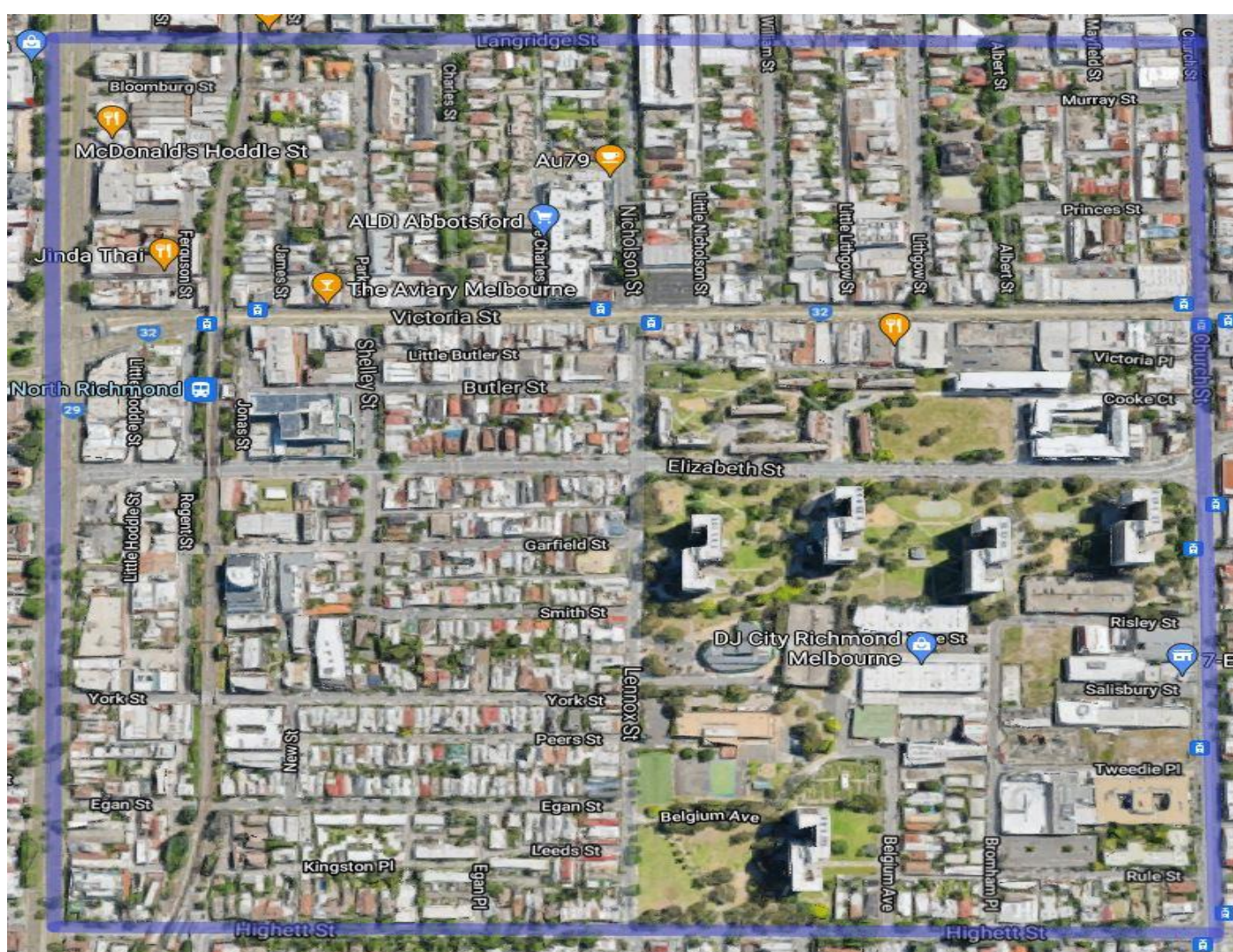


North Richmond Precinct

Community Grants Program 2026

Grant Guidelines



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Guidelines

The North Richmond Precinct Community Grants Program 2026 is open for projects of \$1,000.

In partnership with the Victorian Government, through the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, Yarra Council is inviting applications for projects to improve community safety and amenity, promote health and wellbeing, create local job opportunities, as well as revitalise the retail and hospitality scene in North Richmond.

All projects must be completed by 30 June 2026. These program guidelines outline information you will need to know to apply for a grant.

The North Richmond Precinct is in the City of Yarra within the boundaries of Hoddle Street, Church Street, Highett Street and Langridge Street as illustrated in the aerial photo above.

Key dates

Applications open: Monday 8 September 2025.

Grant information sessions:

- 12.00pm, Tuesday 19 August 2025, online. Grant Information session for Business applicants. 6.00pm.
- Tuesday 26 August 2025, Collingwood Library Meeting Room, 11 Stanton St, Abbotsford
- 10.00am, Thursday 28 August 2025, Meeting Room 1, Richmond Town Hall. 333 Bridge Rd, Richmond
- 12.00pm, Tuesday 2 September 2025, Seminar Rooms 1 & 2 (ground floor), Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Library, 182–186 St Georges Rd, Fitzroy North

Applications close: 11.59pm, Sunday 19 October 2025

Outcomes Announced: 17 December 2025

Project completion date: By 30 June 2026

How much funding can I apply for?

You may apply for \$1,000.

Grant objective and key priority areas

Projects must align with one or more of the following key priority areas:

- **Safety, neighbourhood and amenity** – To create a diverse community working together to create and maintain inclusive, safe and vibrant spaces for everyone.
- **Health, wellbeing and community participation** – To ensure everyone has access to services and opportunities to support health, wellbeing and connection to the community.
- **Economic revitalisation and inclusion** – To inspire economic activity by building on the community's authentic cultural and economic diversity, as well as collective delivery of long-lasting and sustainable outcomes.
- **Local jobs for local people** – To break down barriers that job seekers face and encourage local employers to actively support local people.

Who can apply?

- People who live, work, study in or have a demonstrated connection with the North Richmond Precinct and are aged 16 years and above. (Participants aged 16 and 17 years require guardian approval.)
- Community groups or organisations with an existing demonstrable connection with the North Richmond Precinct.

What is the process?

[Apply online via SmartyGrants](#). The application will be available to view from 1 September 2025.

Project idea and planning

1. Think about an idea for a project that could make your community a better place to live in and check to see whether it aligns with the key project areas.
2. Chat to your family, friends, neighbours or colleagues about your project idea and get their thoughts before you write your application.
3. You can apply as an individual or group.
4. As an individual, you can also consider partnering with organisations and have them submit an application on your behalf.
5. Read these guidelines to make sure you and your project idea is eligible for funding.
6. Cost your project to ensure your proposed budget is realistic, using the budget guidance material provided.
7. Contact yarragrants@yarracity.vic.gov.au for advice if you have minimal experience with grant submission writing or if you have language needs.

Timelines

Applications open on Monday 8 September 2025

1. Complete the application form through the grant application website, [SmartyGrants](#).
2. If you have an auspice organisation, they may complete the application on your behalf. Alternatively, you may attach written confirmation from the organisation if you wish to submit the application yourself.
3. Contact yarragrants@yarracity.vic.gov.au or attend one of the information sessions if you require assistance.
4. Submit your application form, project plan and budget outline before 11:59 pm Sunday 19 October 2025.

Applications close at 11:59 pm, Sunday 19 October 2025

Assessment criteria

The highest rated project in each of the four key priority areas will be funded.

- Safety, neighbourhood and amenity
- Health, wellbeing and community participation
- Economic revitalisation and inclusion
- Local jobs for local people.

Projects must address at least one key priority area but may address more than one.

Criteria	Demonstration	Weighting
1. The Project Plan aligns with intended outcomes of the grants program.	The Project Plan aligns with one or more of the program's key priority areas: • Safety, neighbourhood and amenity • Health, wellbeing and community participation • Economic revitalisation and inclusion • Local jobs for local people. Please include a brief description of how the project aligns with key priority areas.	40%
2. The proposal demonstrates that the project will add value to the North Richmond Precinct and responds to community needs.	Responses should include, but are not limited to: • Details of the benefit the project will bring and whether it is a short-term or longer-term benefit beyond the life of the project. • Information about who will benefit. Projects can target whole of community or specific groups, such as age groups, cultural groups, special interest groups etc.	30%
3. The proposal demonstrates that members of the North Richmond community will participate in project planning and/or delivery.	The application demonstrates genuine connection or relationship with the North Richmond community in the planning and delivery of the project. Please include information on how the project will engage community in planning or delivery.	30%

What can be funded?

To be eligible for funding, your project should:

- Align with one or more of the key priority areas set out below in examples of projects that may be funded
- Cost \$1,000
- Be accessible or available to the North Richmond community. This may include projects targeted to smaller groups within the community such as young people or a cultural group living in the area
- Be able to be completed on or before 30 June 2026
- Be able to be funded entirely through the funding unless additional funding has already been sourced.

Examples of projects that may be funded

All applications need to demonstrate how the project will improve the North Richmond Precinct. This could include small infrastructure projects, services or events, or programs to improve the community and bring people together. Applications that help create jobs and/or stimulate the local economy are encouraged.

- Community education programs
- Programs to increase access to support services (including health and mental health services)
- Programs that provide support to access employment and education
- Skill share programs
- Programs to repair or swap household or recreational equipment
- Neighbourhood/community markets
- Community/public art
- Festivals and events
- Activities to improve health and wellbeing
- Homework clubs.

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list but is provided to help you think about a great project idea.

What cannot be funded?

The following projects are not eligible for funding:

- Projects that do not align with these guidelines, including terms and conditions
- Ongoing operational or maintenance costs for projects
- Projects from which the applicant or their immediate family will personally benefit
- Projects that have commenced or have been completed prior to the application being submitted
- Projects that are located outside the North Richmond Precinct
- Projects which are already included in the forward plan in the City of Yarra
- Illegal, malicious or discriminatory activities or projects that will result in neighbourhood division
- Projects that are contradictory to government or landholder policy or practices
- Costs for feasibility studies, research/study placements, business cases or similar reports
- Costs associated with the preparation of the application
- Projects that are deemed to be unfeasible
- Projects for a private or for-profit purpose
- Projects that cannot be delivered before 30 June 2026.

If you are unsure about your project's eligibility, contact us or attend one of the Information Sessions.

Eligibility and auspicing

Eligible individuals and small community groups may apply for this grant and will be able to receive funds directly if they are not auspiced. Funds will only be deposited into an Australian bank account in the recipient's name (or, where applicable, a project account controlled by the recipient). To support good use of funds, recipients will be asked to provide receipts for materials and services purchased for their initiative as part of the acquittal process. The liability for the inappropriate use of funds will remain with the recipients.

You can nominate an auspice organisation. If you do, your nominated auspice organisation will be emailed to confirm their support. You must have agreement with this organisation before you submit your application. If support is not granted, your project will not progress to the assessment stage.

To be an eligible auspice partner, an organisation must have the capacity to deliver and manage the project for which funding is being sought, including meeting all reporting requirements. Its board or committee of management, responsible officer or equivalent must have consented to acting as an auspice organisation before the project is submitted.

In the case of public schools, the contact person should be the principal of the school, who will consult with the school council.

Eligible partner organisations include:

- Incorporated community groups under relevant legislation, including the *Corporations Act 2001* (Commonwealth) or the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic)
- Incorporated and registered not-for-profit organisations
- Victorian State Government agencies
- Library corporations
- Schools, kindergartens and childcare centres
- Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs)

An auspice organisation must have a current ABN as they will be responsible for receiving and managing your project funding and be accountable for delivery of the project.

Businesses/organisations and individuals outside of Victoria are not eligible for funding.

Funding

Grant funding will be distributed to ensure a range of projects across the four key priority areas.

Successful individuals and organisations will need to enter into a funding agreement.

Any overspend on projects will be the responsibility of the applicant and no further funding will be provided. In the event of an underspend, any surplus funds will need to be returned.

We recommend you have the right type and level of insurance for this grant.

Terms and Conditions

By submitting a project, I agree and acknowledge that:

- Individuals, organisations and the project for which funding is sought must meet the requirements set out in these guidelines.
- To be an eligible auspice organisation, an organisation must have the capacity to deliver and manage the project for which funding is being sought, including meeting all reporting requirements. Its board of management, responsible officer (or equivalent) must have consented to acting as a partner organisation before the project is submitted.
- No personal profit will be made by me or my immediate family. Salaries for project administration are not considered personal profit.
- Projects must be able to be delivered by 30 June 2026.
- Funding is one-off only. Ongoing operational and maintenance costs must be covered by the responsible organisation.
- Information supplied in my application is accurate and, if the project is selected, can be used to form the basis of a funding agreement.
- No late applications accepted.
- The liability for the inappropriate use of funds will remain with the recipients.