

Business Tasmania

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Where to find grants

Tasmanian Government

Business Tasmania

www.business.tas.gov.au/funding

Sign up to our e-newsletters, or follow us on Facebook, to be the first to hear about new grants.

Australian government

www.business.gov.au

They have a national **grants and programs finder tool** at www.business.gov.au/grants-and-programs

Tasmanian local government (councils)

Find your local council and their grants at: www.lgat.tas.gov.au



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Events, Community and Not-for-Profit Grants

The Community Grants Unit (DPAC Grants)

www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/

Tasmanian Community Fund www.tascomfund.org

Our Community www.ourcommunity.com.au

Events Grants www.events.tas.gov.au

Arts Grants www.arts.tas.gov.au

Call the Contact Officer – they're there to help you

The Contact Officer is there to help you → call them if you have any questions about the program.

A Contact Officer can save you a lot of time and effort. They also know about other options that might help you.

Make sure a grant is a good fit

What would be most useful to your organisation? Is it a grant, or some other kind of help? Business Tasmania can connect you with all kinds of resources – free business coaching or advice, help with your website or social media, workshops, courses, no or low-interest loans and a range of industry-specific assistance.

Do you fit the grant?

Do you meet the eligibility criteria? Read the Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions very closely. Understand exactly what the funding is for, commonly defined in the “Aim” section of the guidelines.

Does the grant fit you?

Do you have a project or program in mind for this grant? Do you have time to apply for this grant?

If you get the grant, do you have time and resources to do this project? Can you meet all the requirements of the grant?

Provide evidence – prove what you say when you address selection criteria

What does evidence look like?

Read the selection criteria carefully. Don't just say, 'Yes, we can do X'. You need to prove it.

The SmartyGrants Application form and the funding Guidelines will specify exactly what kind of evidence is required. You **must** provide the evidence requested, or your application could be automatically declined.

Pages 12–17 of the *Business Grants Writing Handbook* show ways you can strengthen your application and make it stand out. These might include:

- providing background information and statistics to show that your project is needed
- listing the benefits to the grant provider, community, other groups and your business
- linking your project to government policies, strategies or plans that relate to the grant
- showing letters of support from other influential people and groups
- showing either your track record or your plan to demonstrate that your organisation has the experience, skill, time and (in some cases) money to do your project.

→ Save all the evidence you gather for each grant application so you can update it to use again for future applications.

Things your assessor wants you to know

- Note the opening and closing date – mark it in your calendar!
- You do not need to use a high-level vocabulary, just be clear and concise.
- Name your supporting documentation files something that is recognisable to the assessor.
- Monitor your emails throughout the application process as that is our way of communicating with you. Check your Junk folder.
- Click the SUBMIT button and check your emails for the confirmation of submission. If you do not receive this within 10 minutes, and you have checked your Junk folder, contact the contact officer as soon as possible.
- Please ensure your bank details are correct. It is sometimes not possible to recover the funds if you have entered the wrong bank account details. The bank details should match the bank details on your invoice, and be affiliated with your business.

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