

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Ideas and opportunities for sporting clubs to become more inclusive and welcoming for all!

The City's Community Grants program can provide funding to support a number of different projects. All Community Grant applications must align with the priority areas of either the Greater Bendigo Community Plan 2021-2025 and/or Healthy Greater Bendigo 2021-2025.

Greater Bendigo Community Plan (Mir Wimbul) 2021-2025 priority areas:

- Lead and govern for all
- Healthy, liveable spaces and places
- Strong, inclusive and sustainable economy
- Aboriginal reconciliation
- A climate-resilient built and natural environment
- A vibrant, creative community
- A safe, welcoming and fair community

Healthy Greater Bendigo 2021-2025 priority areas:

- Healthy and Well
- Safe and Secure
- Able to Participate
- Connected to Culture and Community
- Liveable



Listed below are just some ideas that you may consider implementing to help to make your club more inclusive and welcoming. Listed alongside each set of the ideas are some relevant priority areas that may assist your club in your grant application.

Including and encouraging more women and girls to participate

Your club could be more inclusive of women and girls through:

- Social, modified come and try sessions
- Modified/additional equipment
- Toys, junior equipment or a playspace for children

Relevant Greater Bendigo Community Plan 2021-2025 priority areas:

- A safe, welcoming and fair community
 - A community that values gender equity and is free from violence against women

Relevant Healthy Greater Bendigo 2021-2025 priority areas:

- Able to Participate
 - Gender equity
- Healthy and Well
 - Increased physical activity



Improving the health and wellbeing of your club

Your club can support members to make healthier choices through:

- Cooking appliances to prepare healthier food options
- Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) training for volunteers
- Workshops to address a specific health concern faced at the club, i.e., mental health

Relevant Greater Bendigo Community Plan 2021-2025 priority areas:

- Healthy, liveable spaces and places
 - Strengthened community health and wellbeing
 - A healthy, equitable and sustainable food system

Relevant Healthy Greater Bendigo 2021-2025 priority areas:

- Healthy and Well
 - Healthy eating
 - Mental Wellbeing
 - Harm from alcohol, tobacco, gambling, other drugs

Including people with a disability

Your club can be more inclusive of people with a disability through:

- Modified equipment
- Come and try sessions, suitable to those of all-abilities
- Provision of easy-read resources, such as policies or instructions
- Inclusive Coaching courses/training

Relevant Greater Bendigo Community Plan 2021-2025 priority areas:

- A safe, welcoming and fair community
 - A community that values and engages with people of all ages, abilities, genders and sexualities

Relevant Healthy Greater Bendigo 2021-2025 priority areas:

- Access to Culture and Community
 - Access and inclusion for people who have a disability
- Healthy and Well
 - Increased physical activity



Encouraging more cultural diversity

Your club can become more culturally inclusive through:

- Social and fun come and try sessions
- Translated materials; signage, registration forms, policies etc.
- Culturally-appropriate uniforms

Relevant **Greater Bendigo Community Plan 2021-2025** priority areas:

- A safe, welcoming and fair community
 - A welcoming community that understands and respects cultural and religious differences and supports multiculturalism

Relevant **Healthy Greater Bendigo 2021-2025** priority areas:

- Connection to Cultural and Community
 - Access and inclusion for people who are culturally diverse
 - Aboriginal reconciliation



Supporting your volunteers

Your club can support volunteers through:

- Volunteer training; first aid, Sports Trainer, RSA, etc.
- Strategic Planning
- New, safer, or more technologically advanced equipment to undertake volunteer roles

Relevant **Greater Bendigo Community Plan 2021-2025** priority areas:

- A safe, welcoming and fair community
 - Greater Bendigo Community Volunteering Strategy

Relevant **Healthy Greater Bendigo 2021-2025** priority areas:

- Able to participate
 - Educational attainment
 - Health, financial and digital literacy



Becoming more technology savvy

Your club can stay on top of technological advances through:

- Electronic devices for patrons to check-in
- Software programmes such as financial planning
- Technology training for volunteers

Relevant **Greater Bendigo Community Plan 2021-2025** priority areas:

- Lead and govern for all
 - Commitment to innovation, systems improvement and learning

Relevant **Healthy Greater Bendigo 2021-2025** priority areas:

- Able to participate
 - Health, financial and digital literacy