



CLUBGRANTS - CATEGORY 1

Information Session

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Overview of the Parramatta ClubGRANTS Program

The program involves registered clubs in the Parramatta Local Government Area providing grant funding for Parramatta-focused community projects and services.

This is part of the NSW ClubGRANTS program, which requires local registered clubs earning in excess of \$1 million in gaming machine profit to invest a 1.85% of their profits back into the community.

- Applications open now and close at midnight on 1st June 2025.
- Grants available from a minimum of \$500.
- Apply through the ClubGRANTS portal (www.clubgrants.com.au) – Not SmartyGrants

Participating Clubs:



Application Process



- ClubGRANTS Presentation – August 2025
- Grant to be acquitted in 2026

Eligibility



Projects must target the Parramatta LGA



Projects must address at least one of the local community priorities



Funding must be for a specific activity – not a general allocation



Focus on not-for-profits, social enterprises and incorporated community groups. Unincorporated groups can be auspiced

While the ClubGRANTS scheme does not specifically preclude private enterprise from applying the general focus is on supporting not-for-profits and local community groups.



ClubGRANTS does not fund projects or services that can be readily assisted by an existing Government funding program.



Projects must not be a duplication of another project or be the core business of the organisation.

What Kind of Projects are Funded?

Parramatta ClubGRANTS Category 1 funding is provided to support delivery of projects and services in the following areas:

- Community welfare and social services.
- Community Development projects, activities or events.
- Health services and employment assistance activities.



Examples of the type of projects that are eligible for ClubGRANTS funding include:

- Education programs for CALD communities, Disability Programs, Community Workshops, Artistic projects, Group Training, Community Events, Employment Projects, Support programs for disadvantaged young people.

Funding can also be provided for:

- one-off funding to buy equipment, such as a vehicle for an aged care centre;
- extended or one-off staffing costs, such as training or wages for a new counsellor for a youth drop-in centre;
- in-kind support, such as occasional or ongoing use of club facilities for meetings or other activities.

Projects MUST meet at least one of the 2025 Parramatta Local Community Priorities.

2025 Parramatta Local Community Priorities

- Reduce isolation and develop connectedness between communities and individuals.
- Provide opportunities for the following groups to develop activities for their communities or to participate more fully in broader community activities including sport and leisure activities; events; employment and training opportunities:
 - People with disabilities
 - People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
 - Disengaged youth people
 - People of diverse genders and/or sexuality (LGBTQI+)
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Support the development and operations of community groups and organisations, particularly those that service new and emerging communities.
- Support emergency services that help keep people in their homes (eg food, supplies, school support, and utility bill payments).
- Support families and the positive social, emotional and educational development of children.
- Improve safety for families and communities including the prevention of domestic and family violence.
- Fund the development or growth of social enterprises that provide employment and training opportunities for people with barriers to employment.

2025 Parramatta Local Community Priorities

- Build leadership skills or other capacity for community groups and individuals.
- Support the delivery of budgeting support services.
- Improve positive mental health outcomes to individuals and communities.
- Promote the use of green space within local neighbourhoods.
- Support local Arts and Culture organisations.
- Reduce the digital divide, facilitating access to technology and provision of internet services to improve educational outcomes for school-aged children.
- Promote environmental sustainability in the local area.
- Respond to an increased need for basic crisis support for individuals and families not able to be met by existing funded projects.
- NOTE: As a general rule, ClubGRANTS does not fund projects or services that can be readily assisted by an existing Government funding program.

What will not be funded?

Parramatta ClubGRANTS Category 1 funding will not be provided for:

- Large scale infrastructure projects
- Medical research
- Programs with no impact on the communities of Parramatta
- Projects where funding is already available through existing Government funding programs
- Funding for core activities

Tips for writing a grant application

- Think about your audience – what do they need to know - keep it simple and avoid jargon.
- How do you know that this project is needed? Provide evidence.
- Make sure you explain how your project is relevant to the communities of Parramatta.
 - Is it being held in Parramatta? Where?
 - Are you targeting local people? How will you identify them?
- Explain how the grant funding will be used – List the project expenses.

Tips for writing a grant application



Briefly describe your project

This should be a paragraph stating:

- What you going to do (run a series of workshops)
- Who is it for (for high school students in Parramatta)
- What will be the outcome (to improve knowledge and understanding of the risks of vaping)
- Why (to address the high levels of vaping amongst teenagers in the Parramatta area and reduce the associated health risks)



Provide a detailed outline of your project and how the funding will help your local community

Explain how your project will run.

- what are the steps you will take
- Who is involved (other organisations, schools, partners)
- What will the funding contribute to?

Why is the project needed? Why is it relevant to Parramatta. How do you know?

Who will benefit most? How will they benefit?



Project Objectives and Assessment

What do you want the project to achieve?

How will you know if you have?

What measures can you use to find out?