab);
- Overdue final report/s from any FRRR grants awarded in the previous seven years have not been acquitted (delivery organisations should check with legal organisation to see if there are any outstanding final reports);
- Application is for a project or activity that has already occurred / is occurring prior to the announcement of funding;
- Application is incomplete.

**Eligible projects:** A broad range of charitable projects are considered under this program, including:

- Delivering, or providing activities, events, programs and services;
- Purchasing or hiring equipment and materials;
- Community infrastructure projects;
- Organisational capacity building; and
- Community resource development.

**Contact:** Phone: 1800 170 020 Email: [info@frrr.org.au](mailto:info@frrr.org.au)

**Website:** <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/telstra-connected-communities-program/>

## STRENGTHENING RURAL COMMUNITIES – Small & Vital (SRC) Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR)

**Funds:** up to \$10,000

**Closes:** 27 March 2025 (Round 24), 24 June 2025 (Round 25)

**Purpose:** The Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) Small & Vital stream gives small remote, rural and regional communities across Australia the opportunity to access funds for a broad range of initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities (see website for more details).

**Eligible applicants:** Applicant organisations must be a not-for-profit organisation with either an Incorporation Certificate and/or an ABN. If you are unsure if your organisation is a registered not-for-profit (for example, if you are a Co-operative, Other Unincorporated Entity, Public Company or Trust), please contact FRRR. Of the three streams available in the SRC grants program (Prepare & Recover, Small & Vital, Rebuilding Regional Communities) organisations may submit their application in one stream, and any other applications will be considered ineligible.

**Eligible projects:** A broad range of charitable projects are considered under this program, including:

- Delivering, or providing activities, events, programs and services;
- Purchasing or hiring equipment and materials;
- Community infrastructure projects;
- Organisational capacity building; and
- Community resource development.

**Ineligible projects:** There are several areas that can't be funded through this program:

- Projects that support core business and areas of responsibility of Federal, State or Local Governments;
- Ongoing core organisational operational costs (e.g. rent, utilities, regular wages, loan repayments);
- The encouragement or advancement of sport, recreation and social activities are not considered charitable activities under Australian law. Applications from sporting organisations need to clearly demonstrate charitable outcomes and benefit to the wider community that are above and beyond the sporting activities of the club;
- Overseas travel and overseas projects;
- Prizes, gifts, trophies or awards;
- Political lobbying;
- Projects that primarily benefit private business, a sole trader, or private interests; and
- Projects solely focused on animal welfare.

**Contact:** Email: [info@frrr.org.au](mailto:info@frrr.org.au) Phone: 1800 170 020.

**Website:** <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-small-vital/>



## COMMUNITY ENERGY UPGRADES FUND

### Australian Government - Business

**Funds:** Matched funding of \$25,000 to \$2,500,000

**Closes:** 13 June 2025

**Purpose:** The Community Energy Upgrades program will co-fund energy efficiency and electrification upgrades for local governments to deliver reduced energy bills and emissions from local government owned and/or operated facilities.

The objectives of this program are to support:

- The Government's broader efforts to reduce emissions and improve energy performance, and contribute to Australia meeting its emission reduction targets of 43 percent by 2030, Net-Zero emissions by 2050, and 82% renewable electricity generation by 2030
- local governments to decarbonise their operations and reduce energy bills through energy efficiency and load flexibility upgrades, and electrification of their existing facilities
- the improvement in energy performance necessary to more easily utilise renewable electricity and improve system reliability

**Eligible applicants:** Local government bodies or joint local government body with an Australian Business Number (ABN).

**Eligible projects:** Projects must:

- Be aimed at meeting the objectives of the grant opportunity
- Have at least \$50,000 in eligible expenditure
- Be aimed at energy efficiency and/or electrification and/or load flexibility upgrades that reduce costs and emissions for local government's existing facilities or operations, using commercially available technologies

**Contact:** Phone: 13 28 46

**Website:** <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/community-energy-upgrades-fund-round-2>