

2024 Community Investment Program Application Form

The 2024 Community Investment Program hosted by your local Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank is now accepting applications. This program is hosted by Our Community Company Ltd, your local community bank company which owns the franchise to your local Community Bank branch.

Applications can be submitted between **Monday 4th March 2024 & Monday 29th April 2024**

IMPORTANT: Please ensure all elements of the application are completed and supporting documentation is provided

Section 1 - Organisation Details

Organisation Name			
Address			
ABN/Incorporation Number			
GST Registration	YES (Registered for GST)	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO (Not Registered for GST)
Email			
Website/Facebook			
Organisation Contact Person			
Contact Person's Position			
Phone			

Section 2- Organisation Summary & Structure

Please provide a summary of your organisation, what you do, how you do it, how many members you have and your mission and values as an organisation

Please select the most relevant	A) Incorporated Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
	B) Not for Profit	<input type="checkbox"/>
	C) Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 3 - Banking Relationship

Does the organisation bank with Bendigo Bank?					
If so, please select a branch:					
Lang Lang	Pearcedale	Koo Wee Rup	Narre Warren South	Tooradin	Bunyip
If other, please list here:					

Section 4- Funding Request

In 2024 we have two streams of funding, Sponsorship and Grants, definition of the difference of these can be found on the final page of application. Please only complete either section 5 or 6. If your group is looking for sponsorship and a grant please complete 2 separate applications.

Select what you are applying for	Sponsorship (Please complete section 5)
	Grant (Please complete section 6)

Section 5- Sponsorship Request

What would you like us to sponsor?

Name of event/proposal/program	
Date of event/Proposal/Program	
Location of event (if applicable)	
Sponsorship amount requested (\$)	

Please outline below the inclusions in your sponsorship request for your local Community Bank (if no supporting documentation is available). *If you have a current sponsorship package document please attach as supporting documentation for this application*

Please outline the main objective of the proposed event/proposal/program

When do you need funding for this sponsorship by?

What will you use the sponsorship funds for?

Will we be the only financial institution to sponsor your event/organisation?

Please select the benefits of the sponsorship to Bendigo Bank

Presentation Rights	Networking opportunities	Hospitality	Tickets/Passes
Ticket Discounts	Logo Placement	Advertising space	Product display
Access to ambassadors	Website presence	Social media	Merchandise
Footage use	Photography use		

Other:

Section 6- Grant Details

Tell us about your grant project

Grant amount requested

Total Anticipated Cost of Project

Please outline below the details of your project or attach details in separate document. This should include what the funds will be used for, budgets, plans, images, and details on the purpose of the project

Anticipated Completion date of project

Please provide details on the objectives of your project, namely the anticipated community benefit hoped to achieve with your project and how many people will benefit from this project

Please advise if you have sourced funding from other avenues or whether your organisation is contributing some of their own funds to the project. Please outline amounts and if a professional Grant Writer has supported you in these applications?

Section 7- Promotion Opportunity

Please provide details on ways in which your local Community Bank can receive recognition if application is approved. This could include, permanent signage, social media promotion, use of logo on photography from events, use of our marquees, attendance to events, acknowledgement in newsletters, Facebook and websites, naming rights, etc.

Section 8- Organisation Sign Off

By completing this application, you are agreeing that details of your organisation will be disclosed to Our Community Company Limited as franchisee for your local Community Bank/Bendigo Bank in consideration of this request

Authorised Officer	
Position	
Signature	
Date	

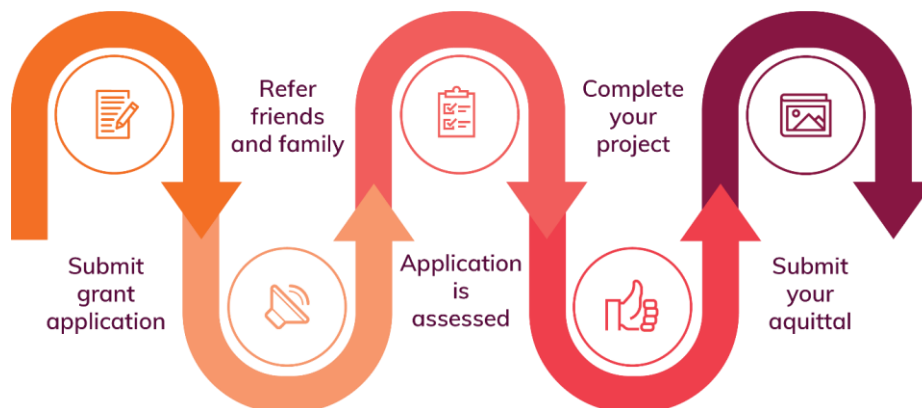
Section 9- Supporting Documentation Checklist

Item	Attached
Current Financial Statement or latest Annual Report (REQUIRED)	
Sponsorship Package Outline (If relevant)	
Other Supporting Documents (Budget, Quote, Supporting letters, images)	

Returning Office

Applications can be returned via two avenues by COB Monday 29th April 2024

Local Community Bank Mailbox	Your local branch contact
admin@ourcommunitycompany.com.au	This can be via hand delivery or email. Branch contact number is at the footer of this document to assist



Additional Information for Applicants

Our Community Company Ltd (OCC) is again pleased to host our Community Investment Program in 2024. OCC is a proud supporter of our community through our investment program in our six local Community Bank locations of Bendigo Bank. With local shareholders, a local branch and by the community banking with us, profits are re-invested back into our community. The amount of investment funds available to the community in this program relates directly to the amount of business held with the branch.

What you need to know about applying for grants & sponsorship

- The Board of Our Community Company Ltd is responsible for approving all grants & sponsorship applications
- Your organisation must be an incorporated body, have DGR status or be a community non-for-profit organisation
- All outcomes for grants and sponsorship applications will be notified in writing
- We'll request you help promote your local Community Bank as part of your sponsorship within your network
- Activities arising from the sponsorship or grant must take place within our district and/or benefit residents and workers within our region

Key criteria that are *favourably* assessed in our program include:

- Applicant is contributing to the project or event themselves
- Projects that provide wider benefit to the community to a variety of people
- Partnership projects & initiatives (e.g. with Cardinia Shire, City of Casey or other community groups)
- Applicant has sought out other funding opportunities
- Applicant has a strong commitment to further engagement with the local branch
- Signage and promotion opportunities for the local branch
- Applications that align with supporting the social wellbeing and economic development of the community.

In 2024 we have two categories, being sponsorship and grants, the definition of these are:

Sponsorship: Under a sponsorship arrangement, the organisation seeking the sponsorship will provide value to the local branch in the form of advertising, signage, naming rights, event invitation and/or other type of benefit of value as outlined by the organisation. Sponsorship could be of an event, sporting season or yearlong agreement to support

Grants: Grants are funds provided to organisations to underwrite the costs of specific projects or programs. This project must be focused on social wellbeing and economic development of the community. Completion date is within 12 months of receiving funds.

We are looking for positive outcomes for your organisation and the wider community

In your application ensure you describe the benefits your organisation will receive from the specified activity, along with benefits to the community that will result from the specified activity. Our community investment program is designed for and desires to add value to the community. Therefore, we need to know what benefit will occur as a result of our support.

At Our Community Company Ltd our mission is simple, through the provision of banking services to our communities at our six local Community Bank branches we aim to **positively influence the development of the social and economic capital of communities, through investing in initiatives that will improve the available support, resources, infrastructure, and wellbeing in those communities.**

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29 Westernport Rd,
Lang Lang VIC 3984
Phone: 5997 5019

Community Bank Pearcedale

Shop 4 Pearcedale S/C
Baxter-Tooradin Rd,
Pearcedale VIC 3912
Phone: 5978 7566

Community Bank Koo Wee Rup

28 Station Street,
Koo Wee Rup VIC 3981
Phone: 5997 2266

Community Bank Narre Warren South

Shop 8 Amberly Park S/C
101 Seebeck Drive,
Narre Warren South VIC 3805
Phone: 8790 3411

Community Bank Tooradin & Coastal Villages

2/106 South Gippsland Hwy,
Tooradin VIC 3980
Phone: 5998 3038

Community Bank Bunyip & District

18 Main Street,
Bunyip VIC 3815
Phone: 5629 6091