



Child & Youth Inclusion Grant 2024-2025

Acknowledgement of Country

Frankston City Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Bunurong People, the Traditional Custodians of these lands and waters.

What is the CAYI Grant?

The Child & Youth Inclusion (CAYI) Grant provides one-off financial support for young residents to participate in education and recreational activities, who face financial barriers.

What does the grant cover?

Education & Pathway Category	For Recreation Category
For students transitioning to high school, currently in high school (or equivalent) or pursuing higher education (up to 24 years old) that require assistance with materials, equipment or course fees for their education or career aspirations, we offer funding of up to \$600.	For children aged between 5 and 18 seeking to participate in a recreational activity, we can cover 75% of the associated fees or up to \$200.00.
This includes (but is not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Books including textbooks, workbooks and other educational material required • School Uniform • Laptop and/or tablets • Educational software • Scientific Calculators • Extracurricular Activities Fees • Tuition fees or enrolment costs (excl. public school fees) 	This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Programs: From basketball to soccer, rugby to tennis, boxing to martial arts and even chess. • Outdoor Exploration Groups: Outdoor recreational activities such as school camping trips or scouting programs. • Music and Performing Arts: Music lessons, dance classes, or drama workshops. • Wellness and Fitness Programs: Swimming lessons, yoga classes or mindfulness workshops (excl. general gym fees). • Technology and STEM Activities: Coding workshops, robotics clubs or STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programs. • Arts & Crafts Workshops: Art classes and craft workshops



Who can apply?

- Young individuals themselves (if under 18, parent or guardian information will be required); or
- Professionals such as support workers, healthcare providers or approved equivalent can apply on behalf of young individuals facing financial hardship.

How to apply?

Submit your application online through Frankston City Council SmartyGrants website on <https://frankston.smartygrants.com.au> and create an account if you don't already have one.

Timing

This grant opens July 15, 2024, with multiple rounds until funds are used up or until May 14, 2025 (whichever is sooner).

Round	Opens	Closes	Applicant Notified By*
1	15 Jul 2024	14 Aug 2024	31 Aug 2024
2	15 Aug 2024	14 Sep 2024	30 Sep 2024
3	15 Sep 2024	14 Oct 2024	31 Oct 2024
4	15 Oct 2024	14 Nov 2024	30 Nov 2024
5	15 Nov 2024	14 Dec 2024	20 Dec 2024
6	15 Dec 2024	14 Jan 2025	31 Jan 2025
7	15 Jan 2025	14 Feb 2025	28 Feb 2025
8	15 Feb 2025	14 Mar 2025	31 Mar 2025
9	15 Mar 2025	14 Apr 2025	30 Apr 2025
10	15 Apr 2025	14 May 2025	31 May 2025

*Council has the right to change the dates above as needed

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify, the applicant (child or young person) must:

- Be a **resident or student in Frankston City**, and show evidence of at least one;
- **Hold, and show evidence**, of at least one of the following:
 - Health Care Card
 - Pension Concession Card
 - Recommendation letter which demonstrates the need for financial assistance and support for grant from:
 - Government agency
 - School, TAFE, University or Training provider
 - Professional Support Service
- Be able to **provide evidence of costs** of requested item or service; and
- Clearly **express the benefits** of the item/service in their application

What can't be funded

- **Duplicate Funding:** Applicants who have already received the grant for the same category within the same financial year (July 2024 – June 2025);
- **Retrospective funding:** Retroactive funding for purchases or activities that have already been completed;
- **Leased or subscription items:** Funding for leased or subscription items;
- **Overlap with Other Funding:** Activities or items where the provider has received other Council funding in the same financial year (e.g. applicant applying for uniform from a club who received funding to purchase uniforms);
- **Covered by Other Funding Sources:** Requested item or service that would otherwise be covered by another funding source, such as Federal or State Government;
- **Compliance with Grant Conditions:** Funding to service provider or applicant who have not previously complied with grant conditions or in debt with Council;
- **Prohibited Purchases:** Purchase of entry to tourist attractions, one-off leisure activities or other entertainment, alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, or gambling activities or items;
- **Daily costs:** Food, beverages, personal products or accommodation on-costs;
- **Religious or political activities:** Activities related to workshop, congregation, secular promotion, protest, or campaigns;
- **Legal Compliance:** Activities that do not comply with legal and regulatory requirements;
- **Conflict of Interest:** Applicant who is a staff member, immediate family member, Councillor or contractor to Frankston City Council (any exemptions in unique circumstances would require approval from the Director Communities, and necessitate all Disclosure of Interest requirements are met).

Assessment Process

This grant is a competitive application process. Applications are reviewed and assessed monthly. Once the application is received, the process is as follows:

1. Council officers review applications for eligibility and make recommendations to the delegated officer as outlined in the Community Grants Policy. Ineligible applicants will be notified.
2. The delegated officer makes the final decision on each application.
3. Applicants will receive an email with the application result by the dates specified in these guidelines.

Council reserves the right to:

- Decline any application that does not meet the eligibility criteria.
- Request further information in considering applications.
- Cancel any funding where circumstances change

Support Available

Assistance with	Contact
General enquiries or advice regarding Child & Youth Inclusion Grant	Community Grants Team (03) 9784 1035 communitygrants@frankston.vic.gov.au
Technical issues with SmartyGrants website	SmartyGrants 03) 9320 6888 service@smartygrants.com.au
Multilingual support In you need the assistance of an interpreter	Call 131 450 and state 'Frankston City Council as the organisation and quote our number 1300 322 322
Communication Access Support service for people with a hearing, speech or communication impairment and for text telephone or modem callers.	National Relay Service To find the NRS call option that best suits you visit: www.communications.gov.au/accesshub/nrs Most NRS call options are available 24 hours, 7 days a week.
Technology Access In need of assistance to complete this application	Community Grants Team (03) 9784 1035 communitygrants@frankston.vic.gov.au