

# Natural & Built Environment

# Community Infrastructure Grant

## Scheme Criteria

*Please read this information prior to completing your application.*

### Introduction

Ashburton District has community facilities throughout the district that play an integral role in resident's quality of life. Maintaining this level of community infrastructure is important for the vitality of the district's communities and residents' sense of place and belonging.

Council recognises the importance of community reserves and halls to the district and the shared responsibility it has with the community to ensure these are maintained for current and future generations. Council provides annual Community Infrastructure Grants through a single grant application process held in February of each financial year.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Community Infrastructure Grant Scheme is to assist projects that maintain and/or enhance community amenities in Ashburton District.

### Grant Eligibility

All Community Infrastructure projects **must** meet the following criteria:

- Be for a community facility located in the Ashburton District (please refer to Appendix 1 for a list of eligible infrastructure).
- Be for the development or maintenance of infrastructure available for community use.

### Assessment Considerations

Council will consider the following:

- The contribution that the proposed work will make to the usability of the facility.
- The number of users of the facility per annum.
- Accessibility of the facility to the general public.
- The community contribution to the project (including volunteers, in-kind work or materials and financial support).
- The urgency of the work required.
- Other sources of funding potentially available to the applicant.
- Any previous assistance provided by Council.

### Funding

The maximum individual grant available is \$10,000 and can be no more than 50% of the total project cost. The applicant's share of the project's cost can be in kind work or materials, or financial.

All grants must comply with Council's Community Grants and Financial Assistance Policy.

### Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- Based in the Ashburton District.
- The administering / governing body for the project.
- Applications will only be accepted on the **completed** Community Infrastructure Application form.
- Incomplete applications that do not provide all of the requested information will be excluded from funding assessment.

### Ineligible Projects

The following projects are **ineligible** for Community Infrastructure Funding:

- Retrospective works, except in exceptional circumstances such as a natural disaster.
- Salaries or wages.
- Any form of insurance.
- Equipment hire.
- Facility operating costs (including power, water, phones, ticketing, IT charges).

### Funding Agreement

Successful applications must complete and return a funding accountability form on the completion of the project, and within the financial year which funds were granted.

Receipts are required for all expenditure.

Organisations that do not return a completed accountability form will not be eligible for future Council grant funding.

### Disclaimer

The final funding decisions are made at the discretion of Ashburton District Council. Successful applicant's project details may be used for publicity purposes.

### Application Dates

The Community Infrastructure Grant is available through a single contestable process held in February of each financial year.