

Community Facility Fund

Guidelines 2026-2027



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The Community Facility Fund assists incorporated not for profit organisations within the Shire of Murray to deliver well planned sport, recreation and community infrastructure projects that contribute to a vibrant, inclusive and healthy community.

Infrastructure means physical facilities and structures that are fixed and meet long term need.

Objectives

- Encourage and support well planned community driven infrastructure projects that align with Shire of Murray plans and objectives.
- Build the capacity of not-for-profit organisations to plan, fund and deliver local community infrastructure projects.

Funding Details

There is **one grant round per year** with a **maximum grant amount available of \$20,000** per community group or organisation in any given year.

Applicants may apply for up to 70% of the cost of eligible works (ex GST). The applicant contribution can consist of cash (sponsorship, grant funding from other government or non-government organisations, club reserves) or in-kind goods and services.

Clubs wanting to apply for the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS); Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) and require contribution from the Shire must apply for the Shire's Community Facility Fund.

Project Brief Submissions Open	Project Brief Submissions Close	Feedback to Applicants
1 July 2026	1 st Monday in August 2026	August 2026

Detailed Applications Open	Applications Close	Applicants notified of outcome
August 2026	30 September 2026	1 st week December 2026

Funding is available for:

- New buildings
- Building additions, improvements and major refurbishments
- Supporting infrastructure such as fixed shelters or storage sheds
- New sporting infrastructure such as fixed goals or cricket nets
- Forward planning, feasibility studies and needs analysis

Eligibility

Applicants **must**

- Be an incorporated not for profit organisation or auspice by one
- Hold current public liability insurance;
- Have no outstanding monies from any Shire of Murray funding program;
- Hire, lease, license or hold a management agreement over the facility or land which is owned or managed by the Shire of Murray
- Complete a Project Brief and discuss the project with a Shire Officer from the Community Development Team prior to applying.

Applications **will not** be considered if:

- The project is not on land owned or managed by the Shire of Murray
- Projects have been financially supported by the Shire of Murray via an alternative grant or other community contribution process for the same initiative in the same financial year
- The project is retrospective or has commenced before the grant outcome is known
- It is received after the closing date or
- It is not on the official application form or does not include all required supporting documentation.

Eligible Works and Items

The following are eligible for funding:

- Architectural design or drafting
- Engineering and certification
- Purchase and delivery of materials
- Labor
- Equipment hires

The following **are not** eligible for funding:

- Facilities for the express purpose of serving alcohol
- Infrastructure that is the responsibility of state government (e.g. schools)
- Recurrent or general maintenance and repair
- Costs related to the normal operations, administration or salaries of the organisation
- Equipment or appliances

Timeframes and Process

Community Facility Fund Opens	1 July 2026
Applicants submit a project brief before receiving CFF application	July 2026
Project brief submissions close	1st Monday in August 2026
Project briefs shared with appropriate Shire Officers for feedback and guidance	August 2026
Applicants provided feedback on project briefs and sent a Community Facility Fund application.	August 2026
Community Facility Fund applications close	30 September 2026
Applications are assessed by panel	October 2026
Applications presented to November Council Meeting	27 November 2026
Applicants are informed of the outcome	1st week in December 2026

Supporting Documentation

The following documents must be submitted in support of any application:

Quotes

- Two written quotes – total project cost is under \$20,000
- Three written quotes – total project cost is over \$20,000

Under the Shire of Murray's 'Buy Local Policy', quotes from local suppliers are encouraged where possible. If you are unable to provide the number of quotes requested above please contact the Community Development Team.

Project Budget

- Include the projects income and expenses excluding GST
- “In-kind” contribution is reflected as the dollar value or any goods or services sources for the project with no fee charged.
- Volunteer hours are to be calculated at \$25 per hour for unskilled work (e.g. laboring) and \$40 per hour for skilled work (e.g. electrician).

You will need to clarify in your application what the volunteers will be doing and how the hours were calculated. If your project is successful you will need to keep track of the volunteer hours completed.

Applicants must hold the appropriate volunteer insurances, and all volunteers must complete inductions and relevant training before completing any works and be adequately supervised while volunteering.

Additional Documents

- Drawings and specifications
- Site Plan
- Evidence of support from community groups/partners (e.g. letters of support)
- Written verification of other funding sources (e.g. other grants, sponsorship)
- Committee endorsement of project and budget
- Relevant strategic planning documents

Depending upon the nature, size and complexity of the project some of the above may not be require. If you are unsure please contact the Community Development Team.

Assessment Criteria

Applications are assessed by Shire Officers and then presented to Council for consideration and approval.

The below criteria should be read through thoroughly and used as a guide when answering the application questions.

Community Benefit – the extent to which the project will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing or economic development of the Murray community, address disadvantaged or low participation groups, and/or improve the availability of infrastructure to the community. *Priority will be given to infrastructure that can provide for a range of purposes and user groups, and are accessible to as much of the community as possible.

Project Justification – demonstration of what need the project will meet, how that need was determined, and how this option was the best way to do it.

Strategic Plan Alignment – how the project fits into the strategic plan of your organisation and/or the plan of your sporting or community governing body and the extent to which the project aligns with the Shire of Murray Plan for the Future (<https://www.murray.wa.gov.au/council-plan/plan-for-the-future.aspx>)

Community Support & Partnerships – demonstration of consultation and support from members and other community groups and evidence of any partnerships with other community organisations, businesses or funding bodies.

Governance and Project Management – demonstration of planning, budgeting and the capacity to manage the project.

Financial Capability – evidence of your organisation’s current financial status, ability to meet any unexpected project costs, as well as the ongoing costs for management and maintenance of the infrastructure.

Funding Conditions

1. Recipients will be required to enter into a formal agreement with the Shire of Murray committing to the terms and conditions as determined by the Shire of Murray, by which the funding is provided.
2. Funds will be processed on receipt of a valid invoice or tax invoice (dependant on applicant’s GST status) to the Shire of Murray following signing of formal funding agreement.
3. Formal approvals may be required from the Shire of Murray’s Planning, Building, Health or Governance Teams or from State Government Agencies.
4. Recipients are required to acknowledge Shire of Murray’s support and contribution in promotional material, media released or other public documents relating to the project.
5. Acquittal documentation is to be submitted within 60 days of completion of the project and will include copies of receipts confirming the total cost of the infrastructure.
6. Successful applications must be completed and acquitted within twelve (12) months of notification.

The Shire of Murray reserves the right to part-fund, defer or seek additional information relating to an application or to impose relevant conditions of funding to ensure the integrity of the project.

How to Apply

Applications can be submitted in the following manner:

Post	In Person	Email
Community Facility Fund Shire of Murray PO Box 21 PINJARRA WA 6208	Shire Administration Office 1915 Pinjarra Road PINJARRA WA 6208	mailbag@murray.wa.gov.au

