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**We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pay respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge that Aboriginal self-determination is a human right and recognise the hard work of many generations of Aboriginal people.**

**We are committed to safe and inclusive workplaces, policies, and services for people from LGBTIQA+ communities and their families.**

# About

This factsheet gives an overview of the application form for the Community Food Relief Program – Coordination Grants and the information you need to apply.

## How to apply

First read the program guidelines – available at [Community Food Relief Program – Coordination Grants](https://www.vic.gov.au/community-food-relief-program-coordination-grants) https://www.vic.gov.au/community-food-relief-program-coordination-grants

To prepare an application, you will need to complete:

* the online application form
* a project plan using the supplied template.

You will also need to provide

* insurance Certificates of Currency, and
* evidence of partnership/s such as letters of intent or memorandums of understanding.

Note: All relevant information must be in the application form, project plan or other mandatory attachments. The assessment panel may not read other attachments.

# Online application

## Purpose

The online application form asks questions about your proposed project and the capacity and experience of your organisation. The form will also collect the information needed to manage your application our grants management system.

## How to complete the form

* To access the form, go to [Open Grants on the DFFH Grants Gateway](https://grantsgateway.dffh.vic.gov.au/s/open-forms) https://grantsgateway.dffh.vic.gov.au/s/open-forms
* If you don’t have a login, you will need to register for access to the [Grants Gateway](https://grantsgateway.dffh.vic.gov.au) https://grantsgateway.dffh.vic.gov.au
* Once you’ve started an application, your draft form will be saved under ‘My draft applications’.
* All questions in the online form must be completed, except those marked ‘optional’.

## Information checklist

### Eligibility

* Australian Business Number (ABN) for the lead organisation of the partnership
* Outstanding reports from other grants
  + if you have any outstanding reports from other grant programs, contact the responsible program area for assistance (contact details will be in your grant funding agreement).

### Applicant organisation details

* Organisation name
* Organisation type
* Address details – postal, street, email, phone.
* Contact details for two authorised officers (who would sign the contract if successful)
* Contact details for a primary contact (who would be the lead contact for the project)

### Project summary

* Project title
* Project type
  + select one from the options provided that best describes the primary purpose of the project.
* Start and finish dates
  + all projects must start after 1 October 2025 and finish by 30 June 2027.
* Primary project address
* Project delivery locations (local government areas)
* Traditional Owner group/s (optional)

### Project objectives

* Program objective/s (multiple select)
  + proposals must respond to at least two of the Program’s funding objectives. Refer to the Program Guidelines to know more about the objectives.
* Project rationale (75 words)
  + provide the key purpose or objective of your project and what you hope to achieve. This is also your rationale for how the proposed activities will meet the selected program objective/s.
* Evidence of community need (150 words)
  + describe the community need that your proposal is intended to support or respond to – including by location or region. Ensure all your key information is in this response. Any supporting documents you provide will be noted, but may not be read.
* Estimated number of people to be supported (optional)
  + please only include the estimated number of new or additional people to be supported through your proposed activities.

### Project details

* Brief overview of your project (150 words)
  + briefly summarise your project, including a high-level overview of your key activities, deliverables, and timeframes
  + you must also provide a project plan in the Attachments.
* Relationship to existing services (100 words)
  + describe how the project relates to or is supported by existing programs and services, and how you intend to manage the project alongside existing program delivery.
* Plan for sustainability (150 words)
  + describe how the outcomes of your project or activities will be sustainable over the longer term – for your food program or community.
* Partner organisations (100 words)
  + provide a short summary for each partner including organisation name, budget allocation and role in the project. Detailed contributions should be outlined in your project plan and letter/s of partnership.
* Volunteers
  + provide the number of volunteers, if any, who will be involved in the project.

### Project audience

Select your key target cohorts and groups. You may select ‘not applicable’ if appropriate.

* Priority communities (multiple select, maximum 5 selections)
* Age groups (multiple select, maximum 5 selections)
* Language groups (multiple select, maximum 5 selections)
* Ethnic groups (multiple select, maximum 5 selections)
* Faith groups (multiple select, maximum 5 selections)

### Organisational capacity and experience

* Existing community relationships (150 words)
  + provide an overview of the existing community relationships and networks that will support and enable you to effectively deliver the project.
* Relevant experience (150 words)
  + provide a summary of key prior experience delivering large-scale food security initiatives and/or other activities relevant to your proposal.
* Risk management approach (150 words)
  + outline your organisation’s existing policies or procedures to identify and manage any risks or issues that may arise during project delivery.
* Monitoring and evaluation approach (150 words)
  + outline your organisation’s existing policies or procedures to monitor the delivery and/or impact of your programs and projects.
* Environmental sustainability (100 words)
  + outline your organisation’s existing policies or procedures to limit the environmental impact of your organisation and food program.

### Budget

* Total expected cost of the project
  + this may be the same as the total grant amount. If you will have other financial contributions, then this will be the grant amount plus any other amounts, including in-kind contributions.
* Total grant amount requested.
* What you intend to spend the grant funding on
  + provide an overview of proposed expenditure by type of expense (e.g. program costs, administration)
  + ensure the budget allocated to each partner is clearly identified
  + a more detailed budget can be provided in the attachments. But this section should provide enough detail to inform the panel’s assessment.
* Income from other sources (if applicable)
  + overview of other financial contributions and expenditure by type of expense, including the value of in-kind contributions.

### Mandatory attachments

* Project plan in the supplied template
* Evidence of partnership – such as letters of intent or memoranda of understanding
* Insurance certificates of currency

# Attachment: Project plan

## Purpose

The project plan gives further detail on your project’s key activities and deliverables, governance arrangements, risk management, and measures of success that you will use to track your progress.

## How to access the template

* Download the project plan template from [Community Food Relief Program – Coordination Grants](https://www.vic.gov.au/community-food-relief-program-coordination-grants) https://www.vic.gov.au/community-food-relief-program-coordination-grants

## Information checklist

### Project details

* Activities and outcomes
* Milestones
* Risks and mitigation
* Measures of success

### Project governance

* Communication approaches
* Project roles and responsibilities
* Key staff

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