

2026/27 Hume City Small Business Grants

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Program overview

Recognising the importance of supporting small businesses, Hume City Council is offering \$150,000 to be allocated for this Grant Program. It should be noted that the Program is not an emergency support program and the maximum amount that a business can receive is \$20,000 (plus GST).

The funding criteria has been developed to provide flexibility to the many businesses across Hume. Council encourages Startups, Home Based Businesses and Sole Traders to apply, providing they have been operational for a minimum of 12 months.

Please read our guidelines [here](#).

Before you begin

To give your idea or project the best possible chance of success, you will need to provide the following as part of your submission:

- 1.A Summary of your business' project/idea
- 2.A Project Plan (use template provided)
- 3.Project quotes for every item on your project plan- quotes must be from suppliers who hold a registered ABN- quotes from family members will not accepted
- 4.Any relevant licenses or permits
- 5.Financial Reports

You will need to demonstrate how your business will accomplish one or more of the following goals and outcomes:

- create new employment opportunities
- support local employment growth
- further expand their business and build on their already successful business model and growth potential

Regularly save your application by clicking the '**Save Progress**' button which appears at the top of your screen.

File Upload allows applicants to upload one or more file attachments in their application. The recommended size of a file must be no bigger than 5mb.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Eligibility checklist

Eligibility

Businesses must fulfil the following conditions to be eligible for funding:

- be located within Hume City

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- hold a current Australian Business Number (ABN)
- have 20 or fewer full time equivalent employees (excludes casuals)
- hold all appropriate permits and licenses; this will include but is not restricted to building and planning permits, liquor licenses, health, bankruptcy, and any other statutory permits or licenses that are required for the business to be legal
- provide evidence for a minimum of 2 years trading (through the financial documentation required) and 12 months minimum trading for Startups, Home Based Businesses and Sole Traders
- Council rates must be fully paid and up to date, or a payment plan in place
- hold current public liability insurance and provide evidence of insurance when applying a minimum of \$10 mil is required
- not be in breach of any state/territory or local government law or regulation

Ineligibility

The Hume City Small Business Grants Program will not support applicants that:

- are political organisations or are deemed to have a political purpose
- are government departments of agencies, foundations or grant making bodies
- are charities and have a primary focus of fundraising
- own or operate electronic gaming machines (EGM) or receive funding or in-kind support from EGM venues
- are Sporting Clubs
- denigrate, exclude or offend parts of the community

Please note:

- only one application per business can be submitted
- canvassing or lobbying of Councillors, Council employees or members of the Assessment Panel is strictly prohibited and will result in the application being deemed ineligible
- funding decisions are final
- Hume City Council reserves the right to reject any application that is ineligible or does not meet the eligibility criteria
- Hume City Council reserves the right to part-fund applications
- Hume City Council reserves the right to request any further information as it deems appropriate.

Have you successfully received funding from a Hume Shopfront Improvement Grant or Hume Small Business Grant in 2025/2026? *

- Yes
- No

Hume Small Business Grant Sticker

All successful applicants will receive a sticker to display on their window or front entrance acknowledging the Hume Small Business Grant Program.

If successful I agree to display a Small Business Grant sticker for a period of 2 years on my windows *

- Yes
- No

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Stop. You have answered YES to the above you are NOT ELIGIBLE for this grant.

If you would like further information please contact a Council Officer on 03 9205 2200 or email business@hume.vic.gov.au

What will be funded?

A wide range of projects and programs are eligible for a Hume City Small Business Grant. Some examples of projects that may be funded include:

- business fit out, including capital works
- website development, including digital strategy, marketing and software support systems
- cybersecurity
- AI based product development and tools & Automation Integration Example: for streamlining operations, customer service chatbots, workflow automation, editing tools for content creators
- upgrade of a point-of-sale system (POS)
- circular economy/sustainability initiatives
- research in innovative product development or service design
- outdoor dining furniture and shades*
- dining canopy improvements.*

* These projects are to be undertaken in accordance with the Hume City Footpath Trading Guidelines (please see website for details).

Applicant details

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Confirmation of Workshop Attendance

You can only submit an application if you have **attended** a Grants Workshop.

Have you attended a Grants Workshop? *

- Yes
 No

Please confirm which Workshop you attended *

Ineligible

As you have selected No- you are ineligible to apply.

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Contact and business details

Business Name *

Organisation Name

Main contact *

Title First Name Last Name

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Contact position *

i.e. Owner, CEO, CFO etc.

Business address *

Address

Must be a Hume address

Business phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Mobile number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Contact email *

Must be an email address.

General business email (if applicable) *

Must be an email address.

i.e enquiries@aaabusiness.com.au

Website

Must be a URL.

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

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Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

Bank account details *

Account Name

BSB Number Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

i.e deposit slip of the nominated account OR a statement extract that shows your account details - please redact transactions/balances. Internet banking screenshots will not be accepted.

Proof of Bank account details *

Attach a file:

Are you, or a member of your immediate family, a staff member at Hume City Council? *

- Yes
 No

If you answered yes above, please provide the name of Hume City Council staff member *

Business Information

Date of Establishment / Incorporation *

Must be a date.

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Company structure

Charitable Fund Company ACN Cooperative Incorporated Association Partnership Sole Trader / Home Based Business

Other

Are you registered for GST? *

Industry Type (please tick one) *

Building/Construction Health and related services Manufacturing Professional/Business Services Retail Transport & Logistics Visitor Economy (Tourism/Hospitality) Waste/Repurposing

Other

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

Provide a brief summary of your business activities including core products and services offered *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Number of Employees

Please note: this funding is only available to small businesses who employ up to 20 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees. FTE is based on full time and part time employees only - excluding casuals.

Full-time

Part-time

Casual

Full-time	Part-time	Casual
Must be a number.	Must be a number.	Must be a number.

Executive Summary

Briefly outline how this project will assist and benefit your business *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Project Plan

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To assist you in preparing a Project Plan, please refer to the template provided below.

Please tick the box below to indicate what this grant will be funding. You can tick more than one box. *

- Business fit out, including capital works
- Website development, including digital strategy and marketing
- Cybersecurity
- AI based product development and tools & Automation Integration Example: for streamlining operations, customer service chatbots, workflow automation, editing tools for content creators
- Upgrade of Point-Of-Sale system (POS)
- Circular economy/sustainability initiatives
- Research in innovative product development or service design
- Outdoor dining furniture and shades*
- Dining canopy improvements*
- Other:

**These projects are to be undertaken in accordance with the Hume City Footpath Trading Guidelines (please see website for details)*

Please find link to [Project Plan Template](#). Please complete and attach below.

Please attach a copy of the above completed Project Plan Template *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file and a maximum of 10 files may be attached.

Attach current quotes for items or services listed in the Project Plan *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file and a maximum of 10 files may be attached.

Quotes must be from Australian based businesses. quotes from family members will not be accept

Please note:

Service quotes must be from Australian based businesses with a valid ABN. Machinery excluded.

Quotes from family members will not be accepted.

Total Grant Requested up to \$20,000 *

max grant amount \$20,000

Supporting documentation required

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Please attach the following information to your application:

Profit and Loss Report (2 years) *1 year minimum for Startups, Home Based Businesses and Sole Traders *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file and a maximum of 10 files may be attached.

Balance Sheet (2 years) *1 year minimum for Startups, Home Based Businesses and Sole Traders *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file and a maximum of 10 files may be attached.

Please attach balance sheet only. Tax returns are not accepted.

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Current ATO Portal Report *

Attach a file:

If you have an ATO Debt please attach evidence of a Payment Plan

Attach a file:

Year to Date Payroll Report evidencing employee numbers. Please note you must detail the status of each employee indicating Full time (F), Part time (PT) or Casual (C) *

Attach a file:

Superannuation Guarantee Contribution Report *

Attach a file:

Must show staff listing and contribution amounts.

If you did not upload a Superannuation Guarantee Contribution Report, please provide an explanation below why this was not provided.

Must be current financial year (2026/2027) Certificate of Currency - Public Liability Insurance *MUST NOT BE EXPIRED *

Attach a file:

a minimum of \$10 mil is required

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If applicable, please attach current liquor license permits *MUST NOT BE EXPIRED

Attach a file:

If applicable, please attach relevant and current year food and health permits issued by Hume City Council *MUST NOT BE EXPIRED

Attach a file:

A maximum of 3 files may be attached.

For this proposal, will you be procuring from local suppliers in Hume City Council?

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- Yes - please provide details below
 No

If yes, which local suppliers?

Please tell us how you heard about the Small Business Grants. *

- Hume City Council website
 Hume Economic Development eNewsletter
 Hume City Council LinkedIn
 Internet search
 Social media
 Word of mouth
 Other:

No more than 3 choices may be selected.

Have you received a grant from Hume City Council in the last 12 months? *

- Yes
 No

If you answered yes above, please provide information below

Privacy Statement and Declaration

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Privacy Statement

Hume City Council is committed to protecting your privacy. The personal information requested on this form is being collected by Hume City Council for the purpose of assisting with the assessment of applications for grants. Personal information may be disclosed to Assessment Panel members for the purpose of assessing your application. It will not be disclosed to any other external party without your consent, unless required or authorised by

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law. If the personal information is not collected, Council may have difficulties in contacting you in a timely manner in relation to your application.

If you wish to alter any of the personal information you have supplied to Hume City Council, please send an email to business@hume.vic.gov.au.

The applicant names and funding amounts of successful applicants will be made publicly available, including publication on Council's website and in council media releases.

Declaration

In submitting this funding application I confirm:

- the information contained in this application is to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. I understand that providing false or misleading information is a serious offence
- I am authorised by the Business named as Applicant to act on their behalf to submit this application
- the person/s named as the Contact Person in this application has consented to be named as the contact for the Applicant and has the authority to provide any information that may be required by Council in relation to this application
- if a Hume City Small Business Grant is awarded I agree to expedite the money for the purpose for which the grant was provided as described in the application and the Agreement Document
- I will return any unspent funds to Council
- I accept that Council reserves the right to request and review the Applicant's financial documentation to verify the information provided to Council and other funding sources
- I will acknowledge Council's support in any advertisements, flyers or other communication used to promote the funded project
- I will provide financial reporting as and when required by Council
- I understand that if I do not act in accordance with this Agreement I may not be eligible for any further grants from Hume City Council.

Name of Authorised Person *

Position of Authorised Person *

Date *

Must be a date.