

## Volunteer grant

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In support of the Mareeba Shire community, Council assists community organisations with finding grants and preparing applications. Information about a range of grant programs is available on Council's website: <https://msc.qld.gov.au/grants-&-sponsorship/>

If you would like assistance or to receive grant alerts, please contact Council.

Email: [communitydevelopment@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:communitydevelopment@msc.qld.gov.au) Phone: 1300 308 461

<b>Availability</b>	Opens 7 August 2018, Closes 2pm AEST Tues 18 September 2018
<b>Funding program</b>	Families and Communities Program - Volunteering Grants
<b>More information</b>	Phone: 1800 625 136 Email: <a href="mailto:grants@dss.gov.au">grants@dss.gov.au</a> Guidelines: <a href="https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/volunteer-grants-2018">https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/volunteer-grants-2018</a>
<b>Available \$</b>	\$1,000 - \$5,000
<b>Objectives of funding program</b>	To support volunteers who help disadvantaged Australian communities and encourage inclusion of vulnerable people in community life.
<b>Eligible organisations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporated Associations and Cooperatives, Partnerships, and Trustees on behalf of a Trust;</li> <li>Companies and Aboriginal Corporations;</li> <li>Community groups not legal entities can still receive volunteer grants, but application must be from Authorised Signatory (president, chairperson, secretary or treasurer) within community group; community group must operate independently with formal governing structure.</li> </ol>
<b>Priority activities</b>	Applications will be assessed on how strongly they meet one or more of these priorities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work with disadvantaged communities</li> <li>2. No. of people benefiting from the volunteering activity</li> <li>3. No. of volunteers directly using the items being bought</li> <li>4. Organisations/community groups with high numbers of volunteers; or more volunteers than paid staff; or smaller operating budgets; and</li> <li>5. A lower total cost for the requested items.</li> </ol>
<b>Examples - eligible activities and expenses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small equipment - defined as portable, tangible and bought to benefit volunteers</li> <li>• Fuel costs of volunteers in some circumstances</li> <li>• Transport costs of volunteers with a disability who are unable to drive</li> <li>• Training - preferably accredited training (formal qualification)</li> <li>• Background screening checks.</li> </ul>
<b>Examples - ineligible activities and expenses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insurance and utilities; Consumable items - food, stationary, cleaning products</li> <li>• Items that benefit the organisation but not the volunteer; Uniforms, badges, gym equipment.</li> </ul>

