



# Building a Healthier Community Grants



## Healthier Community Grants

### Guidelines

#### Introduction

UFS Pharmacies are a not-for-profit community owned organisation that was founded in 1872. We pride ourselves on our commitment to supporting the community and being able to offer genuine support.

The Building a Healthier Community Grants have been developed to engage and collaborate with the community to create long lasting positive health benefits.

#### 1. Healthier Community Grants [funding available by two rounds per year]

##### a. Childhood Health + Wellbeing Grant

Local Childhood Health and Wellbeing Support & Education initiatives that demonstrate benefits to children and young people (0 to 16 year) by improving their health and wellbeing.

##### b. Mental Health + Wellbeing Grant

Supporting Local Mental Health initiatives that demonstrate how participation and connection, either for individuals or a broader range of community members, makes a difference to their lives 12 years and older.

#### 2. Local Community Grant [funding available by two rounds per year]

To celebrate and support our community by funding health and wellbeing initiatives developed by not-for-profit community groups and organisations.

#### 3. Local Fundraiser Support [funding available all year round]

Small community groups and individuals seeking assistance with fundraising activities are eligible for hampers and vouchers to the value of \$100. These items are to be used as a prize in a raffle or auction item.

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### About Healthier Community Grants

*[for Local Community Grant and Local Fundraiser Support please reference their respective guidelines]*

#### How much funding is available?

UFS Pharmacies is providing up to \$5,000 per awarded applicant in the Healthier Community Grants. The number of initiatives that receive funding is determined by the Review Panel for the Building a Healthier Community Grants.

## Who is eligible?

Organisations that are either located or service the Local Government Area of Bendigo (LGA Bendigo) are encouraged to apply. If your organisation is in an immediate surrounding community, please contact us to discuss eligibility to [info@bendigoufs.com.au](mailto:info@bendigoufs.com.au).

Organisations with an initiative that is focussed on the positive outcomes of either Childhood Health and Wellbeing; or Mental Health and Wellbeing can be from the following sectors.

- Local Health Organisations
- Government (state and local)
- Community Groups
- Not for profit

## Your application

- Each application will be required provide an overview of their proposal and how it will improve the health and wellbeing of our community in relation the grant category they are applying for
- Applications will be considered against the overall general criteria outlined below
- Program/project budgets are to be submitted with the application
- If a program or project is not entirely funded by the grant, then the applicant must identify how this will be managed. Applications that demonstrate how they partner with participants, other organisations or the community will be highly regarded.
- Applicants will be required to provide references
- An applicant can only apply for one focus area grant per grant round
- Shortlisted applications may be requested to provide more information or be asked to attend a meeting with the Review Panel as required

## General criteria

- Only online completed application forms via [www.ufs.smartygrants.com.au](http://www.ufs.smartygrants.com.au) will be accepted
- Applications will only be accepted from legal entities that either have an ABN or ACN
- Applicant **and** project/program to be located in the Local Government Area of Bendigo (LGA Bendigo)
- Applications are only accepted within the advertised designated grant round time frames
- Each applicant must complete all criteria in the online application form
- Each applicant must include in the form
  - detailed project plan and, if co-funded detail the co-funding
  - detailed project budgets
- Must be able to demonstrate how the grant will support the overall health and wellbeing of our community of the category
- Applicant can only apply for one of the grant categories in each grant round.
- Proposals that demonstrate how they partner with participants, other organisations or the community will be highly regarded.
- Applicants will be required to provide two contacts who might be contacted for reference

## Key dates

Grant program opens 9 July 2021 at 9.00am AEST  
Grant program closes 27 August 2021 at 11.59pm AEST  
Funding provided from mid-October 2021

## Acquittal phase

Providing an organisation a grant to support the long term health benefits is important to UFS Pharmacies. To better understand the outcomes and the impact of the awarded grant, the organisation will be required to complete an acquittal six months following the funding being provided.

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## Commonly asked questions

### What are the grants that are available?

The Building a Healthier Community Grants comes in three categories in 2021.

1. **Healthier Community Grants**
  - a. **Childhood Health + Wellbeing Grant**
  - b. **Mental Health + Wellbeing Grant**
2. **Local Community Grant**
3. **Local Fundraiser Support**

Applicants are required to demonstrate how the grant would support their initiative and contribute to overall health and wellbeing in the relevant category.

### Who is eligible to apply?

The grants are available to organisations who have an initiative that supports either of the three categories. Not for profit organisations will be reviewed favourably.

### What does *'for the benefit of the health and wellbeing of my community'* mean?

Here at UFS Pharmacies our vision is to support the health and wellbeing of our community. We do this by not only providing pharmaceutical and health services but through the Building a Healthier Community Program. As a not-for-profit organisation we are proud to be able to support the community that supports us.

### What can I use the grant for?

The Building a Healthier Community Grants apply to three specific parts of the community, that being childhood health, mental health and local community. UFS Pharmacies expect that applicants are able to demonstrate how the grant will support their initiative and contribute to the overall health and wellbeing of the categories.

### Can I submit a paper application?

All applications must be made through the online application program provided by [Smarty Grants](#). You can view the grant application at [www.bendigoufs.com.au/grants](http://www.bendigoufs.com.au/grants)

### **What if a collaboration of organisations wants to apply?**

UFS Pharmacies are keen to see how organisations are able to work together for the greater good – we'd love to see your application. Make sure only one organisation makes the application on behalf of the others.

### **Why did the program change?**

The Building a Healthier Community Program was founded by UFS Pharmacies in 2004. After a 16 year journey we decided it was time to review if this program was truly the best for members and community in its current format. We discovered it was no longer as relevant to the community and that the needs had changed. UFS Pharmacies remains committed to support the Greater Bendigo community and we believe you'll see the bigger benefits of the reshaped program amongst the community over coming years.

### **When are the grant rounds?**

There will be two grant rounds each calendar year for the program in Autumn and Spring. Specific dates of the grant rounds will be posted on our website. The first round in 2021 opens on 15 June 2021 at 9.00am AEST

### **Can I start the application and come back to it later?**

The grant application process is online for which you will be able to complete the application in stages and complete at a later date. Applications will not be accepted after the closing date, be sure you complete, review and submit.

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### **Contact us**

If you require any additional support or have questions, please contact us at [info@bendigoufs.com.au](mailto:info@bendigoufs.com.au)