

Seniors Festival Grants Program

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Guidelines and Criteria for Funding

Indigo Seniors Festival Grants Program The Indigo Seniors Festival is a celebration of Indigo Shire Council's residents aged over 55 and recognises the valuable contribution they make to our community. This community driven festival is run in conjunction with the Victorian Seniors Festival and will begin on 01 October 2026, with a month of free and low-cost activities across the Indigo Shire.

Indigo Shire Council received funding received from Victorian Seniors Festival, State Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH), to support local community led initiatives to be held during October 2026. Small grants of up to \$500 are available to assist groups and organisations with nominal expenses to run an event or activity for the Indigo Seniors Festival 2026.

Guiding Principles Indigo Shire Council is committed to working in partnership with local clubs, community groups, committees and service providers to deliver place-based projects that consider:

- Access and inclusion;
- Child safety;
- Gender equity;
- Cultural awareness

This practice ensures the broad engagement, participation, enjoyment, and safety of community members in the program. It is also in line with the principles of the Victorian Seniors Festival who are committed to celebrating the experience and knowledge **all** older people bring to the Victorian community and reach a broader and greater number of seniors.

To provide a more inclusive, accessible and safe Festival for everyone, the DFFH is looking to increase events and participation in Festival activity for the following key priority groups:

- First Nations elders
- LGBTI+ seniors
- seniors with disability
- seniors from multicultural and/or multi-faith backgrounds
- veterans
- vulnerable men.

More information: [Intersectionality Guide for Seniors Festival](#) **Program Objectives**

- Recognise and celebrate community members aged 55 and over living within the Indigo Shire.
- Promote community participation, active living, social inclusion, and community connections.
- Support community groups to provide events and activities for community members aged 55 and over by providing funding is to assist with nominal expenses.
- Respond to actions in the Indigo Shire Council Plan and Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan.

Who Can Apply? Any community organisation, group or club operating in Indigo Shire who intend to hold an activity catering primarily to the benefit of older people from 01 - 31 October 2026.

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Only one funding request will be eligible per organisation, group or club.

What eligibility criteria do clubs, groups or organisations need to meet?

- Be not-for-profit.
- Be non-government and non-political.
- Conduct activity within the Indigo Shire.
- Have public liability insurance.

What eligibility criteria do activities or events need to meet?

- Be primarily for people 55 years of age and over and inclusive of all ages and abilities.
- Be open to the public to attend.
- Not constitute a regular activity for your group.
- Be free or low-cost.
- Address at least one of the points made above under Program Objectives.
- Be held within the Indigo Shire Council municipality.

What type of activities or events will be considered? The Indigo Shire Seniors Festival will include events and activities that showcase positive and active ageing. Such as social; sporting; education; cultural; multicultural; and intergenerational events. Your funding request supports the delivery of an event or activity. Minor equipment purchases that supports the event or activity are eligible.

Some ideas for events and activities include:

- morning teas
- exhibitions
- fitness sessions
- information sessions or talks
- literary events and activities
- nature walks

Events or activities that won't be funded:

- Activities conducted outside of festival dates (01-31 October 2026).
- Applications from commercial or private organisations.
- Applications from educational institutions.
- Activities that are only available to existing club members.
- Activities that are part of an organisations' core business or normal operating expenses.

How much can we apply for? Applicants can apply for up to \$500 to support running an event or activity that meets the selection criteria. Please note, a limited number of small grants are available, and you may not necessarily receive the full amount for which you have applied.

Assessments of Grants The applications will be reviewed for eligibility by the Community Development Officer. Eligible applications will be assessed on the Criteria by a panel of three people.

Activity or Event Holder Agreement Details of the Activity or Event Holder Agreement are contained in this application. Signing the Activity or Event Holder Agreement is part of the application process however does not ensure your application will be fully funded.

Successful Applicants Indigo Shire Council will endeavour to accommodate as many events as possible, but due to community spread of events, type of events and other factors for consideration, it may not be possible to guarantee inclusion of all funding applications.

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Successful applicants will be notified by **Monday 17 August**. Please note that decisions will be final.

Payment Indigo Shire Council will transfer grant funding electronically into a nominated Australian Bank Account. After notification, successful applicants will receive payment within 1-4 weeks, and remittance advice will be emailed to you.

Acquittal Successful applicants will be required to submit by email a brief summary of the event and attendance numbers by Friday 6 November 2026. Pictures are always welcome!

Important Application Dates

Applications Open

Wednesday 1 July

Applications Close

Monday 3 August

Applicants Notified

Monday 17 August

Payments

Friday 28 August

Acquittal/Event Summary submitted

Friday 6 November 2026

Other Important Information Activity or Event Holders are encouraged to register their activities or events for inclusion in the Indigo Seniors Festival Guide. Unless advised otherwise, the Community Development Officer will use the information from the application form to populate the guide. If you would like to provide additional information please contact Kate using the details below.

Contact Us For more information regarding the Indigo Seniors Festival Grants Program, including discussing your project idea, requesting help with your online application or how to consider and incorporate the guiding principles please contact Indigo Shire Council Community Development Officer via the details below:

Community Development Officer

Kate O'Toole

kate.otoole@indigoshire.vic.gov.au

0428 662 412

Organisation Details

* indicates a required field

Group or organisation Details

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Name of Organisation *

Postal Address

Address

Website

Must be a URL

Authorised Representatives Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

(Chair, Head of Org etc)

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

Must be an email address

Contact for Application

Contact Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Position held *

Contact Email *

Must be an email address

Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number

Public Liability Insurance

All applications require Public Liability Insurance. Your application will be ineligible if you do not have Public liability Insurance. Does your group or organisation have Public Liability Insurance? *

Yes No

Activity or Event Details

* indicates a required field

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Title of Activity or Event
*

Date of Activity or Event
*

Time of Activity or Event
*

Venue of Activity or Event
*

**Activity or Event
Organiser Contact Email**

Must be an email address.

**Activity or Event
Organiser Contact Phone
Number**

Must be an Australian phone number.

**Activity or Event
Ticketing Website**

Must be a URL.

Are bookings required?

Yes No

Brief description of your activity or event (e.g. What will happen at your event? What might attendees get out of attending? Will there be catering? What access considerations have been made?): *

Must be no more than 200 words.

Does your activity or event increase events and participation in Festival activity for the following key priority groups: First Nations elders, LGBTI + seniors, seniors with disability, seniors from multicultural and/or multi-faith background, veterans and/or vulnerable men.

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

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Anything else you would like to add?

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Funding Request

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Funding request (all figures are GST exclusive)

Please provide details of your funding request and how you intend to spend the funds. Please don't add commas to figures, eg. write \$500 not as \$500.00

Amount of funding request *

\$

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 500.

How will you spend the funds? *

Banking Details

* indicates a required field

Bank Account Details Form completed (required documentation)

Email address for remittance advice: *

Must be an email address.

Bank Account (EFT Payment Details) *

Account Name

BSB Number

Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

Bank Name *

Application Authorisation

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Activity or Event Holder Agreement

Indigo Shire Council is delighted that you would like your event or activity to be considered for the 2026 Indigo Seniors Festival which takes place from Thursday 1 to Saturday 31 October. This agreement confirms the support that Indigo Shire Council will provide, as well as the tasks you will need to commit to:

You the organiser will:

- Plan and organise the activity or event.
- Register your activity or event for inclusion in the Indigo Seniors Festival Guide.
- Cover your event financial costs.
- Take bookings and enquiries for the event/s.
- Promote your events.
- Ensure that the event/s and venue is risk assessed.
- Provide Indigo Shire council with an event summary by no later than Friday 6 November.

Indigo Shire Council will:

- Promote your event widely
- Attend your event where possible
- The Community Development Officer will provide advice on publicity and other guidance where necessary, will assist with risk assessments and registration of activities if requested.

Declaration and Privacy Statement

I certify that all details supplied in this application and in any attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the application has been submitted with the full knowledge and agreement of the management of my organisation/group. The submission is true and correct and discloses a full and accurate statement of the applicant organisation's income and expenditure.

I have read the accompanying guidelines for applicants provided with this application form.

I agree that I will contact the Indigo Shire Council immediately if any information provided in this application changes or is incorrect.

The Indigo Shire Council respects all personal and confidential information received and will do everything possible to protect information from unauthorised access, loss or misuse. Information collected from you is required for the delivery of the Council's Grant Program.

If successful in gaining funding I agree to abide by the Indigo Shire Council's grant regulations, including project evaluation and grant acquittal completion.

I understand that the information above will be used in accordance with relevant legislation and declare that this information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I am authorised to complete this application and have read and understood the

Yes

No

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declaration and privacy statement *

I agree to the conditions of the Activity or Event Holder Agreement

Yes

No

Authorised Person's Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Position held *

Date of declaration *