



Inner North Action Grants

2022 Grant Guidelines

The Inner North Community Foundation acknowledges the traditional custodians 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, present and emerging, and give thanks to other first nations people in our community, especially Elders.

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Grant Guidelines may be changed from time to time. Prior to applying please ensure you have the most recent version of Inner North Action Grant Guidelines which can be found on the 'Apply for Funding' section of the [website](#).

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The Inner North Action Grants are the final step in the Inner North Report and Community Panel, that seeks to respond to identified community priorities for investment and change.

The Inner North Report – 2021 was the first step in a program designed to bring about change for our community in the direction wanted by the community and implemented by our community. It looked at “Who we are” and used recognized and reliable statistics to present a picture of the Inner North. It shows some of the great things about living, working and playing here but does not shy away from showing some of the things which could be better.

The second step was to identify how people want their community to develop and improve. It used an innovative approach to identify the issues people are discussing, their observations, their concerns and the things they think are great in the area where they live. This process generated many issues which were sorted into priority order for action and change which are detailed in the Inner North Report 2022 – Who We Want to Be.

These reports do not try to present a complete picture. The real answer to who we are and who we want to be does not come from statistics or surveys, it comes from conversations. Conversations among people with different perspectives, different vantage points, different understandings.

What is this funding for?

This is the third stage of our programme and it seeks to fund action on the top priorities set by the community. Priority will be given to applications which:

- Propose local approaches to addressing these priorities
- Want to undertake a feasibility assessment of a new idea which addresses these priorities.
- Want to work in new partnerships to strengthen people's contribution to areas of local life

Grants are available to support projects that respond to the identified areas of focus in Darebin, Moreland and Yarra, and:

- Respond to the Inner North Report priority action areas
- Involve new, deeper, or unusual partnerships between business, government, community groups and local people in the development and implementation of the project
- Demonstrate evidence of the need for the initiative and clearly explain the impact the work aims to achieve
- Involve contributions from volunteers, businesses, government and others
- Have a strong geographic focus on any or all of Darebin, Moreland and Yarra

Eligibility for funding

Applicants must be organisations that:

- Are located in the municipalities of Darebin, Moreland or Yarra and primarily serve those communities or are organisations which have strong links to communities within the three municipalities.
- Are not-for-profit organisations endorsed as a Charitable Institution, Public Benevolent Institution, or Health Promotion Charity by the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission. Lead organisations are not required to have Deductible Gift Recipient status.

What will not be funded

Generally speaking, funding is not available for:

- Projects that do not respond to the Inner North Report and identified action priorities
- Projects that will take place outside of Darebin, Moreland or Yarra
- Individuals, private for profit organisations, sports clubs, government bodies, political parties or their candidates
- Capital works (such as buildings and cars) and conferences
- Personal expenses (such as living, educational, travel expenses etc)
- Funding for projects that have already been completed

How to apply

We encourage interested organisations to discuss their project idea with Ben Rodgers, EO on 0415 731 134 before applying to make sure it is eligible.

Follow these three steps to apply:

1. Read these Granting Guidelines in detail.
2. Register your organisation with our grants management software using this link:
<https://www.grantinterface.com.au/Home/Logon?urlkey=incf>
3. Once your organisation profile is complete, please fill in the application process titled “Inner North Action Grants Program 2022” and submit **by close of business on 6 May 2022**
4. Below are step by step guides on how to apply for funds using our grants management software, Foundant:
 - [Written Tutorial](#)
 - [Video Tutorial 1: Site Access & Account Creation](#)
 - [Video Tutorial 2: Applying for Funding](#)
 - [Video Tutorial 3: Your Applicant Dashboard](#)
 - [Apply for a Grant - Applicant Overview Video](#) - This video covers the content above in an overview format.

Please contact Bianca Maciel Pizzorno, Grants Manager, on 0478 174 116

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Note: We aim to notify applicants successful or otherwise by 15 June 2022

Who we are

This project has been initiated by a group of local organisations, with a view to create a better community in the long term based on understanding the issues which affect the quality of life in the North. It is conducted under the direction of a volunteer steering committee, as an Inner North Community Foundation initiative.

The Inner North Community Foundation (the Foundation) is a unique model of social investment and partnership. In the early 1980s, the predecessor Local Government Authorities of Moreland, Darebin and Yarra established a not-for-profit training group, now known as IntoWork Australia, to deliver greater employment and economic opportunities across the inner northern region of Melbourne. In 2007 IntoWork established the Inner North Community Foundation in perpetuity, with a financial commitment of \$5m as well as providing operating costs.

The Foundation's mission is to increase economic participation, strengthen people's networks, and promote social inclusion through partnerships and philanthropy. It achieves this by:

- Funding community projects that support local community members to develop the work and life skills necessary to gain access to employment;
- Expanding community leadership through partnerships which increase the effectiveness of philanthropic outcomes for our community;
- Growing philanthropy through linking donors and grantees.

Since starting, the Foundation has granted over \$4.5 million in the LGAs of Yarra, Darebin and Moreland. From Fitzroy to Fawkner, Richmond to Reservoir, and Brunswick to Bundoora, we've given grants across 30 different suburbs to more than 180 organisations running innovative and creative programs for local people facing disadvantage.