

Community Investment Program

Community Bank · Lancefield and Romsey

Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey proudly support our community through annual sponsorships, grants and scholarships. Our Community Investment Program is administered by Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey in partnership Bendigo Bank's philanthropic partner, the Community Enterprise Foundation.

Not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding to support projects that offer clear community benefit, contributing to social outcomes, community welfare, environmental, health, education, or cultural areas.

What can be funded?

Applications are invited for projects, programs or activities and events that demonstrate broad community benefit within the Lancefield and Romsey districts in the following areas:

- Families, children and youth activities
- Public health, safety programs and services
- Community capacity building projects
- Innovative community services
- Cultural and arts initiatives
- Environmental projects
- Sporting and recreational projects

Funding rounds

Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey currently open two key funding rounds for grant applications:

- **Lancefield and Romsey Community Investment Program for Events** – Next round, March 2024
Funding for local events held in the Lancefield and Romsey Region
- **Lancefield and Romsey Community Investment Program** – Next round, Spring 2024
Funding for local projects, programs, activities or events

Community Investment Program Round 1 Awardees:

Lancefield Golf Club Fairway irrigation \$79,244

Lancefield Park Recreation Reserve Laurie Green Pavilion Canteen Renovation \$47,363

Romsey Cricket Club Practice Nets Upgrade \$25,000

Lancefield Equestrian Group (LEG) Clubhouse improvements \$25,000

Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group Macgregor's Farm Memorial Garden \$24,921

Romsey Tennis Club Tennis Courts Upgrade \$20,000

Lancefield Men's Shed Shed Extension \$20,000

Romsey Football Netball Club Netball court resurfacing and shelter \$15,000

Lancefield Neighbourhood House Food Share Freshness \$15,000

Lancefield Mechanics Institute Audio and Video Equipment \$12,132

Lancefield Bowling Club Inc Renovation of Ladies Rest Room \$11,500

Romsey Playgroup Outdoor play equipment \$10,000

Eastern Macedon Ranges Business & Tourism Association Romsey Historic Plaques \$6,000

Cancer Council Victoria Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life \$6,640

Lions Club of Lancefield Romsey Swap Meet \$5,625

1st Romsey Scout Group Building works \$5,000

Romsey Mechanics' Institute Kitchen upgrade \$5,000

Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizen Club All Aboard The Bus, Bus Trips \$5,000

Edgars Mission CowMooUnity event \$5,000

Lancefield & Districts Pony Club Arena Fence \$4,500

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Sidney Seymour Cottage Open Day \$4,095

Lancefield Cricket Club Portable food cabinet \$2,000

Lancefield Agricultural Society Sponsorship \$2,000

CWA Romsey Branch Laptop Computer \$2,000

Eastern Macedon Ranges Business & Tourism Association Annual business breakfast \$1,500

Romsey Men's Shed Car restoration project \$1,350

Romsey Bowling Club Point of sale \$1,250

Romsey Golf Club Tee sponsorship \$750

What will NOT be funded?

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



Our 2023-24 priority areas

Projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for the community, contributing to its development in building social capital, community welfare, environmental, health, education or cultural areas.

- Building community connectivity through encouraging participation, helping others and community strengthening.
- Supporting education, learning and creativity.
- Involving sport to encourage healthy and active lifestyles, volunteering and social change.

Funding amount

A reasonable amount of funding is available annually provided the banks have the continued community business support. However, every year the number of applications and total funding requests are in excess of the funds available.

As such the Board's decision to approve or decline an application, or approve partial funding, will be final. Applicants may be expected to secure other contributor's commitments for the balance of their project funds prior to funding being released by the Community Enterprise Foundation.

Our expectations of applicants

- Stay in contact, invite us to your events, share our posts and tag us on Facebook @CommunityBankLancefieldRomsey
- Willingness to be a positive advocate to strengthen our profile and customer base.
- A bank account held at the Romsey or Lancefield branch to deposit grant funds.
- Funds will be spent as outlined in the funding application and by the end of the 12 months in which they were awarded.
- Willingness to be audited for compliance with grant conditions.
- Commitment to submit a completed acquittal form within 60 days after the project end date nominated on your application form.



Better Banking. Big Impact.



It's a win-win when you bank with Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey.

Your better banking helps support the clubs, projects and organisations at the heart of our local community.

Where else can great banking create such a positive impact.

Who can apply for funding?

Community based groups or organisations, based in or servicing Lancefield and/or Romsey

Any Not-for-Profit organisation with a valid ABN (not a Government ABN) who can demonstrate financial stability through the provision of financials for a full calendar or financial year.

Financials include a profit and loss, 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;

- That they are supporting the project
- They can provide their financials
- They will pass the funds on
- How they can add value to your project

Sporting Projects

To classify as charitable, sporting and recreational projects may require letters of support from two non-sporting, not-for-profit groups who will benefit from the proposed project.

If you're not sure if your project scope will require letters of support, get in touch with Lauren Harrison on 0418 456 112 during business hours, or email cip@lrcfsl.com.au for assistance.

How to apply

Our grants program has two rounds

	Open	Close
Round 1	17 Jul 2023	18 Aug 2023
Round 2 (Events)	1 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2024

All applications are submitted online:

<https://communitybanklancefieldromsey.smartygrants.com.au>

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