

## **GREEN GRANTS PROGRAM**

Grant Opens **1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**. Grant Closes **31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

### **1. Program Overview and Objectives**

This Green Grant Program focuses on our impact area of environment and sustainability. The Foundation is seeking to support community organisations to deliver environmental projects or programs that have a positive impact on the local environment and/or promote environmental stewardship and sustainability.

Funding is available for projects that:

- increase community participation in conservation and sustainability; or
- maintain or enhance the natural environment in the Murrindindi Shire; or
- tackle climate change, waste reduction and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Examples of projects that may be funded include:

- projects or programs seeking to reduce waste and pollution in the Shire;
- projects or programs which maintain biodiversity and protect the natural environment;
- projects or programs promoting sustainable use of water or energy; or
- educational events that promote conservation or sustainability.

Project up to a maximum of \$500 will be considered

### **2. Program Eligibility Criteria**

Eligible applicants can apply for grants to support the initiation, development and delivery of projects that enhance our natural environment and drive environmental sustainability actions across the Shire of Murrindindi.

To be eligible to apply for funding through Green Grants Program, applications must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant organisations must be a not-for-profit organisation.
- Applicant organisations must be located within the Shire of Murrindindi with the project providing benefits to local people.
- Funded activities must demonstrate positive environmental impacts.
- Applications must include COVID-19 mitigation in project planning and delivery that addresses current Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) advice

Funding will not be considered for:

- Activities with a religious or political focus
- Capital works
- Commercial activities
- Fundraising activities, competitions, prizes or award events
- Activities that have already commenced or occurred
- Funded project, events or activities **must** be completed and information submitted and acquitted by October 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

### **3. Assessment Process**

After the application period has closed and we have received your application:

- You will receive an email confirming receipt of your application through SmartyGrants online portal.
- Your application will be assessed against the eligibility and assessment criteria.
- Funding recommendations will be advised by Foundation Murrindindi Grants & Programs Sub Committee.
- Foundation Murrindindi Board will make the final decision on the outcome of all eligible applications.
- All applicants will receive a notification via email with the result of their application by the end of April 2023
- Information about grant decisions will not be given over the phone.
- The list of successful applicants will be published on the Foundation Murrindindi's website and social media platforms approximately a month after all applicants have been notified of the outcome of their application.

### **4. Assessment Criteria**

Green Grant applications are assessed against the following assessment criteria:

- Alignment to the purpose and objectives of Green Grants Program
- Demonstrated community need
- Number of participants that will participate and benefit
- Budget reflects appropriate scope and scale of intended activity.
- Geographic location/s of intended activity or event.
- Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19, grant applications must mention how the proposed project will be delivered with changing restrictions in mind.

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