

Latrobe City Community Gaming Support Fund

Grant Application Guidelines

Background

The Trust was established in May 1998 by the Council for the purpose of providing an independent charitable trust that provides for the future of the Latrobe community. The Trust manages various funds, one of which is the **Latrobe City Community Gaming Support Fund** (previously known as the Gambling Impact Fund) pursuant to the Latrobe City Community Gaming Agreement adopted by Council on 21 June 2010.

Financial support is available through the Latrobe City Community Gaming Support Fund to assist individuals and families, particularly those directly and indirectly affected by the associated issues of problem gaming.

Under the terms of the Agreement, Council provides local gaming venue operators with a general rates waiver of 100% in return for contributing an amount equivalent to 110% of their general rates into the Latrobe City Community Gaming Support Fund to directly benefit our local community. Five local clubs will be contributing to the Fund this financial year: Yallourn Bowling Club; Morwell Bowling Club; Italian Australian Club; Moe Racing Club Turfside Tabaret and Traralgon Bowls Club.

The Trust invites applications for funding from individuals and organisations providing support services and/or alternative programs/activities to assist the disadvantaged within our community including those experiencing hardship as a consequence of problem gaming.

Grants are available bi-annually for a broad spectrum of community projects with Grant Rounds scheduled for March and September each financial year.

Criteria for assessment of applications

The following general eligibility criteria have been developed as a guide to the types of programs to which priority consideration will be given for grants from the Latrobe City Community Gaming Support Fund:

- Programs that demonstrate a substantial benefit to the community especially for those directly and indirectly affected by the associated issues of problem gaming.
- Problem gaming programs/projects of significance that will offer effective counselling and diversionary services and programs to the Latrobe City community.
- Programs/projects where there is a substantial financial commitment from non local government sources, including in-kind contributions.

Successful applications should also:

- Be strategically linked to other developments promoting social and economic development in the local community.
- Build on best practice and be innovative.
- Demonstrate and require a contribution from the community.
- Demonstrate the capacity for successful implementation.
- Represent value for money.

Funds will not be allocated for the following:

- Applications from key operatives as defined by the Gambling Regulation Act 2003.
- Agencies or activities not based in the Latrobe City or benefiting the municipality's residents.
- Retrospective purposes of any description.
- Projects where the activity is clearly the core funding responsibility of State/Commonwealth government, unless the applicant can demonstrate that additional funding will expand and/or enhance the project and deliver practical benefits for the Latrobe City community.
- Commercial activities.
- Projects which are not universally accessible to all sections of the community.
- Applications seeking funding for a third party.
- Projects that have successfully obtained a Capital Works Grant or a Minor Community Grant from Latrobe City Council in the current financial year.

Selection Process

- A written application must be submitted.
- A Panel comprising Trustees, representatives from the gaming industry and Council officers will consider all applications and make recommendations to the Trust. Applicants must be prepared to be interviewed.
- Merit is the primary test of the quality of an application, however in determining the level of the grant, consideration will be given to financial need.
- An assessment is made of the benefits that this will bring to the community, following the completion of the project for which the grant is sought.
- The Latrobe City Trust reserves the right to cancel a grant if, in its opinion, the purposes for which the grant was approved change substantially, or if there is evidence of unsatisfactory progress.
- Recipients of grants are required to submit a report on the project undertaken, and endeavour to promote the Latrobe City Trust wherever possible.
- The Trust's decision on all applications is final and no correspondence will be entered into relating to unsuccessful applications.

Please note that as the Latrobe City Trust is a charitable trust under the Taxation Act, it may be necessary for the Trustees to refer your application to the Taxation Department.

The Trustees have absolute discretion as to which applicants will receive a grant.

Procedure

Applications must be lodged on the official application form. Please complete all questions and the cost summary. Further attachments may be included, but all information must initially be supplied on the official application form.

Where applicable, the following information must also be supplied:

- Copy of last audited financial report
- Copy of constitution

How to lodge an Application

Completed applications may be:

- hand delivered to: one of Council's Citizen Service Centres at Kay Street Traralgon; Commercial Road Morwell; Albert Street Moe; or Philip Parade Churchill;
- mailed to: Ms Rosie Berry, Trust Administration Officer, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell 3840
- emailed to: Rosie.Berry@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Next Grant Round due to open in February 2011

Applicants should understand that the limited funds of the Latrobe City Trust will not allow all proposals of merit to be funded. Rejection of an application, therefore, need not mean that it was not well regarded by the Trustees.

Assistance

Council's Community Support & Development Team can assist Applicants with their project submission. Should you require such assistance, please contact Community Development Coordinator, Heather Farley on 5128 5648 for an appointment.

Enquiries

For further information phone Rosie Berry on 5128 5666 or email Rosie.Berry@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

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