How do I apply for Grant Round 2?
Complete the electronic online application on Smarty Grants.

When can I apply for Grant Round 2?
The Grant Round 2 application can be submitted from Wednesday 08th March, 2023 and closes @ 4:00 pm Friday 31st March, 2023.

Can someone help me with my application?
If you are needing support or assistance with your Grant Round 2 application please contact Communities for Children Program Coordinator: mary.yaxley@aohtas.org.au or by telephone on: 6431 8555

Further support with your application is available through a briefing session being held on:

When: Monday 27th February 2023 @ 10:30 am

Where: Online via Microsoft Teams (link will be sent when you have registered)

Registration: Please email to register your place: catholiccare.burnie@aohtas.org.au

Can a service organisation submit more than one Grant Round 2 application?
Yes, if your service organisation has more than one distinct activity or program that meets the selection criteria, you can submit more than one Grant Round 2 application. If 2 or more applications are submitted, they should be for stand-alone projects – i.e., not two applications to receive funds to make one project viable.

Do successful Grant Round 2 recipients need to report on their funding?
Yes, all successful grant recipients will need to provide a funding financial report and a summary outcome report on a quarterly basis.

Our organisation has not previously used DEX. What support will be available to help with this?
Communities for Children staff will assist with the process of getting your organisation linked to DEX. Then your organisation with work directly with the DEX helpdesk to continue the process and assist with any troubleshooting.
Email: **dssdataexchange.helpdesk@dss.gov.au(link sends e-mail) or**
Phone: 1800 020 283 between 08.30am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday

How will we find out if we have been successful?
All applicants can expect to be notified of the outcome of their application by 22nd May, 2023.

Will Communities for Children fund an activity, or program that already exists in the Burnie Statistical Area?
Preference will be given to activities or programs that do not replicate current programs already operational in the Burnie Statistical Area. Activities or programs that complement or expand the capacity of existing programs will be considered.

What type of activities, or programs will be supported by Grant Round 2?
Eligible activities, or programs must fit within one (or more) of the grant focus areas below:

- DSS evidence-based parenting programs for children 0 – 12 years or families
- Physical activities for children 0 – 12 years or families
- Creative community arts projects for children 0 – 12 years or families
- Community health or nutritional activities for children 0 – 12 years or families
- Play events for whole of families with children 0 – 12 years
- Speech and Language support for children 0 – 12 years
- Oral Health support for children 0 – 12 years

Does my application have to fit within one of the focus areas?

Yes. This is a targeted grant round and submitted applications will need to ensure that their eligible activity, or program fits the grant focus areas.

Do I need to keep to the word limit?

Yes. All applicants have the same opportunity to make their case for funding. The Smarty Grants application has a word count requirement. Applications may have excess information removed or applications may not be accepted if unrequested attachments are provided.

Will late applications be accepted?
No. All applications must be electronically submitted through Smarty Grants by the designated closing date and time of: 4:00 pm Friday 31st March 2023. (Smarty Grants locks access after 4pm)

How many copies must I provide?

Applications will only be accepted electronically through the Smarty Grants system. As a result, you do not need to provide any hard copies.

Will there be an opportunity to update information after the closing date?
No

What are my chances of receiving funding?

We don't know until the applications have been received, but our experience is that organisations with a clear objective that matches the objectives outlined in the documentation and that have taken the time to test their idea by calling the Communities for Children team have generally been successful.

How do I know that my application will be assessed fairly and objectively?

The Communities for Children Committee must declare any conflicts of interest and excuse themselves from involvement in decision making if any occur. The panel will be provided guidance on how to score and rank applicants so that a standardised system is used.

Will my application be returned to me?

Applications are submitted electronically, and a copy will be emailed to you once you press the submit button.