RESPECT BALLARAT GRANTS PROGRAM Q+A

When does the grant program open?

Monday, October 20, 2025

When does the grant program close?

11.59pm on Friday, December 12, 2025

How can I get more information on the grant program?

An information session will be held on Thursday 23rd October at 10.30am. Interested parties should register at www.ballaratfoundation.org.au. A recording of the session will be available online following the session.

How much funds are available?

$1,020,836.20 (inclusive of GST)

How do I apply?

Applications can only be submitted by following the links and completing the application form online at www.ballaratfoundation.org.au from October 20.

Where do I find the Grant Guidelines?

The Grant Guidelines will be available online at www.ballaratfoundation.org.au prior to October 20.

Do I need a Good Grants account?

Yes. Good Grants is the software the Ballarat Foundation uses to manage its grant programs. Sign up by following the link online at www.ballaratfoundation.org.au when the program opens. Sign up takes less than two minutes.

Can I get a copy of the online application form?

Yes. The online application form can be downloaded in PDF format once you have created a Good Grants account.

Who is eligible to apply?

Lead applicants must have held a registration with the ACNC for at least five years or otherwise comply with the requirements of the Grant Guidelines. Check your registration here - https://www.acnc.gov.au/

We are a business, individual or other organisation which does not have ACNC registration … but we want to be part of making positive change.

We encourage non-eligible individuals and organisations to collaborate and partner with charity-registered agencies who have expertise and knowledge in program delivery. These organisations can act as a lead applicant in a multi-organisation application.

We don't have the scope to deliver a project ourselves, should we partner with another organisation?

We support collaboration, partnership and co-design. Projects which reach unexplored areas of community through collective impact thinking are encouraged.

What type of projects will be funded?

The grant guidelines for the grant program, including funding criteria and examples will be available at www.ballaratfoundation.org.au prior to October 20. Note: Funding will not be available until March 1, 2026 and projects which begin before this time will not be eligible.

Will different size grants be available?

Yes, small grants will range from $5,000-$50,000 and large grants from $50,001 to $100,000.

How will projects be assessed?

This grant program is a competitive process. Grant applications will be assessed against the grant criteria detailed in the guidelines.

A grant panel will be formed to assess applications and make recommendations on the preferred projects. Persons with relevant experience and representatives from Respect Victoria and the Ballarat Foundation will act as panel members.

When will I be notified of the outcome?

All grant applicants will receive notification of the outcome after the assessment process has concluded in February 2026. Funding will be made available for successful projects on the receipt of a signed grant agreement.

When will the grants program details be updated?

Keep checking www.ballaratfoundation.org.au, there will be regular updates to program information.