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Other Languages - Translation & Interpreting Service

Free phone interpreting service

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on **131 450** and ask them to telephone the City of Greater Geelong on 03 5272 5272. Our business hours are 8.30am-5.00pm.

National Relay Service (NRS)

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment and you wish to call a staff member, you can do so through the National Relay Service (NRS) and ask for 03 5272 5272 who can connect you with the grants team.

- TTY users can phone 13 36 77
- Speak & Listen (speech-to-speech) users can phone 1300 555 727
- SMS relay users can message 0423 677 767

Note: Area code must be included for each call.

For a full list of NRS call numbers, visit [National Relay Service call numbers](#).

How to complete your application

1. Read the [grant guidelines](#) Clean Economy Grants to understand the objectives of this grant.
2. Ensure that all required supporting documentation is available to upload where needed. See the list below for specific items.
3. We recommend saving your progress every 10-15 minutes. If your computer is inactive for 20 minutes, your session will time out.
4. Questions often come with helpful tips or explanations, so make sure to read them.
5. Use the word count, where applicable, to help determine how much detail to include.

Document Checklist

Before starting your application, refer to the checklist below to gather any necessary document you may need. Not all items will be relevant to every application.

- Certificate of incorporation, if incorporated
- Auspice agreement letter (if your organisation is not incorporated)
- Australian Business Number (ABN)

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- [Statement by Supplier form](#) (if you don't have an ABN)
- Bank account details (account name, BSB and account number) which must match the applicant's name and ABN details (if you have an ABN)
- Redacted bank statement (see bank details section for further information on requirements of a redacted bank statement)
- Letters of support from project partners and/or stakeholders
- Copies of required permits or approvals
- Evidence of venue booking enquiry
- A budget showing all income, expense and how the grant funds will be used.
- Evidence for expenses to be funded by the grant. Evidence we will accept includes:
 - supplier or contractor quotes with the supplier's business name, ABN/ACN and contact details.
 - screenshots from online stores with the item description, price and supplier's business name.
- A letter explaining any staff wage costs. The letter must outline the role, the additional work required to deliver the project, and why this work cannot be delivered using existing resources.
- Examples of similar projects the applicant has delivered over the last three years

Discussing your project

You must discuss your project/activity idea prior to completing this form with a City Officer, by phone 5272 5560 or email communitygrants@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

If you discussed your idea with a grants officer, who did you speak to? *

- Matthew Stojanovic (Investment & Economy Unit)
- Ana Didulica (Grants)
- Simone Budd (Grants)
- Other:

Are you eligible to apply?

* indicates a required field

The following questions ensure that you are eligible to apply for this grant. If you are uncertain please contact the Grants Team on 5272 5560.

When we say "you," we are referring to the organisation you are applying on behalf of—not you as an individual.

You meet the applicant eligibility requirements outlined in the 'Who is eligible to apply' section of the guidelines *

- Yes
- No
- Other:

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You meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the 'What you can apply for' section of the guidelines *

- Yes
 No
 Other:

You have met the acquittal conditions of any previous funding from the City? *

- Yes
 No (a funded activity is still in progress)
 Not applicable (no previous funding)
 Other:

You do not have an outstanding debt or arrears to the City of Greater Geelong? *

- Yes
 No

If yes, please provide detail

You are not involved in legal proceedings relating to winding up its operations, or experiencing insolvency or bankruptcy (this includes any legal bankruptcy-related actions against the organisation's directors or officers) *

- Yes
 No

Local procurement - Is your company [tick all that are relevant] *

- based in Greater Geelong
 intend to work with suppliers located in Greater Geelong to deliver the project
 none of the above

To be eligible to apply for this grant you must be at least one of the following:

- based in Greater Geelong
- intend to work with suppliers located in Greater Geelong to deliver the project

You have chosen 'none of the above' and are therefore not eligible to apply for this grant.

Applicant & Contact Details

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Applicant Details

Name of Applicant - legal entity name (organisation/business/sole trader) *

Organisation Name

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Trading or Business Name (if applicable or different to applicant name)

Primary (Physical) Address *

Address

Must be an Australian post code

Postal Address (if different from above)

Address

If entering a PO Box, please enter manually by clicking on the words 'can't find your address?'

Rates Notice Number (for properties in the City of Greater Geelong held in the Legal entity name)

Wards

Please select the electoral ward where your organisation is located (not the project/activity location). We collect this information to keep your local Councillor informed about community activity in their area.

If you are unsure, please click [here](#)

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- Barrabool Hills
- Charlemont
- Cheetham
- Connewaree
- Corio
- Deakin
- Hamlyn Heights
- Kardinia
- Leopold
- Murradoc
- You Yangs
- Other:

Applicant Contact Person

Note: This is the person that the City will contact, if required, in regards to this application.

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Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Position held in organisation *

Mobile Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Contact phone number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Organisation Type

To apply for this grant, the entity must be: • based in Greater Geelong • intend to work with suppliers located in Greater Geelong to deliver the project

and one of the following:

What type of organisation are you? *

- Incorporated Association (not-for-profit)
- Registered charitable organisation
- Higher education institution
- Business
- Individuals operating as sole traders (with an active ABN).
- Other:

Incorporation Number

What is your incorporation number? *

Attach your certificate of incorporation or other evidence of your legal status *

Attach a file:

ABN details

Does your organisation have an ABN? *

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- Yes
- No (we will submit a statement by supplier form)

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

If you do not have an ABN

Please submit a completed ATO Statement by a Supplier Form with your application, otherwise 46.5% of any approved grant may be withheld. Download the form from: [Statement by a supplier \(ato.gov.au\)](#)

Please upload completed Statement by a Supplier Form *

Attach a file:

Insurance

If your application is successful, you must arrange public liability insurance (PLI) to cover the activity detailed in your application and submit your PLI certificate of currency with your funding agreement.

I agree that if our application is successful, we must hold the appropriate insurance to cover the approved activity. *

- Yes

Payment Information

If your application is successful, grant funding will be paid by EFT to the bank account you provide.

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To receive payment, the following details must match:

- Applicant name listed in this application
- ABN registration name (if applicable)
- Bank account name

We cannot process grant payments where these details are inconsistent.

Bank account details are requested for the purpose of prompt payment to successful grant recipients.

Bank Account *

Account Name

BSB Number Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

Redacted Bank Statement

Please upload the first page of your bank statement showing your account name, BSB and account number.

Your account name must match the applicant name and ABN registration name (if applicable).

You **do not** need to show transaction details or account balances. This information may be hidden before submission.

To view a sample redacted bank statement [click here](#)

Attach redacted bank statement *

Attach a file:

Project Support

The City's Business & Industry Experience team offers a range of support for businesses in Geelong. What level of business support do you need from us? Tick all that are relevant:

- Small scale grants
- Investment readiness advice and support to find and write applications for larger scale grants
- Planning information
- Establishing social license/community consultation
- Business Planning, financial planning, business growth, succession planning, Intellectual Property rights information
- Skilled Migration visa information
- Geelong context: stakeholders, supply chains, connections, data
- Advice about locations: Geelong Regional Employment Precinct (GREP), Armstrong Creek, Avalon Airport, Northern and Western Geelong Growth Area (NWGGA) etc

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- Do you have a clean technology or circular economy solution and you're looking for a business to demonstrate it?
- Do you have a waste stream that others could use as a resource?
- Information about programs that support job seekers e.g. G21 Regional Opportunities for Work (GROW), Vocational Training and Employment Centres (VTEC)

A Business & Experience team member will contact you to discuss your support needs based on your selections. Please note this is a separate service to the grant application process.

Project Details

* indicates a required field

Project Title *

eg. Prototype for XX, Market research into XXX

Brief Project Description (25 words or less) *

Must be no more than 25 words.

Provide a short description of your project that can be used for reporting or promotional purposes

Detailed Project Description (400 words or less) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

Project anticipated start date. Projects that commence prior to notification of outcomes (9 December 2026) are ineligible for funding. *

Must be a date and no earlier than 9/12/2026.

Projects that commence prior to notification of outcomes and have a signed funding agreement are ineligible for funding.

Project anticipated end date *

Must be a date.

Successful applicants are expected to spend funds within 12 months of signing the funding agreement (or longer as negotiated with the City). Applicants will be notified in December 2026.

Where will your project take place? *

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Geelong is recognised as a UNESCO City of Design, and is working toward being recognised regionally, nationally and internationally as a clever and creative city-region. It is believed that delivering a clever and creative future will influence the City's connections and design, its prosperity and creativity, and increase its resilience through sustainable solutions.

The City's community vision document, *Greater Geelong - A Clever and Creative Future* [can be accessed here](#).

Does the demonstration of your clean economy innovation assist the Geelong community achieve any of the aspirations in Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future Vision? Tick all that apply *

- A prosperous economy that supports jobs and education opportunities
- A leader in developing and adopting technology
- Creativity drives culture
- A fast, reliable and connected transport network
- A destination that attracts local and international visitors
- People feel safe wherever they are
- An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community
- Sustainable development that supports population growth and protects the natural environment
- Development and implementation of sustainable solutions

Will your project benefit the community and job seekers? Tick all that apply. *

- Employing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Employing apprentices
- Employing trainees
- Employing long term unemployed people
- Employing people from disadvantaged backgrounds
- None of the above

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

To assist in answering the following questions, please refer to the assessment criteria in the [Clean Economy Grants Guidelines](#).

COMMUNITY BENEFIT 70%

We aim to support innovation - projects that are new to your business, new to the region, new to the world.

What is the specific Geelong-centric problem that the clean economy innovation can solve? Focus only on those most relevant to your project. Tick all that apply. *

- recycle, reduce and/or remove waste streams in business and manufacturing operations. e.g. food and manufacturing waste, e-waste, packaging
- reduce energy use and energy costs
- improve soil ecology production and land management in the agriculture sector. e.g. soil remediation.

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- reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support net zero outcomes
- reduce water consumption, improve water efficiency and/or reuse water
- develop sustainable building materials with low embodied energy, and/or made from renewable waste/recycled resources.

What is the innovation your project is demonstrating? In your answer you can explain if your project is a mature solution used in a new way, if it responds to a market failure, if it addresses a problem that can't be solved with existing technology, and/or if it will be suitable for others in the region and beyond. Please explain all that apply. *

Can the clean economy innovation be produced in Greater Geelong in the medium to long term? *

- Yes
- No

Will this project foster collaboration among multiple partners and/or Greater Geelong based suppliers? If so, explain how. *

- Yes
- No

How will this clean economy project foster collaboration among multiple partners? Please describe the key partners involved, how they will work together, and the value or impact this collaboration will create for each partner. *

How do you plan to commercialise your clean economy innovation? *

The City's Outcomes and Measures

The City's Clean Economy Grants outcomes are listed below.

- Jobs created in the clean economy
- Jobs maintained in the clean economy
- Participation in skill building activities
- Turnover increased

Measures show how far you've progressed toward an outcome.

Please tell us your targets for the life of the project plus the following three years, for each of our measures. Approximations are acceptable, please explain your calculations in the explanatory notes if needed.

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Measures	Target	Collection method	Explanatory notes
	Must be a number.	E.g. survey, interview, case study, photos, administrative data, observation/estimation.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

Your Measures (optional)

Will you measure something that is not included in the City's measures above?

Measure	Target	Collection method	Explanatory notes
One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional measures.	Must be a number.	E.g. survey, interview, case study, photos, administrative data, observation/estimation.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

Qualitative evidence (optional)

Qualitative evidence uses words and descriptions—not numbers—to show if you're making progress.

Examples include interviews, testimonials, focus-group summaries, social-media posts, media mentions, and creative works like photos, videos or podcasts.

Qualitative evidence	Explanatory notes
Select the type of qualitative evidence you will use to help track your progress. One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional types of qualitative evidence.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

WELL PLANNED PROJECT 30%

What is your previous experience and history of similar projects over the last 3 years?

Demonstrate your experience and capability by providing examples of similar projects you have delivered over the last three years. Please complete the following questions for each project. Upload an attachment if you want to provide examples of more than three projects.

EXAMPLE 1

Project Title *

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Location of project *

Brief description of the project *

Start date *

Must be a date.

Finish date *

Must be a date.

Benefits/outcome (e.g. best practice, value for money improvements, use of leading technologies) *

EXAMPLE 2

Project title

Location of Project

Brief project description

Start date

Must be a date.

Finish date

Must be a date.

Benefits/outcome (e.g. best practice, value for money improvements, use of leading technologies)

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EXAMPLE 3

Project title**Location of project****Brief description of project****Start date**

Must be a date.

Finish date

Must be a date.

Benefits/outcome (e.g. best practice, value for money improvements, use of leading technologies)**Additional project examples (if applicable)**

Attach a file:

Describe the demonstrated skills and knowledge of your current team and partners for this project. ***What quality, environmental and risk management systems do you have in place?**

Tick all that apply *

- Quality Assurance
- Environmental Management System
- Risk Management
- None of the above

Your Activities and Timeline

Tell us about the activities you will undertake in order to create change.

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Activity	Brief Activity Description	Start date	End date
One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional activities.	Provide a brief description, including names and role, of the key personnel who will be directly involved in the management and administration of the proposed project.	Leave blank if date is unknown or not relevant. Must be a date.	Leave blank if date is unknown or not relevant. Must be a date.

Budget & Funding Request

It is mandatory to complete the budget income and expenditure tables as this section forms part of the 'Well Planned' assessment criteria outlined in the grant guidelines.

- Outline your project budget including the grant amount requested and what (if any) additional funding sources will assist to deliver your project.
- Requests for projects, events or activities can be for amounts of up to \$25,000.

Total Project Cost *

\$

Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents).

What is the total budgeted cost of your project?

Total Amount Requested *

\$

Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents) and no more than 25000.

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

Income

Budget - Income	Insert income amount \$	3. Confirmed?
	Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents).	
Grant amount requested	\$	
Applicant cash contribution	\$	
Applicant in-kind contribution (cash equivalent value of labour, services, or goods)	\$	
Other grants/funding	\$	
Other income sources (provide details)	\$	
	\$	

Income Totals

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Total Income Amount

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Budget Expenses

List all expenses for your activity.

Attach evidence for expenses that you are using the City's funding for. Evidence we will accept includes:

- supplier or contractor quotes with the supplier's business name, ABN/ACN and contact details
- screenshots from online stores with the item description, price and supplier's business name.

If you do not provide this evidence, you may receive a lower score for this criteria, or the cost may be removed from the grant request.

Expense eg. feasibility studies	Insert cost (\$)	Grant funding	Upload quotes/ estimates here
	Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents).		
	\$ <input type="text"/>		

Total Expenses

Total Expenses

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Does your budget balance

This table automatically totals your income and expenditure.

If column three does not equal \$0 you will need to review your budget to ensure that it balances.

Total Income

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Expense

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Balance (must equal zero)

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Other Grants and Funding

If you have placed an amount in the budget income table above, against 'Other grants/ funding' please provide details of where any additional funding is from and the date those funds will be available if you are successful.

If there are no other sources of funding you have applied for, do not complete this section.

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Name of other grant/ funding programs applied to	Amount applied for	Date funds will be available if successful
	\$	
	\$	
	Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a date.

Further Information

Optional - Is there anything else you would like to say about your application?

Optional - please attach any documents to support your application e.g. project or strategic plans, general information about the aims of your organisation etc.

Attach a file:

Prioritising Applications

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If the total funding requested by all applicants exceeds the available funding, we may prioritise:

- applicants who did not receive money from this grant in the previous year.
- applications from organisations that do not receive money from electronic gaming machines or gambling.

Did you receive a Clean Economy grant from the City in 2025/26 grant round? *

- Yes
 No

If yes, please provide details

Electronic Gaming Machines (EGM)

Do you own or operate EGMs? *

- Yes
 No

Do you receive EGM generated funding or support? *

- Yes
 No

If you answered yes to either question above, please provide details

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Certification and Privacy Information

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Certification

I certify that:

- I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of the applicant.
- I have read the relevant grant guidelines.
- The information provided in this application, and in any attached supporting document, is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that submitting an application does not guarantee that I will receive funding from the City.
- I understand that applications are assessed competitively against the published assessment criteria and available City budget, and that the City may offer funding in full or in part (if at all).
- I understand that funding decisions made by the City are final.
- If this application is successful, I agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement, including any requirements relating to permits, approvals, insurances, acknowledgements, reporting and acquittal.
- I understand that providing false and/or misleading information may affect this application, any future applications, or any funding agreement entered into as a result this application

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the above conditions of my application *

Yes

No

Name of person authorising: *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Position (Eg: Director) *

Date *

Must be a date

Privacy Collection Statement

We collect the personal information on this form so we can process your application and follow up if needed. We won't share it except to assess your grant or if the law requires it. Our full [privacy policy](#) is available on our website.

If you wish to alter any of the personal information you have supplied to City of Greater Geelong, please contact us by sending an email to privacy@geelongcity.vic.gov.au.

Feedback

You are now coming to the end of your application process and before you **REVIEW** and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

We would value any feedback you may have regarding our online grants application process.

Were the questions in this form easy to understand?

- Very easy Easy Neutral Difficult Very difficult

Suggestions - What can we do better next time?

How did you find out about the grants?

- Social media
- Internet search
- Newspaper
- Word of mouth
- City of Greater Geelong website
- Email communication
- Other: