

We at Healthy and Vibrant Communities are dedicated to empowering both individuals and organisations with the resources you need to thrive. Our mission is to ensure that Brisbane residents have access to a wide range of community facilities, offering safe, diverse, and enjoyable opportunities in sports, recreation, social, and cultural activities.

## **New Grants Program**

Over the last few years, some clubs have unfortunately experienced vandalism and theft, posing significant challenges and safety concerns. To address this issue, Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner has announced a new grants program aimed at enhancing the security of our community clubs. This initiative will provide \$500,000 a year over the next two years.

Clubs that apply for these funds may be eligible to receive up to \$10,000 for security upgrades, including:

- CCTV cameras: Keep an eye on your premises with high-quality surveillance.
- Alarm systems: Alert authorities instantly in case of a break-in.
- New locks: Secure your doors and windows with state-of-the-art locking mechanisms.
- Patrol services: Hire professional patrols to monitor your facilities.
- Security screens: Protect your property with robust security screens.

Vandalism and theft not only causes financial strain but also disrupts the smooth operation of our beloved community clubs. By taking proactive measures to enhance security, we can ensure that our facilities remain safe and welcoming spaces for everyone.

## **How to Apply**

We encourage all eligible clubs to apply for this grant and take advantage of the opportunity to bolster your security measures. Detailed application guidelines are being finalised with the program anticipated to open in the second week of August. Stay tuned for further updates.

In the meantime, we recommend that all clubs remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities to local authorities immediately. Simple steps, such as keeping outdoor areas well-lit and ensuring all entry points are securely locked, can make a significant difference.

We are here to support you every step of the way. If you have any questions or need assistance with the grant application process, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team.

Together, let's continue to create healthy and vibrant communities across Brisbane.

## **Lord Mayors Better Suburbs Grant - Community Facility Category**

Are you looking to improve and develop community facilities or support projects that respond to local needs and build organisational capacity? Look no further than The Lord Mayor's Better Suburbs Grants program!

The Community Facility Category provides funding to improve, develop, and maintain Council community-leased facilities. Grant funding ranging from \$10,000 to \$200,000 is available for both the planning and design and construction phases of projects. The Community Facility Category has one round, opening late August 2024 and closing mid October 2024.

Get ready to apply and let's work together to make our neighbourhoods better for everyone.

### **Application for Works**

An AFW (Application for Works) is required prior to submitting your grant application, as Council needs confidence that the project will be supported by the Landlord. To prevent any discrepancies, we are making AFW support a condition of funding.

This process (assessment and response) can take up to 20 business days from receipt of a complete application that is classified as a simple application for works. Applications that are considered complex may take longer to assess. Council will advise you of the expected timeframe for response throughout the process.

Make sure that you have signed up for The Community Leasing Information Portal ([CLIP](#)) in order to submit your AFW.

If you have any questions regarding the AFW process, please reach out to the team via [email](#).

### **FairPlay Vouchers**

Starting from 1 July, the Queensland Government has released 150,000 FairPlay vouchers worth up to \$200 each are available for all Queensland children aged 5 to 17 years. An additional 50,000 vouchers, also worth up to \$200, are available for children who hold, or whose parent/guardian holds, a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

Parents, carers, or guardians can now apply for these vouchers to help cover the cost of their child's sport and recreation memberships, registration, or participation fees.

Vouchers must be redeemed by June 2025, allowing access to both summer and winter sports such as rugby league, AFL, netball, BMX, basketball, orienteering, and abseiling.

FairPlay is part of the Queensland Government's 10-year Activate! Queensland Strategy to get more people moving. For more details on applying for a voucher and finding registered activity providers, visit the Queensland Government's [website](#)

### **Funding Finder**

Are you a local business, community group, or not-for-profit organisation in search of funding opportunities? Brisbane City Council has a solution for you! Introducing the Funding Finder, a free service that provides access to GrantGuru's national database of grant programs via Council's website.

The Funding Finder tool enables users across Brisbane to locate and keep track of potential funding opportunities. By registering and setting preferences and filters, you will receive email notifications whenever grant programs relevant to your organisation's needs are available.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to source the funding needed to bring your projects to fruition!

Visit [Grants, awards and sponsorships](#) for more information about Council's grants and to access Funding Finder or visit [Funding Finder](#) directly.