

Does your project qualify for a grant?

- We are an established community non-profit organisation
- Our project will benefit the community
- Our project has identifiable aims and costs
- We shall provide an acquittal for Grant expenditure
- We shall provide photography of the completed project
- Our group operates within the 45xx area code

If you can tick all the above boxes, you may be eligible for a Maleny Community Trust Grant.

Application forms are available from the Maleny Credit Union office, website www.malenycu.com.au or by writing to:

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Community Grants

Building community
by providing small grants
to local organisations

Maleny Community Trust's Grants Program ... *building community*

Maleny Credit Union ethics

The Maleny Credit Union (MCU) prides itself on being a caring, community-orientated organisation.

The MCU vision is to lead by example in advancing social change for community benefit.

MCU creatively balances its business operations with the practices of social, ecological and economic sustainability.

The reason MCU exists is to offer appropriate and ethical financial solutions to its members in ways which are:

- ⇒ mutually beneficial
- ⇒ socially just
- ⇒ environmentally responsible
- ⇒ empowering to the local community and individuals
- ⇒ based on a belief in people, honesty and good will.

Each year the Maleny Credit Union allocates up to 10% of its before-tax profits to the MCU Charitable Trust for distribution through the Maleny Community Trust Grants Scheme.

The Scheme funds community development projects undertaken by local organisations.

What is a community development project?

A community development project is a project that builds the community by contributing to the cooperative, social, educational, or cultural wealth of the community, or by enhancing the natural environment.

The project can stand alone or be part of a larger process. It can even be the development of a strategy or plan for implementation at a future date by other parties.

It may also be used for the purchase of items which will assist eligible organisations.

Who can apply for funds?

Any bona-fide community-based, non-profit organisation whose charter is compatible with the vision and operating principles of the Maleny Community Trust can apply for funding.

Funding is not available for individuals.

To be eligible for funding the organisation must have its own bank account and be able to demonstrate a structure and membership.

How do we apply for funding?

Application forms are available from the Maleny Credit Union from 1st May and must be submitted by the end of June.

The application must include:

- ⇒ details of the organisation
- ⇒ the amount of funding sought and timeline for expenditure
- ⇒ a project overview - including milestones, completion dates and monitoring details
- ⇒ an explanation of how the project will benefit the community
- ⇒ acknowledgement that the organisation agrees to provide documentary evidence of expenditure on the project

The selection process

Maleny Credit Union members, at the MCU Annual General Meeting, appoint the Maleny Community Trust Management Committee. The Trust Committee members are drawn from the MCU board, staff and the credit union's general membership.

This committee evaluates the Community Grants Scheme applications and presents a shortlist of preferred projects to the next MCU AGM, where members are asked to endorse the Trust Committee's recommendations.

Assessment criteria

The Maleny Community Trust Management Committee (Trust Committee) assesses each application according to the extent that:

- ⇒ the project addresses a genuine community need and would benefit the community
- ⇒ the project is in keeping with the Maleny Community Trust's ethics
- ⇒ the grant applicant will provide an acquittal of expenditure on the project to the Trust Committee.
- ⇒ the project effectively and efficiently meets the aspirations and needs of the target group
- ⇒ the project can stand alone and be self-supporting after Maleny Community Trust's involvement ends
- ⇒ the project would benefit or involve MCU members or potential members
- ⇒ the project encourages mutual support, co-operation and voluntary involvement within the community
- ⇒ the project enhances networking between community organisations, thus strengthening the community.

Note: The criteria are listed in order of importance. The first four are mandatory and the project must rate highly on these. The others carry less weight but are desirable.

MCT grants in action

Recently the Maleny Community Trust Grants Program has funded diverse projects such as:

- ⇒ Sound equipment - Maleny Community Centre
- ⇒ Garden materials - Sustainable Maleny
- ⇒ Training equipment - Maleny Ambulance
- ⇒ Sun Protection - T.S. Centaur
- ⇒ Wheelchair - Blackall Range Care Group
- ⇒ Materials & fuel - Wildlife Volunteers Assoc.
- ⇒ Sponsor "Building Bridges" program - MSHS Flexi School
- ⇒ Air conditioning - Errowal Beech Lodge
- ⇒ Learn to swim pool - Maleny Swimming Club
- ⇒ DVD Collection - Maleny Film Society