



This document outlines how Meander Valley Council will assess applications for Community Grants.

We take a grounded and practical approach, ensuring projects reflect the needs and aspirations of our community. Grants are awarded to initiatives that enrich our Valley—whether by strengthening connections, supporting local organisations, or enhancing the places we call home.

Before applying, please read this document carefully. Your application must meet all specified requirements to be considered. This document outlines the application and assessment approach that the Meander Valley Council will apply to determine allocation of Individual Sponsorship.

Your application must be in line with the information provided in this document.

What is Individual Sponsorship?

- This sponsorship provides financial support to a resident of Meander Valley who is representing Tasmania at a national level or Australia at an international level.
- The applicant can be representative in a range of fields such as sport, community service, art, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and or natural and cultural heritage activities.

When can I apply?

- Applicants can apply all year round.
- Applications must be completed on Council's Individual Sponsorship form, which can be completed online or downloaded from Council's website.
- When applications are submitted they will be assessed and funding decisions will be based on eligibility at the sole discretion of Council.

How much can I apply for?

- Individuals representing Tasmania may apply for a maximum sponsorship of \$300.
- Individuals representing Australia may apply for a maximum sponsorship of \$600.
- Applicants may only apply for one sponsorship per financial year.
- The amount awarded will be at the sole discretion of Council and be subject to sufficient funds within the community grants and sponsorship fund budget.

When will the sponsorship be paid?

- Once the successful applicant supplies the relevant documentation as requested by Council.
- Successful applicants will be informed within 10 working days of their application being submitted. Applicants will be paid as they are approved.
- Sponsorships will be paid directly into the applicant's nominated bank account.

Who is eligible for Individual Sponsorship?

To be considered for Individual Sponsorship you must demonstrate that:

- You reside in the Meander Valley local government area;
- You have been selected to represent Tasmania at a national level or Australia at an international level in one of the following areas: sport, community service, art, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and or natural and cultural heritage.

Do I have to acknowledge the Individual Sponsorship?

• Successful applicants are required to acknowledge the Council's Individual Sponsorship in any relevant event speech or media release and through use of any promotional material provided to them.

How are applications assessed?

- All necessary supportive documentation must be emailed or attached to your application form for it to be considered.
- Eligibility does not automatically mean a sponsorship will be approved.
- Applications will be assessed at the sole discretion of Council and their staff.
- The decisions of Council will be final and not subject to review or appeal.
- Applicants will be notified by email of the outcome of their application.
- Applications should provide as much detail as possible including supporting evidence to support their request.

Notification of unsuccessful applications

Unsuccessful applications will be notified by email within 10 working days of their application being submitted.

Where do I lodge my application?

Applications can be submitted:

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- Online via the Meander Valley Council website at www.meander.tas.gov.au/grants-funding
- By email to community@mvc.tas.gov.au
- By mail to Attn: Community Wellbeing Team, PO Box 102, Westbury Tasmania 7303

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact Council on 6393 5300.

Confidentiality

The Council may use and disclose the information provided by applicants for assessing applications under the program guidelines and decisions on successful applicants. Council is also required to report the name and dollar value of successful grant applications.

Governance

As part of the Council's governance process, the Council may publicise the level of financial assistance and the identity of the business recipient from the grant program.

Right to Information

Information provided to the Council may be subject to disclosure in accordance with the Right to Information Act (2009).

Personal Information Protection

Personal information will be managed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act (2004) and the Council's Personal Information Protection Policy. This information may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates, on request to the Council.

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