



# Community Grants Program

## Auspice Arrangements

At Baw Baw Shire Council, project proposals can be supported for projects benefiting community groups who may not meet eligibility criteria under some circumstances.

Community groups that are not incorporated or do not hold adequate public liability insurance (auspicee) can partner with an eligible organisation to auspice their project (an auspice organisation).

To 'auspice' means to provide support, sponsorship, or guidance. The group requiring support is known as the 'auspicee' and the eligible organisation that auspices the group or individual is known as the 'auspisor'. When using an auspice arrangement, the relationship is often described as one where the auspicee will be carrying out the project 'under the auspices of' the eligible organisation – the auspisor. The auspisor receives funding or enters into relevant agreements for the auspicee.

At Baw Baw Shire Council, where an Auspice arrangement is proposed, the Community Grant application must be made by the Auspisor.

The Auspisor must meet the eligibility requirements for the grants program.

Auspice arrangements must be in place before submitting your grant application. A form must be completed by the auspicee, available from Baw Baw Shire Council's website.

It is the responsibility of parties involved in these proposals that they set up suitable arrangements that support project delivery and resource provision. This may include establishing formal agreements that outline the roles and responsibilities, insurance requirements and provisions and financial commitments involved in the project.

The funding agreement will be between Baw Baw Shire Council and the auspice organisation, and the funds will be transferred directly to the auspice organisation for their management and oversight of project delivery.

The auspicee is responsible for delivering the project in partnership with the auspice organisation. Ultimately, if the project fails to meet the terms and conditions of the funding agreement or the project is delivered inappropriately, the auspice organisation is financially and legally responsible and liable.

Community organisations can have one open grant application or project at any one time. In addition, a community organisation could have one open application or project in partnership with another organisation for whom they are acting as an auspice.

For more information on Auspicing, visit [Non-Profit Law](#) Auspice Arrangements September 2020 Council will enter into a Funding Agreement with the Applicant (the Auspisor) and accept grant applications only from the Auspisor.

Contact us – We're here to help! For more information, please contact Council's Social and Community Planning team on 1300 229 229 or by email at [grants@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:grants@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)



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