



# Covid-19 Rapid Response Fund Grant Guidelines

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*The Inner North Community Foundation acknowledges the traditional owners of the land where we work, live, study and volunteer, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and give thanks to other first nations people in our community, especially Elders.*

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The Inner North Covid-19 Fund has been established by Inner North Community Foundation in partnership with Moreland City Council, Darebin City Council and other generous donors. It aims to support local community organisations and their work in the current pandemic period.

People can find out more about the fund and make a donation at [www.innernorthfoundation.org.au/covid](http://www.innernorthfoundation.org.au/covid)

Due to the evolving impacts of Covid-19 on our community's most vulnerable, the Foundation aims to respond flexibly. As a result, Grant Guidelines may be changed from time to time. Prior to applying please ensure you have the most recent version of Covid-19 Rapid Response Fund Grant Guidelines which can be found on the 'Apply for Funding' section of the [website](#).

## Program purpose

The Covid-19 Rapid Response Fund grant program will provide up to \$1,500 for projects that directly respond to the impacts of Covid-19. All applicant organisations must be open and inclusive, actively engaged in community activity, and be significantly comprised of people who live, work, volunteer or study in Darebin, Moreland and Yarra.

We will fund community projects that:

- Deliver, practical, creative and innovative solutions to emerging challenges in the community
- Are charitable activities that provide whole-of-community benefit
- Are feasible and ready to begin quickly
- Strengthen the diverse communities of Melbourne's Inner North.

## Target activity for funding

Grants up to \$1,500 are available to support projects responding to Covid-19, which assist people in Darebin, Moreland and Yarra. Priority will be given to projects which may demonstrate:

1. **Building Community Resilience** (e.g.: projects that facilitate community connectedness, support and develop volunteer community groups, and community preparedness to respond to the impacts of Covid-19).
2. **Developing Organisational Resilience and Capacity** (e.g.: projects that strengthen local not-for profit organisations' operational infrastructure, upgrading of equipment to improve service delivery,).
3. **Fostering Cultural Vibrancy** (e.g.: projects that celebrate, preserve and promote local culture and identity, creative projects that foster the arts, and support for local artists and the arts community).

## Eligibility for funding

Applicants must be organisations that:

- Are located in the municipalities of Darebin, Moreland or Yarra and the majority of beneficiaries live in those areas.
- Are not-for-profit or community-based organisations that are:
  - endorsed as a Charitable Institution by the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission (ACNC)

- o or organisations registered under the Associations Incorporation Act undertaking charitable activities in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Have proven capacity and relevant public liability insurances
- Are categorised by the ACNC as small or medium organisations (i.e. annual turnover less than \$1M) with reporting publicly available. Large organisations may be considered if funding directly benefits vulnerable people in Darebin, Moreland or Yarra.

## What will not be funded

Funding is not available for:

- Projects that take place outside of Darebin, Moreland, or Yarra
- Recurrent operational and administration costs.
- Individuals, 'for profit' organisations, sports clubs, government bodies, political parties or their candidates
- Personal expenses (such as living, educational etc)
- Projects that are not consistent with Local, State or Commonwealth laws, including the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 1995
- Completed projects, capital works, assets (other than minor equipment) and repayment of outstanding loans or debts.
- Major institutions (government agencies, universities, hospitals)
- Duplication of an existing private or public program.

## How to apply

We encourage interested organisations to discuss their project idea with Bianca Maciel Pizzorno on 0478 174 116 or before applying to ensure eligibility. Follow these three steps to apply:

1. Read these guidelines.
2. If you have any queries or require other support, please submit an enquiry online at [https://innernorthcommunityfoundation.formstack.com/forms/covid\\_grants\\_enquiry\\_form](https://innernorthcommunityfoundation.formstack.com/forms/covid_grants_enquiry_form).
3. Submit an application form at [www.innernorthfoundation.org.au/grants](http://www.innernorthfoundation.org.au/grants).

Applications are received on an ongoing basis. We will acknowledge receipt of your application by email. If you do not receive an email confirmation by, please contact us.