



Community Small Grant Program Rd 3 – Application Guidelines

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1. Introduction

Communities for Children is an Australian Government Department of Social Services initiative. CatholicCare Tasmania is the Facilitating Partner (FP) for the Communities for Children – Burnie. The Department of Social Services (DSS) funds CatholicCare Tasmania to fund other organisations (known as Delivery Partners) to provide services targeted to activities or programs that include parenting support, group peer support, case management, home visiting, community events and life skills courses.

As the Facilitating Partner (FP) it is our role to build on local strengths to meet the needs of individuals, children and families, to create capability within local service systems, using strong evidence of what works in early intervention for families with children pre-birth – 12 years. CfC - Burnie does this by funding activities and programs that help children and their families increase their social connections, improve their education and employment outcomes.

Through a competitive process organisations may make an expression of interest (EOI) application to receive one of three funding grants of up to \$12,000 each to deliver an activity, event or run a program in the Burnie Statistical Area. The activity type can be any of the following:

- activity or program
- event
- tools or resources
- infrastructure or software
- training for practitioners working with families and children 0 - 12 years
- facilitated sessions for families, children or both
- other activities that builds the service system capacity that will benefit families with children aged between 0 and 12, within the Burnie Statistical Area.

Through this process organisations must demonstrate how the activity, program or event will:

- Meet an identified need to engage and respond to children and families 0 to 12 year olds in the Burnie Statistical Area.
- Provide opportunities for whole of family activities or programs that support families participating together.
- Deliver an activity program that reflects the needs and interest of children and families in the Burnie Statistical Area.
- Facilitate or develop activities and programs using creative, physical and play-centred opportunities to engage children and families of 0 to 12 year olds in the Burnie Statistical Area.

Evidence-based programs is a focus of the Communities for Children – Burnie. [Evidence-based programme profiles](#).

Communities for Children – Burnie has the following priority areas:

Priority Area 1: Early Intervention

Activities and programs funded under this priority will focus on early intervention. Focus will be put into developing stronger engagement, building positive family functioning and increased participation, this will assist in addressing intergenerational cultural disengagement or non-participation.

Priority Area 2: Support and activities for children aged 5 – 12 years and their families

Activities funded under this priority will focus on primary school aged children and their families. Areas of focus may be engagement in school, positive involvement in the community.

Access to activities are expected to be facilitated through collaborative relationships with schools, community police, child protection, housing support providers and other relevant service providers across the system. Activities funded through this priority will be available to vulnerable families living anywhere within the Burnie Statistical Area.

Priority Area 3: Support and activities for families and their children aged 0 - 5 years

Activities funded under this priority focus on early intervention and cover engaged parenting for example effective discipline, engagement in school, or co-parenting. Within the 'jobless families' focusing purposefully on those families, known within the service system to be highly vulnerable or consistently disengaged from social or economic participation and service system support.

Access to activities are expected to be facilitated through collaborative relationships with schools, community police, GP's, FRCs, community health, child protection, housing support providers and other relevant service providers across the system. Activities funded through this priority will be available to vulnerable families living anywhere within the Burnie Statistical Area.

Priority Area 4: Family and Community Capacity

Activities and programs funded under this priority will focus on creating strong child-friendly communities that understand the importance of children, families and community to increase capacity in the areas of health, well-being and early development of young children at the local level. With a focus on improving access for vulnerable or disadvantaged individuals and families and increasing service integration and collaboration.

Burnie Communities for Children Statistical Area Level 2 (2011) includes:

	Statistical area name	Towns and suburbs within this area
1	Burnie – Ulverstone Region	South Nietta, Loongana, Preston, South Preston, Castra, Upper Castra, Gunns Plains, Heka, Loyetee, Hampshire, Tewkesbury, Highclere, Ridgley, West Ridgley, East Ridgley, Stowport, Upper Stowport, Mooreville, West Mooreville, Glance Creek, Cuprona, West Pine, Camena, Natone, Riana, South Riana, Sprent, Spalford, Abbotsham, North Motton.
2	Acton – Upper Burnie	
3	Romaine – Havenview	Emu Heights, Brooklyn, Downlands
4	Burnie – Wivenhoe	South Burnie, Burnie, Montello, Hillcrest
5	Parklands – Camdale	Ocean Vista, Cooe, Parklands, Park Grove, East Cam, Shorewell Park, Camdale

Grant Agreement pp. 11 & ABS website

2. Eligibility Checklist

Before continuing consider this checklist to determine the suitability of the organisation as an applicant. Applicants not meeting the requirements or do not provide the relevant documentation will not be considered.

- ☐ Can the organisation deliver the specified activity, program or event in the Burnie Communities for Children Statistical Area?
- ☐ Can deliver in the specified time frame?
- ☐ Does the organisation have the willingness and ability to register participants in the project?
- ☐ Does the organisation have the capacity to collect and enter required data on the proposed activity, program or event onto the DSS Data Exchange (DEX) as determined by the Facilitating partner?
- ☐ Does the organisation have the capacity to collect and enter extended client DEX data and SCORE outcomes into the Data Exchange database (DEX)?
- ☐ Can the organisation provide an outcomes summary of the activity and acquit the grants funds at the end of delivery?
- ☐ Can the organisation commit to obtaining all necessary permits related to the funded activity or program?
- ☐ Does the organisation hold an adequate public liability insurance policy to cover staff and the general public?
- ☐ Can the organisation meet current Working with Vulnerable People Checks and Child Safe Standards to meet funding requirements?
- ☐ Can the organisation demonstrate that adequate measures have been taken to identify, document, mitigate and manage risk for the activity or program?
- ☐ Has the organisation completed all contractual requirements from previous Communities for Children funding or grants?

- Is not – a project with a religious or political objective, not seeking retrospective funding for costs already incurred, not wanting funding for prizes or gifts, not a Federal, State or Local Government body.

3. Communities for Children Objectives

1. Improve the health and well-being of families and the development of young children, from before birth through to age 12 years in the Burnie community.
2. Create strong child-friendly communities that understand the importance of children and apply this capacity to maximise the health, well-being and early development of young children within the Burnie community.
3. Consider the needs of men and fathers and actively involve them in the activity or event to support children and their families.
4. Engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island families and children 0 to 12 years in the Burnie community.

4. Eligibility

To be eligible an applicant must:

- Have an Australian bank account.
- Be able to deliver the activity within the Burnie Statistical Area
- Have an appropriate legal structure, such as a sole trader, an Australian registered company, business cooperative or partnership and have documentary evidence of an appropriate legal structure.

Some organisations or individuals are ineligible to receive funding. They include:

- Individuals with a business benefit
- Organisations that cannot deliver the activity in the Burnie Statistical Area
- Scholarships or Bursaries
- Commonwealth, State and Local government funded agencies
- Fundraising drives
- Duplication of existing programs or activities
- Upgrade or improve buildings or assets
- Activities or programs that are the responsibility of other funding programs

5. Application

To apply log into the Smarty Grants website and follow the guides and steps there.

- Complete all sections of the on-line application form (incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible)
- Demonstrate in your on-line application a well-defined activity, program or event with clear goals, objectives and measurable outcomes, and explain how the project will be delivered and evaluated.

- Be clear in the activity description about how often or frequency of delivery of program, the minimum number of participants/clients per session for the program.
- Each of the questions on the online application form has a maximum word limit of 500 words
- Attach all relevant supporting document. Do not attach documentation that has not been requested as they are unlikely to be considered.
- Submit your on-line application by Thursday 24th September, 04:00 pm AEST.
- You will receive a system generated email confirming receipt of your application.

TIMELINE	
Applications open	Monday 24 th August 2020
Applications close	4:00 pm Thursday 24 th September 2020
Assessment Period	25 th September to 12 th October 2020
Notification of Outcome	22 nd October 2020
Delivery Period	23 rd Nov 2020 – 31 st May 2021

6. Assessment process

Application will be reviewed by a panel who will consider each application on a competitive and merit basis and make recommendations to the Communities for Children facilitating partner.

- Applicants may be asked to provide additional information to assist with the assessment.
- The panel is made up of community partners and communities for children consultative committee members.
- Applications will be assessed on merit, against the assessment criteria.
- The panel may consider information other than that contained within the application to make their recommendation.

7. Assessment Criteria

Applications for the Expression of Interest will be assessed based on responses that align to the following assessment criteria.

1. Identifies clearly the organisation's capacity to deliver the proposed activity, program or event in the Burnie Communities for Children Statistical Area.
2. Outlines how the activity or program being implemented aligns with one or more of the Communities for Children objectives.
3. Provides information or evidence of community need for the activity, program or event.
4. Describes how the organisation will evaluate the activity or program and collect feedback from participants.
5. Provides a budget outline for the proposed activity or program which demonstrates viability.

Priority will be allocated to activities or programs meeting the following criteria

- Organisations currently part of the Burnie Statistical Area
- Organisations not currently receiving Communities for Children Funding
- Activities or programs that will build and support community capacity

- Activities or programs with a contribution of funds or in-kind support
- Activities or programs that provide evidence of partnering
- Activities or programs that are not currently available in the Burnie Statistical Area
- Engage Aboriginal families with children aged 0-12 years

6. Funding Exclusions:

- Activities or programs with a religious or political objective
- Retrospective funding for costs already incurred
- Prizes or gifts
- Federal, State or Local Government bodies
- Late applications
- Incomplete applications

7. Terms and Conditions

Grant recipients will be required to:

- Enter into a 06 -month agreement with CatholicCare TAS – Communities for Children program.
- Meet agreed performance measures and conditions in relation to the anticipated outcomes, as identified in the application. Be responsible for collecting and entering reporting data on the activities or program participants and outcomes directly into the DSS Data Exchange (DEX).
- Have appropriate computer operating systems that will enable the collection and entering of data into the DSS Data Exchange (DEX). Be able to enter SCORE outcomes into (DEX) for clients/participants.
- Set up MyGovID access, if your organisation does not already have it.
- Expend grant funds consistently within the budget set out in the EOI application.
- Submit compliant tax invoices within thirty (30) days of each quarterly milestone point, or as set out in the grant agreement.
- Have appropriate business insurances in place.
- Acknowledge the Department of Social Services, CatholicCare TAS and Communities for Children in any promotional material or publicity features for the activity or program.
- The funds you receive are not transferable and can only be used for the purpose stated in your expression of interest application.
- Underspends must be reported and returned to the Facilitating Partner.

DEX data, collection, entry and reporting:

It will be necessary that your organisation/service agency has the infrastructure and administration capacity to have an appropriate computer operating system that will enable the collection and entry of data into the DSS Data Exchange (DEX). This means;

- Be responsible for having available staff to collect and enter reporting data on the activities or program participants and outcomes directly into the DSS Data Exchange (DEX).
- Have set up MyGovID and RAM access for users, this is required for reporting into (DEX).
- Have staff available to collect and enter extended DEX data for clients and complete SCORE for clients in the program. SCORE stands for Standard Client Outcomes Reporting Evaluation, capturing outcome information for clients is important as it demonstrates the collective impact of programs and the outcomes achieved.
- Provide quarterly finance/outcome summary reports as a formal way of demonstrating that the funds are being used for the purpose that the organisation/service agency has been engaged to deliver.

8. Tax implications

If applicants are unsure of the tax implications of receiving a grant they should contact the Australian Tax office for advice on 13 28 66 or www.ato.gov.au .

For the purpose of this grant, CatholicCare – Communities for Children will allocate GST as follows:

1. Where a recipient is registered for GST CatholicCare will gross-up the grant by 10% for GST and therefore, the amount requested should be exclusive of GST; or
2. Where a recipient is not registered for GST the amount requested should include GST.

9. Further support

If you are needing support or assistance with your Expression of Interest application please contact Communities for Children Program Coordinator: mary.yaxley@aohtas.org.au or by telephone on: (03) 6431 8555

A briefing session will be held on:

When: Thursday 13th August, 2020: @ 10:30am

Where: Burnie Library, 30 Alexander St, Burnie

Registration: Please call and book your place: (03) 6431 8555.