2026-27 Program Guidelines



Community Investment Program

Community Bank · Lancefield and Romsey

Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey supports our community through the Community Investment Program, which provides funding via grants, scholarships, sponsorships, and donations.

What can be funded?

Applications are invited for projects, programs, activities and events that deliver broad community benefit in our local area.

Please note: to be classified as charitable, sporting projects may require letters of support from two non-sporting, not-for-profit groups that will also benefit from the project.

Who can apply?

Not-for-profit organisations, based in or servicing Lancefield and/or Romsey, with a valid ABN (excluding Government ABNs) that can demonstrate financial stability through the provision of full-year financials, such as a profit and loss statement, balance sheet and/or current bank statement for a full year.

What if you don't have an ABN or yours is a Government ABN?

Work with an eligible project partner and have them confirm;

· Their support for the project
· That they can provide their financials
· That they will pass the funds on
· How they will add value to your project

Projects on third-party land

If your project involves land not owned by your organisation (e.g. Council-owned land), you should liaise with the landowner (such as Macedon Ranges Shire Council) to obtain approval. A letter of support from the landowner should be included with your application, where relevant.

Good things are possible when you bank with our community bank because we share our profits.

Our expectations of applicants



- Hold a bank account with the Romsey or Lancefield branch, to deposit grant funds.
- Be a positive advocate for our Community Bank, help us strengthen our profile and grow our customer base so we can reinvest into the community for years to come.
- Stay in touch with us throughout your project, invite us to your events and give us the opportunity to share our story with your members.
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at @CommunityBankLancefieldRomsey share our posts occasionally and tag us in content related to your project or event.
- Use the funds as outlined, within the 12-month period following approval.
- Be willing to participate in an audit to ensure compliance and submit the online acquittal form within 60 days of the project end date specified in your application.



Big on community.
Bigger for you.

Profit we make locally stays here, funding scholarships, grants, sponsorships and donations across our region. The more our community banks with us, the more we give back.

That's profit with purpose, and it's what makes banking with us different.

What will NOT be funded?

- Projects that benefit an individual.
- Projects seeking retrospective funding.
- Staff payments or salaries.
- Festivals and events that restrict broad participation.
- Private exhibitions run by artists or exhibitions for the sale of items that result in personal benefit.
- Previously funded projects which have not been acquitted to the satisfaction of the Board.

Funding amount

A reasonable amount of funding is available each year, made possible by ongoing community support of the Community Bank. However, funding requests often exceed the funds available. As such, the Board's decision to approve, partially fund, or decline an application is final. Applicants may need to secure additional funding commitments before funds are released.

Requesting significant funding (more than $30,000)?
If your group is seeking over $30,000, please contact Lauren Harrison at Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey to discuss your application before submitting.

How to apply

Our grants program has two key rounds; the first for local projects, programs, activities and events. Plus a second round for events only.

	Open	Close
Round 1	10 Aug 2026	20 Sep 2026
Round 2 (Events)	March 2027	

All applications are submitted online:
https://communitybanklancefieldromsey.smartygrants.com.au

Contact us

To discuss your project or for further info on our Community Investment Program, please contact Lauren Harrison on 0418 456 112 during business hours, or email cip@lrcfsl.com.au

For technical support with your application please contact Smarty Grants 9320 6888 or service@smartygrants.com.au