

2021 Community Grants Program

The Avoca District Co-operative Ltd. is pleased to launch the 2021 Community Grants Program. The initiative from the Community Bank involves giving away \$50,000 in funding to local community groups and not-for-profit organisations. The vision of the Avoca District Co-operative Ltd is to help build strong, connected and vibrant communities in Avoca, Maryborough and St Arnaud and the Community Grant Program is designed to help community groups get support for projects that will help the Co-operative realise their vision.

Applications to the 2021 Community Grant Program must demonstrate how they will contribute to building stronger, more connected and/or vibrant communities.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Applications Open Monday 5 July 2021 at 9.00am. Applications must be lodged online via

<http://cia.communityenterprise.foundation.com.au/Program/Index/1?programId=3841>

Applications Close COB Friday 17 September 2021

Successful applicants will be notified in writing by 16 November 2021

Cheque presentation date to confirmed (subject to COVID-19 restrictions)

APPLICATION CRITERIA

The 2021 Community Grant Program is open to all community groups and not-for-profit organisations in the Avoca, Maryborough and St Arnaud area. The program will be administered by the Community Enterprise Foundation™ and is made possible by the generous support of the Avoca District Co-operative Ltd through the Community Bank Avoca, Maryborough and St Arnaud.

\$50,000 will be made available in this grant round.

All applicants must adhere to the following criteria **before** submitting their online application:

1. Be a charitable organisation or Not-For-Profit (NFP) with a valid ABN. If you do not have an ABN or yours is a government ABN, you will need a project partner. Talk to the Foundation for more information.
2. Be geographically located in the Avoca, Maryborough or St Arnaud area.

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3. The project MUST consider the following points:
 - Demonstrate how it will contribute to a VIBRANT, STRONGER and/or CONNECTED community
 - Show broad community benefit
 - Add value and meet a need
 - Create real and lasting change
4. Provide us with signed audited financial statements if you have them. Otherwise, a profit and loss statement, balance sheet and bank statement will suffice.
5. Provide us with a budget and quotes for the project. There is no retrospective funding available.

For more information or if you require help to complete your application please speak with our friendly branch staff or contact Executive Officer Julie Driscoll on 0411 234 800 or secretary@avocacoop.com.au

Further details are also available on our website

<https://www.bendigobank.com.au/branch/vic/avoca-community-bank-branch/>

Or via the Community Enterprise Foundation™ FAQ's

<https://cia.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/Documents/FAQs.pdf>

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