

Southern Cross Credit Union is proud to announce three \$5,000 Community Grants. Applications are invited from community groups working on a project or event that benefits our local communities and improves accessibility and engagement in the following areas:

- Art and culture**
 Initiatives related to the celebration, preservation or ongoing impact of arts, cultural and heritage projects in the Northern Rivers and Tweed region. Example projects may include equipment, services and/or facilities such as community arts projects, restoration of items or areas with historical or cultural significance, performances.
- Education**
 Initiatives that support imparting information or knowledge, skill sharing or improve delivery of teaching and education services. Example projects may include equipment, services and/or facilities such as teaching aides and resources, reading programs, creating access and opportunities to engage in education.
- Sport and recreation**
 Initiatives providing sport and recreational benefit to the wider community. Example projects may include equipment, services and/or facilities such as shade for events, sporting equipment, uniforms, upgrading facilities, first aid equipment, tournaments, and training programs.
- Environment**
 Initiatives that focus on building awareness, preservation, engagement with and/or sustainability of the natural environment. Example projects may include equipment, services and/or facilities such as community gardens, sustainability education, restoration or care of ecosystems.
- Health and well-being**
 Improving community access to health and well-being services. Example projects may include equipment, services and/or facilities for youth groups, mentoring programs, community health services, health education, training and development programs.

When to Apply

Applications Open	Closing Date	Voting Open	Judging	Winners Announced
Monday 3 July 2017	Friday 11 August 2017	Monday 28 August - Friday 27 October 2017	Monday 30 October – Friday 10 November 2017	Friday 17 November 2017

Eligibility

The Community Grants are designed to provide support to organisations from small, unincorporated groups to medium size organisations. Groups must be not-for-profit organisations to be eligible.

We apply the Australian Taxation Office's definition of not-for-profit organisations for the purposes of our Community Grants program.

'A not-for-profit organisation is defined as 'one which is not operating for the profit or gain of its individual members. This applies to direct and indirect gains. Any profit made by the organisation goes back into the operation of the organisation to carry out its purposes and is not distributed to any of its members.'

What We Can't Support

We cannot support the following:

- Individual pursuits such as travel to participate in sporting events or ongoing medical treatment
- Events or organisations involved in commercial activities
- Events where another financial institution, bank or insurance competitor are a sponsor
- Programs that could be detrimental to public health or safety, discriminatory, or offensive to the community
- Projects of a political or religious nature
- Events that encourage smoking, substance abuse, irresponsible alcohol consumption or gambling
- Organisations and events outside our SCCU's footprint or overseas
- Expeditions or travel outside outside of Far North Coast of NSW or South East Queensland
- Activities that duplicate our existing sponsorships

How to Apply

We aim to make the application process simple and give every applicant an equal opportunity to produce a quality submission.

Step 1: Complete the following application form and attach supporting documents

Step 2: You will be advised if your project has been accepted

Step 3: You need votes! Promote your project using your networks and community and encourage them to vote for your project online at sccu.com.au or at any SCCU branch.

Assessment Process

Judging Criteria

Applications will be assessed by the judging panel based on the criteria set out in the Community Grants Judging Criteria.

Voting

Applicants will be supplied with a promotional kit to encourage their members, target audience and community to vote for them either in branch or online at www.sccu.com.au.

Winners Announced

Winners will be decided based on the number of votes received and the judging criteria. Winners will be announced on Friday 17 November 2017.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Name of Project:

Contact Name:

Address:

Telephone: Mobile: Fax:

Email address:

Is your project? Incorporated? Not for Profit? Other?

PROJECT DETAILS

Location:

Date(s) and time(s):

Participation/attendance numbers: Age groups likely to attend:

How long has your event/organisation been running: This is a new event/organisation

Frequency: Once Annual Biannual Biennial Other

Event website and/or social media pages

Have we sponsored your event/project in the past: Yes No Year: Contribution:

SELECTION CRITERIA

Our project is meeting a need in the following area (select as many as relevant)

- Art, Culture & Heritage
- Education
- Sport & Recreation
- Environment & Sustainability
- Health & Well-being

Provide detailed information about your project, including its relationship to the area/s you have indicated above, purpose, objectives, intended audience:

Provide details and evidence of how your project will positively impact the area/s you have indicated above:

Provide details and evidence of how your project will benefit the community:

Provide details and evidence of how you will measure the success of your project in achieving the desired outcomes:

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Provide a list of documents you have attached to support your submission (maximum of 5):

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SUBMISSION

Applications close Friday 11 August 2017.

Please post or email your completed Community Grant application, including relevant supporting material to:

Community Grant Applications
Southern Cross Credit Union
PO Box 1602, Kingscliff NSW 2487

Email: marketing@sccu.com.au