

Coastcare Victoria Community Grants Online Q&A

Your questions answered

On Thursday 7 May the Coastcare Victoria team hosted an online Q&A to answer your questions about the 2020 Coastcare Victoria Community Grants. You can watch the video recording at the Coastcare Victoria website for the responses.

Thank you for sending so many questions through. We didn't get to them all during the Q&A session. Responses to the questions we missed are captured here.

Question	Answer
Can the grant support tech that is already delivered (e.g. an app) that supports long term monitoring with the community?	In principle, Coastcare Victoria grants could support a project which includes the continued development or use of existing technology. Please ensure that the budget items you are requesting as part of this project are eligible. You can find details of eligible and ineligible budget items in the Guidelines .
Is it possible for me to list running the events on the day and training a backup event coordinator under 'other' rather than 'project coordination'?	Project coordination covers expenses like printing, meeting room hire, and other general coordination expenses incurred across the project. Facilitating and hosting events is considered a separate expense which you could list under Contractors (if you are contracting the delivery of those events) or Other. You might include some event delivery as in-kind, or volunteer contribution also, depending on your plan. There is also a line item for training and certification directly related to a funded activity, where you can list costs of training your backup event facilitator.
What is the best way to get land manager support where the exact location of workshops/activities is yet to be decided or is wide ranging? We don't know the future locations for workshops, different than past ones.	If you are yet to narrow down an exact location for your workshop or activity, it is probably because the exact location is not critical to the success of your project. In this case, we simply require assurance that you will be able to find a suitable location/s to deliver your activities. We suggest talking to the public land manager or managers of the general area and ask for a letter of



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support to run the workshops/activities somewhere on their estate.

You might also like to address contingency plans for 'lack of suitable workshop location' as a risk to your project in the Risk Management section of the application.

Note that we only require land manager support for works and public events or activities on public land.

If you apply for a staged project e.g. stage one in 2020, stage two - 2021 etc. If the first year is funded what is the risk of not being funded in subsequent year?

This is an important risk to consider. Coastcare Victoria Community Grants 2020 can fund your project up to \$30,000 until 2022. After that, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to fund your project.

You would need to build a case in subsequent grant rounds for the need to continue your project. You could do this by demonstrating and explaining the success you have in stage 1. Make sure you capture photos and data throughout stage 1 that help support your case for stage 2 funding.

It is also a requirement that all acquittals and reporting from previous Coastcare Victoria grants are completed and submitted prior to receiving any further funding.

Can the project begin after the Job Safety Plan is submitted or approved?

Successful applicants will be required to submit Job Safety Plans for their projects as part of their funding agreements. Works can begin as soon as Job Safety Plans are approved by the relevant Coastcare Facilitator.

For some projects Job Safety Plans are not applicable, e.g. developing a booklet. Successful applicants can discuss this with their Coastcare Facilitator.

Project gets funding from a number of sources. Can we attach a budget that shows the breakdown of funding sources and then shows more detail for the Coastcare grants?

The Coastcare Victoria Community Grants application form provides a space to list in-kind contributions to the project, including a section called 'Partner organisation Contribution – capital or paid labour'. Please list the total amount of contribution to the project from other organisations here.

If you would like to provide more detail, you can attach a document in the Supporting Documents section.

We have two different applications, one in each category. Can we prioritise them?

Coastcare Victoria has organised a panel of assessors who will assess each application individually on its merit based on the criteria for the relevant category. We will then list all applications from highest scoring to

lowest scoring and make recommendations for funding based on this outcome.

Unfortunately, this process will not allow for applicants to prioritise one application over the other.

What new priorities are Coastcare considering in planning for the next 5-10 years? and Why?

Coastcare Victoria is due to release a new strategy for 2020-2025 imminently. The strategy was developed through extensive consultation with the Coastcare Victoria community and reflects what you told us you want and value from the program. The main three focus areas of the strategy are:

1. Marine and Coastal Stewardship:

Providing grant funding, connecting communities with citizen science opportunities and seeking opportunities to support Traditional Owner aspirations.

2. Thriving Community Groups and Networks:

Providing capacity building opportunities, acting as a convenor for marine and coastal groups and supporting volunteer and community organisations to strategically plan, expand and diversify their volunteer bases.

3. Victorians Valuing the Coast:

Including and inspiring people from all walks of life to value and care for the coast through initiatives like the annual Summer by the Sea program.

If you have further questions, please discuss them with your local Coastcare Facilitator:

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South West Coastcare facilitator Adam Taylor has taken a secondment to another role. If you are in the south west, please email Bellarine and Surf Coast facilitator Elise.Snell@delwp.vic.gov.au

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