GIVE Wangaratta
Annual Grant Round 2025

GRANT GUIDELINES & INSTRUCTIONS

KEY DATES

Grant Open Date: Monday 21 July 2025
Grant Close Date: Friday 29 August 2025 at 5pm
Funding awards announcement: Mid September 2025

GENERAL GRANT ROUND INFORMATION

The Give Wangaratta grant round provides small grants for charitable community organisations that support local priorities in the Rural City of Wangaratta. Give Wangaratta has a particular focus on supporting those in our community that are vulnerable including young people and families. Projects that fall within the following areas of interest will be eligible:

- Education, aspiration and development pathways towards employment
- Health and wellbeing, including mental health initiatives
- Housing and homelessness
- Support for vulnerable children, youth & families
- Respectful relationships, mentoring and community initiatives in response to violence
- Gambling and addiction support initiatives

Grant applications are assessed according to the eligibility and assessment criteria.

Give Wangaratta is a subfund of Into Our Hands Community Foundation. The 2025 Give Wangaratta grant round is supported by Wangaratta RSL and the Madge Brown Charitable Trust. Give Wangaratta sources funding for the Give Wangaratta grant round and assesses the grant applications. Into Our Hands Community Foundation administers the grant round and all queries should be directed to Into Our Hands Community Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for a grant, proposals must satisfy all eligibility criteria.

The project must:

a. Be located or implemented with the Rural City of Wangaratta

b. Address one of the following grant priorities
   - Education, aspiration and development pathways towards employment
   - Health and wellbeing, including mental health initiatives
   - Housing and homelessness
   - Support for vulnerable children, youth & families
   - Respectful relationships, mentoring and community initiatives in response to violence
   - Gambling and addiction support initiatives

c. Be completed within the timeframe specified within your application which should be a maximum of 18 months.

d. Not exceed $5,000 in requested funding. Grant applications for larger projects of up to $10,000 may be considered following consultation prior to submission with the Executive Officer of Into Our Hands Community Foundation.

e. Demonstrate charitable purpose according to the *Charities Act 2013* (Commonwealth). It is a legal requirement that Into Our Hands Community Foundation only gives funds to charitable purposes.

Some activities are ineligible for funding. These include:

- Projects that support areas of responsibility of Federal, State or Local Governments;

- Ongoing core organisational operational costs that do not demonstrate a lift to organisational capacity (e.g. rent, utilities, regular wages, loan repayments);
- Overseas travel and overseas projects;
- Prizes, gifts, trophies or awards;
- Political lobbying;
- Projects in support of, or to cover the costs of, alcohol, drugs, gambling, or any illegal or unethical activities;
- Projects that primarily benefit private business, a sole trader, or private interests; and
- Projects solely focused on animal welfare.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The grant activities are clear and understandable, achievable and the applicant has demonstrated capability to successfully deliver the initiative. 30% weighting.

The applicant has demonstrated need for financial assistance and the amount requested is feasible and cost-effective. 30% weighting.

The applicant may include co-contributions or demonstrate partnerships with other organistions. 10% weighting.

The applicant has identified community need and has provided a rationale for the positive impact and benefit of the grant activities. 30% weighting.

AUSPICING

Organisations who have DGR1 status have been assessed as having a charitable purpoess by the Australian Tax Office. Into Our Hands Community Foundation can distribute funds directly to successful DGR1 organisations.

Non-DGR1 organisations with a charitable purpose, if successful, will have their funds auspiced. This means that grant funds to successful non-DGR1 organisations are distributed via an auspicing organisation like the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal, Australian Sports Foundation or an auspicing organisation with which the successful applicant has a relationship and nominates. If auspicing is required by a grant applicant, an additional 5% on top of the requested funds should be included in the grant application budget to

cover auspicing fees. Into Our Hands Community Foundation manages the auspicing process and successful non-DGR1 grant applicants have minimal involvement in the auspicing process beyond providing further information as necessary.

COMPLETING THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

When you are ready to start the grant application process, click here. You can save your progress as you go.

If you would prefer to submit a hardcopy grant application or video grant application please contact Into Our Hands Community Foundation to discuss your accessibility needs.

All applications must be submitted to Into Our Hands Community Foundation by 5pm Friday 22 August 2025.

You may wish to prepare the following information before commencing:

1. Your organisation details including ABN number, and registered charity and DGR1 details if applicable.
2. Your organisation's banking details.
3. The contact details for the secondary contact. The Secondary Contact is someone at your organisation who is responsible. They may be a volunteer or staff member assisting with this application, or an office bearer like a board director. Whoever makes sense in your context.
4. Information about your project addressing the following:
    a. A project title and description
    b. Who in the community will benefit
    c. What outcomes you expect to achieve through your project
    d. If you will be partnering with other organisations to deliver this project
    e. A project budget
5. Any quotations, letters of support or other relevant documents you wish to upload

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

After the grant round closing date, applications will be assessed for eligibility by Into Our Hands Community Foundation.

Applications will then be assessed against the assessment criteria by the Give Wangaratta grant assessment panel.

The Primary and Secondary Contacts as nominated in the grant application will receive an email regarding the outcome of their application. Grant applications may be fully funded, partially funded or unsuccessful.

Successful grant applicants who hold DGR1 status will be paid their funds in full following notification.

The grant auspicing process, which non-DGR1 successful grant applicants require to receive their funds, will take place after notification of success. This auspicing process is managed by Into Our Hands Community Foundation and payment of grant funds may take up to four weeks due to this process.

Successful applicants will be required to sign a grant agreement. This outlines the responsibilities of the successful grant applicant to Give Wangaratta and Into Our Hands Community Foundation which include submitting a short acquittal report upon completion of the grant activities, and logo and name acknowledgement and recognition of Give Wangaratta and Into Our Hands Community Foundation in communications.

THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDING PARTNERS

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HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have queries, accessibility needs or trouble with your application please contact Sylvie Huigen, Executive Officer at Into Our Hands Community Foundation on 0466 252 866 or info@intoourhands.com.au