

## Community Grants and Funding Opportunities – Grampians CPH

Opportunity	About	Who	Amount	Closing date
<a href="#">Sustainable Finance Mechanism – Repayable Grants</a>	<p>Sustainability Victoria is supporting community groups through the Sustainable Finance Mechanism – Repayable Grants, established under the Social Impact Investment for Sustainability Fund. The fund aims to enable applicants to secure a low-interest rate loan from a financier for implementation-ready, community renewable energy projects. The grants work as a cash security against loans to be repaid within a 5-year period.</p> <p>Applications can be submitted from 3 November 2021 until funds have been exhausted. The \$1 million has been allocated for these grants as part of the \$5.93 million Community Power Hubs Program, which is within the Victorian Government’s \$1.6 billion renewable energy package in the 2020-2021 Budget.</p>	Sustainability Victoria TO Community groups	At least \$50,000 per community group to help secure third-party financing	When funds are exhausted
<a href="#">Bushfire recovery grants for community facilities</a>	The Bushfire Recovery Grants for Community Facilities will support community groups who want help to build, upgrade or repair important local facilities that everyone can use. In particular, strengthen communities’ resilience against natural disaster.	Victorian Government TO Not-for-profit groups	\$0 - \$50,000	30/06/2022
<a href="#">Veterans Capital Works Grant Program</a>	Grants available for projects which support building and facility improvements for not-for-profit organisations delivering services to veterans, their families and communities. Priority will be given to projects that improve or increase the effective use of facilities.	Victorian Government TO Government and Not-for-profit groups	Between \$5,000 and up to \$50,000 (excluding GST)	20/01/2022

<a href="#">Stronger Communities Programme – Round 7</a>	The Stronger Communities Programme provides each of the 151 Federal electorates with \$150,000 to fund small capital projects. These projects aim to improve local community participation and contribute to vibrant viable communities. Federal Members of Parliament (MPs) identify potential projects and invite applications from their electorate.	Australian Government via Federal MP's	Up to \$20,000 of funding for small capital projects.	19/01/2022
<a href="#">Yarriambiack - SHARE Community Grant</a>	<p>The purpose of the program is to develop and actively support community organisations and businesses who positively contribute to community wellbeing and the cultural life of the region.</p> <p>The grants program enables the Shire to build community capacity and sustainability, develop cultural identity and support initiatives that respond to identified community needs.</p>	Yarriambiack Shire Council	<p>Event and Sponsorship – up to \$1,000 with no matching funding required.</p> <p>Business and Streetscape – up to \$2,000 with 1:1 funding demonstrating local content.</p> <p>Community Building Grants – up to \$3,000 with no matching funding required.</p>	22 February 2022
<a href="#">Hindmarsh Shire Council - Community Assistance</a>	Through the Community Assistance Program, grants of up to \$1,000 are available to not-for-profit community groups and organisations to assist with worthwhile projects that do not fit under the Event Sponsorship or Small Equipment categories of the Community Action Grants program.	Hindmarsh Shire Council	up to \$1, 000	18 February 2022
<a href="#">Horsham Rural City - Community Grants</a>	Each year HRCC allocates funding to support community and sporting groups as part of its budget process. 2021/2022: Horsham Rural City Council is providing community organisations with \$440,527 in funding as part of its annual Community Grants and Donations Program.	Horsham Rural City Council		TBC

<a href="#">Ararat Rural City - Community and Events Grants program</a>	<p>Community Support Grants provide funding to clubs, organisations and community groups for the provision of programs, projects, activities, and events that deliver outcomes for the benefit of Ararat Rural City</p>	<p>Ararat Rural City</p>	<p>Applications seeking funding under Sport and Recreation, Cultural and Arts and Environment and Sustainability categories may apply for up to \$ 3000</p>	<p>Friday 10 December 5:00pm</p>
<a href="#">Pyrenees Shire Council - Community Grants</a>	<p>The Pyrenees Shire Council recognises the important contribution made by not-for-profit and community groups across the Pyrenees Shire. Council will provide financial assistance to groups located in or servicing people living in the Pyrenees Shire, through the provision of the Community Grants Program.</p>	<p>Pyrenees Shire Council</p>	<p>Capital Works &amp; Infrastructure – up to \$7,000.</p>	<p>Round 2 – 1st March – 31st March 2022.</p>
<a href="#">Moorabool Shire Council – Community Grants</a>	<p>Each year, our Community Grants provide more than \$270,000. These grants help support groups, organisations and people to provide local activities, projects and events.</p> <p>Our Connected Communities team are available to answer questions about how to apply, the grant criteria and general queries (03) 5366 7100 or <a href="mailto:info@moorabool.vic.gov.au">info@moorabool.vic.gov.au</a></p>	<p>Moorabool Shire Council</p>		<p>Community Grants are closed until March 2022.</p>
<a href="#">City of Ballarat – Community Grants</a>	<p>The Community Impact Grant Program has opportunities of funding up to \$20,000.</p> <p>This supports community groups and organisations to run projects, programs, events and other activities, or to buy needed equipment to promote community outcomes in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>environmental sustainability</li> <li>healthy, connected and inclusive communities</li> <li>promoting community-focused economic outcomes,</li> <li>innovation and resilience</li> </ul>	<p>City of Ballarat</p>	<p>Funding up to \$20,000.</p>	<p>Grant rounds open at the start of August, October, February and April. Please note: There may be fewer rounds if the overall budget is allocated in earlier rounds.</p>

<a href="#">Golden Plains Community Grants</a>	<p>The Environment and Sustainability Grants Program offers grants to assist incorporated groups, organisations and individuals to undertake environmental and sustainability projects on public and private land within Golden Plains Shire.</p>	<p>Golden Plains Shire</p>	<p>Grants of up to \$10,000</p>	<p>There are two rounds of grants each year, with applications usually opening in April and September.</p>
<a href="#">Small Grants for Rural Communities</a>	<p>Grants to support your community before, during, and after a natural disaster or drought and build your community's climate resilience.</p> <p>The Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) program aims to give the thousands of small rural, regional and remote communities across Australia an opportunity to access funding to support broad community needs.</p> <p>Given the events of summer 2019/20, it has also been expanded to offer funding to support recovery in bushfire-affected communities.</p> <p>Grants are available for a broad range of grassroots, community-led initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and assessed quarterly.</p>	<p>Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal</p>	<p>This round, grants up to \$10,000 are available through the Small &amp; Vital Stream, and grants up to \$25,000 are available through the Bushfire Recovery Stream.</p>	<p>Closes 5pm AEDT 22 February 2022</p>
<a href="#">Solar for Business Program</a>	<p>To support the economic recovery of Victorian small businesses and the broader solar sector, 15,000 solar PV rebates will be available over the next three years. All entity types, including charities and not-for-profit organisations, are eligible for the Solar for Business rebates providing they meet the eligibility criteria.</p>	<p>Victorian Government</p>	<p>Solar for Business rebates will remain at \$3,500 until all 5,000 forecasted rebates for 2020–21 have been fully allocated and will be up to \$1,750 thereafter.</p>	

<a href="#">Small Business Energy Saver Program</a>	<p>This program provides <u>small businesses</u> with a significant discount that in some cases may cover up to 100% of the full equipment and installation cost, meaning there's minimal out of pocket expenses. We'll identify the equipment in your business that is costly to operate and recommend the best upgrades for you.</p>	<p>Business Victoria</p>	<p>Savings of up to 85% of the full installation price of more efficient operating equipment. On average each business could receive a discount of about \$2000 for eligible equipment upgrades.</p>	<p>Closes on 31 May 2022</p>
<a href="#">Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme</a>	<p>The Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme creates a financial incentive for individuals and small businesses to install eligible small-scale renewable energy systems such as solar panel systems, small-scale wind systems, small-scale hydro systems, solar water heaters and air source heat pumps. It does this through the creation of small-scale technology certificates which Renewable Energy Target liable entities have a legal obligation to buy and surrender to the Clean Energy Regulator on a quarterly basis</p>	<p>Australian Government: Clean Energy Regulator</p>		<p>Small-scale technology certificates are provided 'up front' for the systems' expected power generation over a 15-year period or, from 2017, from the installation year until 2030 when the scheme ends.</p>
<a href="#">Hamer Sprout Fund Sustainability Grants</a>	<p>Each year, the Hamer Sprout Fund will consider applications from organisations that share the fund's goals. We are particularly interested in giving to smaller organisations and projects to get them off the ground. Please contact us with your ideas and projects – we would love to discuss them with you.</p> <p>Our aim is to support projects and organisations that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote innovation in environmental education</li> </ul>	<p>The Hamer Sprout Fund</p>	<p>A total of \$25,000 is available for the Sprout Grants each year. Up to \$5,000 is available per project, however more (up to \$10,000) may be awarded in</p>	<p>The closing date for Hamer Sprout Fund Grant applications is 30 September each year.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate engagement in environmental action</li> <li>• Advocate for environmental sustainability</li> <li>• Foster collaboration between young people engaged in environmental leadership</li> </ul>		exceptional circumstances.	
<a href="#">Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) – Financing Solutions</a>	The CEFC has a flexible approach to investment, which recognises the needs of our evolving market. Our financial products and structures help drive private sector investment across a diverse range of activities, helping cut emissions across the Australian economy. We offer tailored investment solutions for renewable energy, energy efficiency and low emissions opportunities.	Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)		
<a href="#">Regional Australia Microgrid Pilots Program</a>	<p>Announced in the 2020-21 Federal Budget and administered by ARENA, RAMPP is a \$50 million six year program that aims to improve the resilience and reliability of power supply for regional and remote communities.</p> <p>RAMPP builds upon the Australian Government’s \$50.4 million Regional and Remote Communities Reliability Fund (RRCRF), which funded feasibility studies for regional and remote communities to investigate deployment of local microgrid technologies.</p>	Australian Renewable Energy Agency	Funding is available over 6 years, or until funds are exhausted. RAMPP is expected to provide grants between \$1 and \$5 million.	31 December 2026