

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

GRANT PROGRAM

Grant Opens **March 18th 2024**. Grant Closes **April 21st 2024**

1. Program Overview and Objectives

This program aligns with Foundation Murrindindi's impact area of Youth Success.

The primary purpose of the grant is to support local community-led projects within Murrindindi Shire that:

- Improve mental health and mental wellbeing outcomes of young people in the community.
- Support young people to meaningfully connect in their local community for improved mental health and mental wellbeing outcomes.

Grant funds can be used for activities such as:

- Developing the knowledge, confidence and skills that young people need to be actively involved in community life and to respond to issues impacting on their lives.
- Initiatives that build resilience and support wellbeing.
- Improving access for youth to mental or physical health support.

Foundation Murrindindi's definition of youth is 0-24 years of age.

Individual projects up to \$5,000 per organisation will be considered.

2. Program Eligibility Criteria

Eligible community organisations can apply for grants to support the initiation, development and delivery of projects that provide a positive impact to youth mental health and wellbeing in the Shire of Murrindindi.

To be eligible to apply for funding through Youth Mental Health & Wellbeing Grant Program, applications must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant organisations must be a not-for-profit organisation or community group with a current ABN.
- Applicant organisations must be located within the Shire of Murrindindi with the project providing benefits to youth in the Shire of Murrindindi.
- Projects must be for charitable purposes (refer to definition below)
- Projects must be completed by June 2025

Funding will not be considered for:

- Activities with a political focus
- Commercial or profit-making activities or individual businesses
- Fundraising activities, competitions, prizes or award events
- Activities that have already commenced or occurred
- Salaries and wages
- Activities that are for the purpose of sport (see further information below).

Charitable Purposes

In accordance with its Constitution, Foundation Murrindindi must only provide funds for a charitable purpose. This includes:

- Advancing health
- Advancing education
- Advancing social or public welfare
- Advancing culture
- Promoting reconciliation, mutual respect and tolerance between groups of individuals that are in Australia
- Promoting or protecting human rights
- Advancing the security or safety of Australia or the Australian public
- Preventing or relieving the suffering of animals
- Advancing the natural environment
- Promoting or opposing a change to any matter established by law, policy or practice in the Commonwealth, a state, a territory or another country, and
- Other similar purposes 'beneficial to the general public' (a general category).

(reference The Charities Act 2013 (Cth))

Note: The encouragement or advancement of sport, recreation and social activities are not considered charitable activities under Australian law. Applications from sporting organisations need to clearly demonstrate charitable outcomes and benefit to the wider community that are above and beyond the normal sporting activities of the club.

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 May 2024.
- 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

Grant applications are assessed against the following assessment criteria:

- Alignment to the purpose and objectives of Youth Mental Health & Wellbeing Grant Program
- Demonstrated community need
- Number of participants that will participate and benefit
- Budget reflects appropriate scope and scale of intended activity.

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