

Rapid Response and Boost Our City Community Sector Grants



City of
Newcastle

What support is there?

Under the City of Newcastle (CN) **Community and Economic Response Package** a total of \$700,000 has been made available to support community sector organisations during Phase 1 – now to 30 June 2020. There are two funding streams:

1. **Rapid Response** – for immediate urgent or crisis need, no minimum amount, up to \$30,000 per activity or project.
2. **Boost Our City Community Sector Grant** – amount from \$2,000 up to \$30,000 per activity or project.

Funds are to deliver essential local services and innovative solutions to COVID-19 challenges focusing on the needs of the most vulnerable and emerging at-risk.

Phase 1 funding support is available to support existing service providers to cope with increased urgency and demand such as: provision of support services, supported living, food, crisis support, welfare, material assistance, community transport or similar. Other uses may include rapid adaptation for community to keep connected via on-line communication, collaboration with other organisations and innovative, creative solutions.

Who can apply?

Funding is available to Newcastle-based community sector groups including not-for-profits, non-government organisations, for profit service providers and charities that directly support the health and wellbeing of the community.

How do I apply?

Rapid Response funding – email a written request to covid19info@ncc.nsw.gov.au

- outline in your request the purpose of the funds and why necessary as a result of COVID-19
- include an itemised financial breakdown
- the intended output or outcome

Boost Our City Community Sector Grant –

Grants are open now and close 30 June 2020 or earlier if all funds have been expended.

- Go to [CN Community and Economic Resilience Package](#) web page to access all information
- Click on this link to see the [Boost Our City Community Sector Grant Guidelines](#)
- Click on this link to see the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
- Click on this link to go to the [online grant application form](#)

How long does it take to receive funding and how is it paid?

Rapid Response will be turned around as quickly as possible after the request is supported in principle by CN. Likely 3–4 working days. An invoice is required from the organisation. Payment will be via EFT into the organisations registered bank account.

Boost Our City Community Grant as we are aiming for a quick turn-around, grant applications will be assessed on receipt. A letter of agreement will be emailed to successful applicants for review, signature, and completion of the organisation's registered bank account details.

This document is to be returned via email to CN at covid19info@ncc.nsw.gov.au

It is anticipated that the whole process will take 10 working days from receipt of all documentation to payment. Payment will be via EFT into the organisations registered bank account.

How can I find out more?

Visit the [CN COVID-19 Response Package](#) web page.

Email covid19info@ncc.nsw.gov.au or call 4974 2000 and you will be directed to a CN officer who will be available to answer enquiries.