

Noosa Council Grants Information Session

February 2025



**Noosa Council respectfully acknowledges the
Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters of the
Noosa area, the Kabi Kabi people, and pays respect to
their Elders, past, present and emerging.**



Noosa Council Grants Programs



- **Community Grants**

- Community Project Grants (closes 19 March)
- Signature Community Events Grants (EOI closes 28 February)
- Community Alliance Agreement (EOI closes 28 February)
- Quick Response Grants (opening July)
- Individual Sports Development Grants (opening July)

- **Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)**

- Annual Round (opens September)
- Quick Response Grants (opening July)

- **Environment and Climate Change**

- Environment Project Grants (closes 19 March)
- Climate Change Response Grants (closes 19 March)

- **Economic Development Grants**

- Open all year round



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Plan before you apply!



PLAN STRATEGICALLY



**MATCH PROJECTS TO
FUNDING**



**'GRANT READY'
FOLDER**

**Does your
funding
request
match your
project's
community
impact?**



What Assessors are looking for:



PARTNERSHIPS



CONTRIBUTIONS



PLANNING

Common Mistakes

- Not aligning project with Council's *goals and objectives*
- Would a 12-year-old understand?
- Missing attachments
- Ineligible budget items



Describe your project and its community impact:

In order to foster an **inclusive and engaged community**, our project will prioritize the development of **innovative programs** that leverage cross-sector partnerships to foster synergistic outcomes. By utilizing a data-driven approach, we will empower grassroots stakeholders to enact sustainable, community-led solutions. Our initiative—focused on accessibility, inclusion, and long-term impact—will support disadvantaged groups, **ensuring equitable access to resources**. Through a holistic framework, we aim to maximize engagement, scalability, and transformative potential.



Sample Application Answers

Project Title:

Expansion of Community Garden

Provide a brief description of your project:

Provide a short, clear description of your project - what are you setting out to do? This description is used in Council communications.

The Sampleville Community Garden Club Inc. aims to increase the number of garden beds available to accommodate the growing interest from community members and local schools. Our current garden beds are at capacity, and additional beds will allow us to provide more space for community members and local school programs.

Sample Application Answers

Why does your organisation need this project?

Describe the community issue your project addresses and its impact.

The Sampleville Community Garden is at full capacity, with all garden beds in use. We currently have a waiting list of community members and local schools eager to participate in our community garden program, clearly demonstrating a high demand for additional gardening spaces. Providing more garden beds will allow us to accommodate more people and meet this growing demand.

Our garden is a vital resource for promoting sustainable practices and providing hands-on educational opportunities, particularly for local schools. The current space limitation restricts our ability to expand these educational programs, despite strong interest from schools wanting to incorporate garden-based learning into their curricula.

Community gardens offer numerous benefits, including promoting physical activity, fostering social interaction, and enhancing mental wellbeing. Without additional garden beds, we will be unable to provide more residents with access to these benefits or encourage broader community engagement with sustainable gardening practices.

This project will address the need for more community gardening spaces, enhance our educational offerings, and foster greater community engagement with sustainable practices, ultimately supporting the wellbeing and resilience of our community.

Sample Application Answers

How will the project benefit your organisation?

Explain how this project will enhance your organisation's capabilities or services.

Expanding the garden beds will significantly benefit the Sampleville Community Garden organisation. It will enable us to accommodate the increasing number of community members and local schools eager to participate, thereby increasing our membership and volunteer base. This expansion will also enhance our ability to offer more comprehensive educational programs, attracting more schools and community groups to engage with our initiatives.

Additionally, the increased capacity will improve our visibility and reputation within the community as a leader in promoting sustainable practices and environmental education. This could lead to more partnerships and collaborations with local organisations, further strengthening our community ties and support network. Ultimately, the project will bolster our organisational growth, sustainability, and impact.

Sample Application Answers

How will the project benefit the wider community?

Outline the positive effects your project will have on the broader community.

The expansion of the Sampleville Community Garden will bring numerous benefits to the wider community. By providing additional garden beds, more residents will have the opportunity to engage in gardening activities, promoting physical activity, social interaction and mental wellbeing. This increased participation will foster a stronger sense of community and connectedness among residents.

Moreover, the additional garden spaces will support local schools in incorporating garden-based learning into their curricula, offering valuable hands-on educational experiences for students. The project will also contribute to enhancing food security by providing more community members with access to fresh, locally-grown produce.

Overall, the expanded garden will serve as a vibrant community hub, encouraging broader engagement with sustainable practices and supporting the health, wellbeing, and resilience of the community.

Sample Application Answers

How does your project align with Council's strategic goals and identified key initiatives?

Demonstrate how your project supports Council's strategic priorities.

The Sampleville Community Garden project aligns closely with Noosa Council's strategic goals as outlined in the Corporate Plan 2023-2028, which focuses on five strategic pillars: Environment, Liveability, Prosperity, Future, and Excellence.

- **Environment:** By expanding the garden beds, the project enhances Noosa's natural environment, promoting sustainable gardening practices and increasing green spaces, which aligns with the council's goal of maintaining ecological integrity and celebrating natural beauty.
- **Liveability:** Providing additional garden spaces contributes to community liveability by fostering social interaction, community cohesion, and encouraging physical activity. This supports the council's initiatives to create vibrant and healthy communities.
- **Prosperity:** The project supports local prosperity by engaging community members and schools, fostering a sense of ownership and involvement. It also contributes to food security by providing access to fresh, locally-grown produce, aligning with economic development goals.
- **Future:** Reflecting a forward-thinking approach, the project prepares for increased community involvement and educational opportunities in sustainability, aligning with the council's objectives to embrace emerging trends and meet future community needs.
- **Excellence:** The project embodies the council's commitment to excellence by delivering high-quality community services and infrastructure. Expanding the garden enhances our ability to provide valuable educational and recreational resources, ensuring high standards of community service and engagement.

Overall, the Sampleville Community Garden project supports Noosa Council's strategic priorities by promoting environmental stewardship, enhancing community liveability, supporting local prosperity, preparing for future needs, and striving for excellence in community services.

Sample Application Answers

Describe how your organisation has capacity and capability to deliver the project within the required time frames.

Our organisation has successfully managed similar projects in the past, including the initial establishment of our community garden. We have a dedicated team of volunteers with project management experience who will ensure the successful delivery of this project.

Will your project benefit more than one organisation? If yes, please provide details.

Yes, the Sampleville Community Garden project will benefit multiple organisations.

- **Local Schools:** Schools in the area will benefit significantly from the expanded garden beds. The additional space will allow more students to participate in hands-on educational programs focused on sustainable gardening, environmental science, and healthy living practices.
- **Community Groups:** Various community groups, including youth clubs, senior citizen groups and local environmental organisations, will have access to the garden for educational workshops, volunteer activities, and community events. This access will enhance their programs and outreach efforts.
- **Health and Wellness Organisations:** Organisations focused on promoting physical and mental health will be able to use the garden as a resource for their programs. Gardening activities are known to improve mental wellbeing and physical health, making the garden a valuable asset for health initiatives.
- **Environmental Organisations:** Groups focused on environmental conservation and sustainability will benefit from the project through partnerships and collaborative efforts to promote green practices and environmental education within the community.

Overall, the expanded Sampleville Community Garden will serve as a community hub, benefiting various organisations by providing a versatile space for education, health, and community engagement initiatives.

Sample Application Answers

As Council may not fully fund each request, how will you ensure the successful completion of your project if you do not receive the full amount requested? Please describe your contingency plans or adjustments. If the project cannot proceed without full funding, explain why.

If the Sampleville Community Garden project does not receive full funding, we have several contingency plans to ensure successful completion:

- **Phased Implementation:** We will prioritise essential components, such as construction materials and the irrigation system, to begin the project. Additional elements will be completed as more funds become available.
- **Additional Fundraising:** We will enhance efforts to secure extra funding through community events and donations from local businesses and residents. This method has proven effective in our previous projects.
- **In-kind Contributions:** We will seek further in-kind contributions from local businesses and community members, including donations of materials, equipment, or volunteer labor beyond current commitments. Businesses like Green Thumb Nurseries and Sampleville Hardware have previously shown support for community projects.
- **Partnerships and Grants:** We will explore other grant opportunities and partnerships with local organisations interested in supporting community and environmental projects. Collaborations with groups like the Sampleville Environmental Society could provide additional funding sources.
- **Volunteer Engagement:** We will leverage our volunteer base to reduce labor costs. Increased volunteer hours and community involvement will help offset reduced funding.
- **Cost-Saving Measures:** We will identify potential cost-saving measures without compromising project quality, such as negotiating better rates with suppliers or sourcing more cost-effective materials.

By implementing these contingency plans, we are confident that the project can proceed successfully, even with partial funding, ensuring its benefits to the Sampleville community.



READ THE GUIDELINES



**SPEAK TO A COUNCIL
OFFICER**



**ORGANISE QUOTES &
ATTACHMENTS EARLY**



**PROOF READ BEFORE
SUBMITTING**



USING CHAT GPT



**HELPFUL
TIPS**



QUESTIONS

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