

PITCH MUSIC & ARTS COMMUNITY GRANT

Program Outcomes & Grant Guidelines

Pitch Music and Arts Festival recognises how fortunate we are to hold our event in the Ararat Rural City Council Local Government Area (ARCC LGA). In appreciation we are proud to launch the annual Pitch Music & Arts Community Grant to endorse local initiatives that exhibit positive social impact by assisting the advancement and longevity of these activities.

Program Objectives

The Pitch Music & Arts Community Grant program objectives are to;

- Strengthen and leverage the capacity of local community groups, businesses and networks;
- Highlight and reward enterprises who exhibit diversity, accessibility and address the health and wellbeing of community members;
- Construct and/or upgrade facilities to provide long term improvements in social and economic viability of the local community;
- Elevate and foster volunteer run organisations;
- Promote educational programs and/or school initiatives through assisted funding;
- Support event and/or sporting-specific initiatives within the local community;
- Promote projects who address environmental concerns and aim to increase sustainable initiatives and strategic implementation of these in the local community;
- Support projects and businesses that are new and innovative, and address emerging needs within the ARCC LGA.
- Support projects and activities that have significant involvement in the festival
- Not-for-profit, humanitarian initiatives.

Funding Available

The funding pool for the Pitch Music & Arts Community Fund is for a total of **\$30,000** with grants available for successful applicants of up to **\$10,000**.

TIER 1: \$1,000 (x10 available)

TIER 2: \$5,000 (x2 available)

TIER 3: \$10,000 (x1 available)

Each applicant may only apply for **one of the three tiers**.

What the funding can be used for:

If successful, eligible expenditure must be consistent with the advised intended use. This will be gauged through your supplied budget and an acquittal process where you may be asked to verify project costs that were provided in your application.

What the funding can't be used for (exclusions):

- Primary business functions (i.e. rent, utilities, public liability insurance)
- Personal business interests
- Individuals

Applications

Each Tier of funding has a separate application. Each applicant may only apply once, in one of the tiers. They will not be able to apply to multiple tiers.

Tier 1 (\$1000) - *This application is the least complicated but still requires you to address the assessment criteria in short answers and submit supporting documentation including a budget and suppliers/services quotes.*

Tier 2 (\$5000) - *This application is more in depth and requires longer answers from the applicant that address the assessment criteria. It also requires a budget, supplier/services quotes and x3 additional supporting documents.*

Tier 3 (\$10,000) - *The most complicated application, this will require the applicant to provide various answers and examples of how their project addresses the assessment criteria. Alongside a budget and supplier/services quotes they are also required to submit a minimum of x5 additional supporting documents.*

Assessment Criteria

You must address all of the assessment criteria in your application. All criteria have various weighting:

- Project benefits - how the activity benefits the local community
- Project involvement with festival - how much participation this activity has within Pitch Music & Arts Festival
- Grantee viability - level of experience / how well the project is scoped to suit the funding

Project benefits (40%)

Key considerations for assessing the project benefits will include, but may not be limited to:

- The project alignment with the program objectives
- Information required to measure whether a project has contributed to the program outcome including;
 - level of community participation
 - level of economic activity

Project viability & sustainability (30%)

Key consideration for assessing the project viability and sustainability include the following:

- How well the activity has been scoped and costed by the applicant
- How well the applicant has assessed the delivery of the project through assisted funding
- How the applicant aims to maintain the project into the future

Project Involvement with Festival (30%)

Key consideration will be given to applicants who;

- Have direct involvement and/or contribute to the festival

As Pitch Music & Arts Festival takes place in the Moyston area, applicants whose activities are based in Moyston will be given greater weighting.

Supporting Documentation

Mandatory supporting documentation:

- Financials for the activity - please supply a comprehensive budget. Please ensure you itemise grant funding as part of this budget alongside any income and expenses.
- Quotes from suppliers/services to support where your funds will be going if successful

Additional supporting documentation - when asked to supply additional supporting documentation please refer to the list below for relevant document types:

- Photos / Video that support the intended grant activity (if submitting videos please submit a PDF with link/s to the public domains i.e. youtube or vimeo - do not send links to google drive or dropbox).
- Illustrations / CAD Plans / Maps / Diagrams etc... that support the intended grant activity if relevant
- Policies/Procedures/Manuals/MOU's detailing elements of the activity if relevant

Who can apply?

- Schools and/or Education Groups
- Sport Clubs
- Businesses within the ARCC LGA
- Inclusion/Accessibility Groups
- Other Community Groups or not-for-profits

All applicants MUST live within or conduct their activity within the ARCC LGA

Who can't apply?

- Any projects who fall outside the ARCC LGA area
- Individuals
- Businesses

How can I apply?

Please read the Grant Guidelines and Program Outcomes carefully before completing your application.

To apply, please click the following link: <https://tally.so/r/WORbLJ>

Application submission deadline

Applications must be submitted no later than **March 30, 2026**.

Application Outcomes

Successful applicants will be announced **April 30, 2026**.

Conditions of Receiving Grant upon successful application**Acknowledgment of Pitch Contribution**

A portion of the grant funding must be allocated towards a permanent acknowledgment, such as a plaque or engraving, mentioning Pitch Music & Arts contribution to the project or activity.

High-Quality Images and PR Opportunities

Recipients must agree to supply high-quality images documenting the project or activity.

Project/Activity Completion Deadline

The project or activity must be completed within the next financial year.