

HOBSONS BAY COMMUNITY FUND

COVID-19 RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS

FUNDING GUIDELINES 2020

PURPOSE

Hobsons Bay Community Fund (HBCF) is a perpetual philanthropic fund established to benefit and strengthen the community of Hobsons Bay for present and future generations.

The Hobsons Bay Community Fund **'COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants'** invite applications that meet a **high need in the community and require a 'rapid response'** (4-6 week turnaround) in order to respond to current and emerging challenges and opportunities in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Grant applications of up to **\$2,000 (grants in excess of \$2,000 will be considered in exceptional circumstances)** must address a need outlined as outlined below:

COVID-19 RAPID RESPONSE GRANT CATEGORIES

- Access to food & housing security
- Equal opportunities for youth in education & employment
- Emergency aid
- Culturally & linguistically diverse (CALD) groups
- Migrants/refugees/asylum seekers
- Those with a physical or intellectual disability
- Socially marginalised cohorts
- Physical/mental health and wellbeing

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any organisation or group delivering projects or programs within Hobsons Bay. Applicants will need to clearly demonstrate how their application aligns to the HBCF COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant categories above.

WHO CAN'T APPLY?

- Individuals.
- Organisations or groups that deliver projects or programs outside of Hobsons Bay.
- Organisations or groups who have already received funding through the 2020 HBCF Community Impact Grants program.

WHAT WE WILL FUND

- Equipment and/or resources: Funding assistance is available to purchase equipment and/or resources which provide assistance to a group/organisation during the COVID-19 crisis.
- Funding to develop a project/program that responds to an urgent current or emerging challenge or opportunity related to the COVID-19 crisis.

- Projects that expand access and opportunities for people from disadvantaged and underserved communities to access programs or services during this time.
- Projects that support smaller/grassroots groups that are not incorporated.
- One-off grants.

WHAT WE WILL NOT FUND

- Programs operating outside of the Hobsons Bay area
- General fundraising campaigns or annual appeals
- Funds for investment or debt servicing
- Retrospective funding
- Projects with more appropriate alternative funding sources.

TIMELINES

The HBCF COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants Program will remain open until December 1, unless funds are exhausted earlier. It is expected that the assessment and funding process will take approximately 4-6 weeks from the time the application is received

FUNDING AMOUNTS

HBCF Rapid Response Grants 2020 are available for grants of up to \$2,000. Grants in excess of \$2,000 will be considered in exceptional circumstances. Please contact us to discuss your application if it exceeds \$2,000.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the HBCF Grants Programs can be found on our website

<https://www.hbcommunityfund.org.au/grants/>

FUNDING CONDITIONS & REQUIREMENTS

- If your application for a grant is successful, we will ask you to provide proof of your tax status. Not having tax deductibility status does not preclude your organisation from receiving a grant – in this situation, an auspicing arrangement can be utilised.
- If your application is successful, you will be required to provide the HBCF with a progress/final report on your project outcomes within the 12-month grant period. The projects funded under the HBCF Rapid Response Grants Program will be required to demonstrate that they are intended to have a positive benefit for the funded group and the broader community.
- If your application is successful, an authorised representative from your group/organisation will be required to complete an HBCF Electronic Funds Transfer authorisation form and return it to the HBCF. This information will then be provided to the Australian Community Foundation (ACF).
- The ACF will provide approved recipients with a letter of offer and once returned, will pay grant monies.
- Visit <https://www.communityfoundation.org.au/grants-2/report-on-your-grant> for further information.