

Reconnection for Resilience Community Grants Program



Supporting the wellbeing and resilience of flood and storm-impacted communities.



An Australian Government Initiative

Applications Open:
April 15, 2024

Applications Close:
April 30, 2024

Overview



This initiative offers community grants of up to **\$5,000** to local not-for-profit organisations, medical institutions, and primary care providers within the Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) region that were affected by the *SEQ Severe Thunderstorms* on Christmas Day 2023.

Through support of initiatives that foster social cohesion, wellbeing and resilience, we aim to empower communities with the resources and support necessary to complete their recovery journey.

Objective

The primary objective of the *Reconnection for Resilience Community Grants Program* is to promote community-led wellbeing and resilience activities or events in disaster-impacted areas which:



Encourage

social cohesion, connectedness and supportive networks or relationships.



Support

community wellbeing, resilience, mental health healing, and post-traumatic growth and recovery for communities.



Identify

and support distressed or struggling disaster-affected peers or community members.





Who We Are



Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation - one of 31 Primary Health Networks established by the Australian Government Department of Health in 2015.

We play an instrumental role working with the health sector and Gold Coast community to improve health services for residents by:

- Identifying the health needs of local residents and designing solutions to meet those needs. This includes the assessment, planning and establishment of new health services.
- Funding health organisations to provide local health services across a range of areas including mental health, alcohol and other drugs, aged and palliative care, persistent pain, suicide prevention, cancer screening, immunisation, improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and supporting general practices in quality improvement.
- Helping the health system work better together for patients and their families. This includes supporting health professionals, including general practitioners, to improve the quality of patient care.

2015

Established

100+

Employees

743k

Locals serviced

1 of 31

Around Australia



Eligibility



a. Geographical Area

Applications are invited from community groups and organisations operating within the disaster-affected communities of the Gold Coast and Scenic Rim areas in the GCPHN regional boundary.

An interactive map of the GCPHN catchment is available [here](#).

Priority will be given to the following impacted suburbs:

City of Gold Coast

Coomera
Clagiraba
Guanaba
Helensvale

Mudgeeraba
Oxenford
Pacific Pines
Paradise Point

Runaway Bay
Tallebudgera Valley
Upper Coomera
Wongawallan

Scenic Rim Regional Council

Canungra

Tamborine

North Tamborine

If you are based outside of these areas and are supporting flood-impacted communities, please make this clear in your application.

b. Eligible Applicants

- Not-for-profit organisations (including not-for-profit co-operatives and companies limited by guarantee).
- Community groups (i.e. sports clubs, social clubs, or associations).
- Medical organisations or primary health care providers (i.e. General Practices, local pharmacies).

Applicants must hold a current ABN and Certificate of Currency for Public Liability Insurance (proportionate to the risk associated with the activity being undertaken).

c. Eligible Activities

✓	Projects/activities within disaster-affected communities within the GCPHN regional boundary.	✗	Projects outside of GCPHN regional boundary.
✓	Activities that bring the community together to actively promote social cohesion and connectedness (e.g. community BBQ's, exercise classes, art therapy classes, etc.).	✗	Activities proposed that are not associated with evidence of need relating to the impact of storms and flood within the community.
✓	Projects that are recovery-focused and aim to build on community members' wellbeing and resilience.	✗	Projects that are likely to require ongoing funding or will face challenges in decommissioning/ending the project.
✓	Practical advice and skills development (e.g. presentations, training events or workshops).	✗	Projects that generate profit or subsidise commercial activities.
✓	Projects distributing once-off material aid or emergency relief (e.g. care packages or hampers).	✗	Capital works including the purchasing and/or refurbishment of assets (i.e. buildings or vehicles).
✓	Relevant initiatives that build on existing community programs, with targeted response to reduce social isolation.	✗	Recurrent expenses (e.g. rent, utility bills, ongoing insurance). Projects with a solely political or religious purpose.

Applicants are eligible to propose projects that tailor to specific populations, including but not limited to, age groups and genders, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, migrant and refugee communities, playgroups, school-affiliated organisations, church-affiliated groups, or sports clubs.

d. Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Evidence that the grant activity will be conducted in the flood or storm-affected communities across the GCPHN region. Priority will be given to flood impacted communities in the previously listed suburbs.
- Demonstration of need, that is:
 - how the disaster impacted your community and;
 - how the activity will benefit your community.
- Evidence that the planned activity is consistent with the Grants Program's objectives.
- The activity can be delivered promptly, ensuring reporting and acquittal processes are completed by the 31st August 2024.
- Capacity of grant recipient to deliver activity within budget.
- Activities that incorporate professional mental health support (e.g. psychologist, peer worker, social worker or individuals with mental health training) will be looked upon favourably.
 - Where feasible and suitable, successful applicants may be approached to discuss possible collaboration with local mental health support services to enhance impact of proposed initiatives.



e. Supporting Material

Applicants are required to attach the following documents to support their application:

- Public Liability Certificate of Currency
- Event or Project Plan
- Project or Event Budget

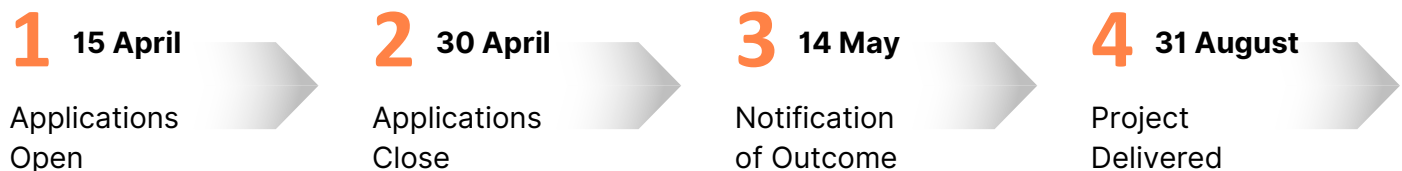
Additional non-essential supporting documents can include:

- Evidence of community need
- Event or workshop program material
- Letters of support from stakeholders

Application Process



a. Grant Lifecycle and Key Dates



b. How To Apply

1. Read through the [Community Grant Program Guidelines](#) prior to beginning the application.
2. Applicants submit online application form with relevant supporting documents.
3. Online Application form accessed via this [link](#).
4. GCPHN acknowledges receipt of application submission via email.
5. Applications are presented to Grant Program Selection Committee for review and selection of successful applicants.
6. Successful and unsuccessful applicants are notified via email within two (2) weeks of the closing date.
7. Successful applicants will enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with GCPHN, followed by the release of funds.

c. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will consist of stakeholders from key organisations including representatives from GCPHN, the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts (DSDSATSIP), City of Gold Coast, and Gold Coast Health (GCH). The committee will evaluate applications, ensuring fair and comprehensive assessment aligned with the grant's objectives, while also considering feasibility, impact, and benefit to the community





d. Evaluation Criteria

	Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
Supports Grant Objectives	Does the application meet one or more of the Grants Program objectives?	25%
Demonstrates Community Need and Support	Has the applicant demonstrated an understanding of the specific needs of the disaster-affected community?	20%
	Is the proposed activity evidence-informed or likely to deliver wellbeing benefits to individuals or build community resilience?	20%
Capacity to Implement or Facilitate Project	Is the project or activity well planned and achievable within the delivery timeframe?	15%
	Does the budget accurately reflect the scope of the application?	10%
	If project is ongoing, has long-term sustainability been considered?	10%

e. Notification of Outcome

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application via email, by the 14th May 2024. Successful applicants will receive a GCPHN Service Agreement to be signed prior to the release of funds.

Funding Requirements



Following the successful outcome of the grant application, the recipient organisation is required to:

- Enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with GCPHN.
- Comply with the requirements and conditions within the Grant Funding Agreement.
- Maintain an accurate record of expenditure of grant funds using the Acquittal Template provided.
- Provide proof of payment of all expenses (e.g. receipts, tax invoices with proof of payment,).
- Deliver project or activity free of cost to the community or chosen target group.
- Maintain public liability insurance for the duration of the project.

Depending on the nature of the project or activity, the following may also need to be considered:

- Where related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, applicants must demonstrate appropriate consultation or collaboration with a First Nations organisation.
- Projects involving children must comply with the Child Safe Standards. See [Working with Children \(Risk Management and Screening Act 2000\)](#).
- Any relevant risk assessments must be completed, and permit and licences acquired prior to delivery of the project.

a. Project Delivery Timeframe

Funding is available to successful applicants from May 2024 and must commence within three months of the date of signing the Grant Funding Agreement. Your program must be fully completed with relevant reporting and acquittal submitted by the 31st August 2024.



b. Acquittal and Evaluation Report

Grant recipients must complete an online *Acquittal and Evaluation Report Form* by 31st August 2024. This will be provided to successful applicants at a later date.

This form will require the recipient to upload evidence and provide key statistics such as:

- Grant expenditure (e.g. invoice, receipts).
- Completed Acquittal Template (template to be provided to successful applicants).
- Evidence of project delivery (e.g. photographs of event – where applicable).
- Written summary of project/event delivery.
- Any variations from initial project plan.
- Quantifiable data (where applicable - e.g. number of event attendees, number of trees planted).
- Unspent funds.

Once the form has been submitted, GCPHN will issue an invoice for the total amount of unspent funds. All necessary information for acquittal and reporting must be submitted within 2 weeks of project delivery and no later than the 31st August 2024.

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Further Information

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Let's Work Together

To support the wellbeing and resilience of communities affected by floods and storms. Together, we can rebuild, strengthen, and uplift those impacted, ensuring they emerge even more resilient in the face of future challenges.



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