



Colac Community Enterprise

SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES

How the Colac Community Enterprise sponsorship works

Colac Community Enterprise's vision is "from the community, for the community" and to this end the organisation will maintain a discretionary pool of funds available for supporting worthwhile community projects.

Colac Community Enterprise will predominantly fund community organisations in Colac and immediate surrounds.

Who is Eligible?

Colac Community Enterprise will seek to primarily benefit community-based and not-for-profit organisations. In some exceptional circumstances Colac Community Enterprise may provide support to individuals, although this will only be considered as an 'option of last resort'.

Applications for sponsorship will be considered from community based organisations that:

- Are pursuing objectives of significant and demonstrable benefit to the community.
- Have a proven track record of achievement, or are otherwise able to demonstrate the capacity to achieve their stated aims and objectives; and
- Can provide satisfactory information on their management and financial status.

Program Preferences

Each application will be considered on its merits along with all other applications.

In general, preference will be given to projects that:

- Will benefit people in Colac and immediate surrounds;
- Are directed at solving problems in a sustainable way rather than providing short term relief from symptoms or long term dependency

- Will benefit the many rather than the few;
- Will have an impact in addressing an issue or making a real difference to the community.

All applications will be considered at the discretion of the board.

How to Apply

- Applications must be made on the online application form at www.colacce.com.au and submitted online along with any supporting documentation.
- In making an application an organisation should:
 - Identify objectives or problems and present specific plans and solutions;
 - Show that the project is planned around an achievable timetable and budget;
 - Provide such supporting documentation as is appropriate and/or required by the application form.

When to Apply

The Colac Community Enterprise will normally consider applications twice a year.

Colac Community Enterprise will review all applications that meet the criteria and that have been submitted by the appropriate date for the meeting following. Meetings will normally be held within 30 days of each closing date for applications.

Organisations should include in their applications whether time constraints apply to its proposed project.

It must be noted and understood that the number of organisations applying for funding will always exceed the funds available and that, despite being worthwhile, not all projects can be guaranteed support regardless of their merit.

Reporting and Evaluation

All successful applicants for grants from Colac Community Enterprise are required to evaluate their project against objectives and performance indicators at the conclusion of the grant period and provide a report, including the evaluation, to the Board of Colac Community Enterprise.

An applicant organisation that receives multi year funding is required to supply a report annually. Continued funding will depend on the progress of the report. Successful applications will be required to provide the opportunity for Colac Community Enterprise Board members, or representatives appointed by the Colac Community Enterprise, to attend meetings held to discuss the Enterprise and how it supports the local community.

Alternately, successful applicants may also be required to attend a venue to be specified, to collect their grant funds, as advised by the Board Members upon support of their application, and if applicable display promotional material provided by the Enterprise.

Any funds not used by the allocated date or for the specific project applied for, will be returned to the Colac Community Enterprise.

Where to Apply

Applications accepted only via email to:

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Contact

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Further information can be found at www.colacce.org.au