



Community Financial Assistance Program

Community Sponsorship 2021-22

Individuals, and not-for-profit sporting or community groups/businesses can apply for funds for activities that support vibrant community outcomes for people in Baw Baw Shire.

Encouraging positive community and social outcomes in Baw Baw

Baw Baw Shire Council's Community Sponsorship aims to encourage individuals, not-for-profit sporting groups or community groups/businesses in leading communities towards positive social and community outcomes.

Community connectedness and inclusion are priorities. Connected people and communities are happier, safer and more resilient.

Community Sponsorship is a stream of Council's Community Financial Assistance Program that has invested over \$630,000 in 2018/19.



Eligibility

All applications must primarily focus on community and social outcomes.
Ambassador: Individuals who are residents of Baw Baw can apply.

Ambassador: Groups/teams that are based in Baw Baw can apply.

Community events: not-for-profit groups/businesses can apply.

These applicants are not eligible:

- Government and education bodies.
- Private businesses.
- Applicants who have already received a sponsorship in the same financial year.

What's involved?

Apply online: Council uses *SmartyGrants* to help us work with communities and track your application. You may need to upload documents for evidence of residential address, letters of support or other things. We prefer PDF files.

Assessment: A panel of officers meet to assess each application and recommend funding. Applicants are notified of the decision and is given instructions on what needs to be done to receive payment.

Receiving and giving funds: The applicant may need to provide a tax invoice for payment. Ambassador applications may not need to do this. You will be provided with information about what to do.

Council's terms of payment are up to 30 days.

Reporting back: You will have responsibilities to tell Council about your activities. Council officers are interested to work creatively with you to tell your story in engaging and fun ways and will consider audio-visual and photographic story-telling and written formats. We use *SmartyGrants* for this step.

When can I apply?

Three rounds will be opened in July 2021, November, 2021 and March 2022.

How can I apply?

Visit Council's website for more information www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au

Apply online via *SmartyGrants* <https://bawbawshire.smartygrants.com.au/>

Contact us

We're here to help! For more information please contact the Strategic and Community Planning team on 5624 2411 or by email at grants@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au