

Community Bank Hervey Bay

20th Anniversary Grants Program

Helping Fraser Coast projects come to life

About This Program

To mark our 20th year of community banking on the Fraser Coast, we're investing \$200,000 into local projects that make a real difference. Whether it's new equipment for your sports club, programs for young people, or something entirely different, if it benefits the Fraser Coast, we want to hear about it.

These guidelines explain who can apply, what we fund, how applications are assessed, and what's required if your project is successful. Please read them carefully before starting your application.

Key Dates

Applications open: 1 April 2026

Applications close: 10am, Wednesday 27 May 2026

Outcomes notified: Week of 1 June 2026

20th Anniversary Community Showcase: 13 June 2026

Project completion deadline: Within 12 months of receiving funding

Grant Details

Total funding available: \$200,000

Grant amounts: Between \$2,000 and \$50,000 per project

Number of grants: We anticipate funding 5 to 15 projects

Who Can Apply

We welcome applications from incorporated not-for-profit organisations, sporting and recreation clubs, charities, and community groups of all kinds. All applicants must be based on the Fraser Coast or delivering projects that primarily benefit Fraser Coast residents, and must hold a valid Australian bank account.

What We Fund

We fund projects that:

- Make a real, measurable difference to Fraser Coast communities
- Can be completed within 12 months of receiving funding
- Have clear outcomes you can demonstrate to the community
- Align with your organisation's goals and capacity

Think about what your organisation needs to achieve its goals. That's what we want to fund.

Co-contribution: While not required, contributing your own funds or in-kind support strengthens your application by showing commitment and sustainability.

What We Don't Fund

We won't fund projects that:

- Claim retrospective funding (costs already incurred before the grant is approved)
- Take place solely outside Australia
- Involve gambling
- Exclude or offend any part of the community
- Encourage violence or involve the use of weapons
- Mistreat, exploit or harm animals
- Create environmental hazards or present a danger to public health or safety
- Contribute to modern slavery
- Attempt to change the law or direct political donations

How Applications Are Assessed

We assess every application against these criteria:

Community benefit and alignment

The extent to which the project aligns with Community Bank Hervey Bay's vision and values, and the potential for genuine, lasting community benefit.

Feasibility

Whether the project is realistic and achievable, including timeframes, required permits and insurance, and your organisation's demonstrated capacity to deliver.

Impact and reach

A clear demonstration of who the project will reach, and how outcomes will be measured and shared.

Value for money

The funding requested relative to the community outcomes offered.

How to Apply

Read these guidelines in full before starting your application. Then visit our application hub at [Home Page - Community Bank Hervey Bay](#) and complete and submit your application before 10am on Wednesday 27 May 2026.

We may contact you during assessment to request more information or to clarify details in your application.

You may be asked to provide:

- A current bank statement for your organisation
- Information about your target audience and expected number of participants
- Confirmation of licences, permits and insurance
- Working With Children Checks for relevant staff, where your project involves children
- A project budget
- Financial details such as a recent annual report, audited financials, or bank statements

Fraser Coast Projects Forum

Note: This section can be removed after 9 April 2026., or omitted entirely if this is simpler.

On Thursday 9 April at 6pm, we're hosting the Fraser Coast Projects Forum at the Bendigo Bank meeting room (around the back of the branch on Main Street). This is your chance to share what you're working towards, ask questions, and get guidance from our team. Whether you have a fully formed idea or you're just starting to think things through, come along and let's talk about making it happen.

Register at: <https://events.humanitix.com/fraser-coast-projects-forum>

If Your Application Is Successful

Grant recipients will:

- Receive their funding to commence their project
- Complete their project within 12 months
- Attend our 20th Anniversary Community Showcase on 13 June 2026, where grant recipients will be formally announced and awarded their funding
- Submit a grant acquittal report within 8 weeks of their project's end date, via the application hub
- Share their project's impact with the Fraser Coast community
- Transfer their banking to Community Bank Hervey Bay, or open an account with us if not already a customer. This ensures your everyday banking continues to support the same community fund that supported your project.

We understand that circumstances change. If something affects your ability to deliver, contact us as soon as possible and we'll work through it with you.

Keeping Us Informed

Grant recipients must let us know about anything likely to affect their organisation or their ability to deliver their project. This includes changes to your name, address, financial situation, senior staffing, or significant changes to the project itself.

Privacy

Bendigo Bank will respect and uphold your rights to privacy protection under the Australian Privacy Principles, as established under the Privacy Act 1988. View our privacy policy at [Privacy Policy | Bendigo Bank](#)

Questions?

We're here to help you develop a strong application.

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Even if your application isn't successful, you're welcome to participate in the 13 June Community Showcase. It's a great opportunity to connect with Fraser Coast residents and promote your organisation.