



Future Community Grants


ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

The City of Melville is developing a new Community Grants Framework to guide how community funding will be delivered in the future.


Community members - including individuals, businesses, sporting clubs and community groups, whether they had applied for a grant before or not - were invited to share their views on the current grants program. This included what is working well, what could be improved, and any gaps or opportunities for future funding.

Feedback was collected through an online survey on the City's engagement webpage, Melville Talks, between 29 January and 2 March 2026.

The feedback received will help inform the development of the City's future Community Grants Framework.




8,423
emails
sent to the
community
inviting them
to participate



**2 Social
media
posts and ads**
reaching 10K
people



**5 eNews
articles**
reaching
38.6K people
digitally



**763
page visits**
to the dedicated
Melville Talks
project page



**113
surveys**



1 event
Access and
Inclusion Panel



“EMPOWERS PEOPLE AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL TO ACT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY.”

“THEY CREATE A SENSE OF BELONGING”

“I LIKE THE IDEA OF COMMUNITY GRANTS GOING TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES NOT NECESSARILY INDIVIDUALS.”



WE HEARD FROM

112 people

10.7%
live with a
disability

94%
live in City of
Melville

11.6%
from a migrant
background

3%
LGBTQIA+

48%
women/female

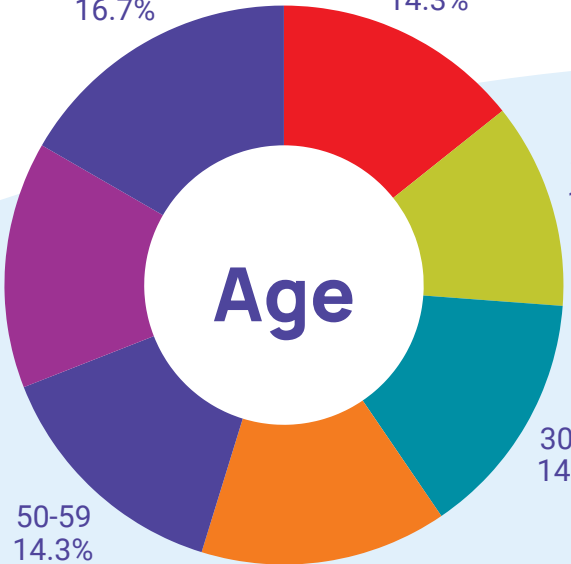
60-69
14.3%

70+
16.7%

10-19
14.3%

20-29
11.9%

30-39
14.3%



“COMMUNITY GROUPS
IDENTIFY AND RESPOND TO
OPPORTUNITIES”



Community grants are strongly supported

Overall sentiment toward community grants was largely positive, with approximately 69% of respondents expressing a positive view of local government grant programs and recognising their role in supporting community-led initiatives.



Experience with City grants

Approximately 30% of respondents had previously applied for a City of Melville community grant, providing informed feedback on how the program currently operates.



Future improvements

Simple and accessible grant processes are strongly preferred. Respondents consistently highlighted the importance of clearer information, simpler application forms and reduced administrative requirements.

Small and flexible grants are highly valued. Participants expressed strong support for small, quick-turnaround grants that support grassroots initiatives, community activities and local events.

- Simpler application processes
- Different grant funding tiers
- Multi-year funding opportunities
- Greater support for applicants.

Biggest impacts

- Grassroots and community groups
- Local events and activations
- Health and wellbeing initiatives
- Arts and cultural programs
- Seniors and ageing-in-place initiatives.



Community outcomes

Community connection is a key outcome of grant funding. Respondents emphasised the role grants play in supporting activities that bring people together, support volunteers and strengthen local community networks.

22% confident in the City's
current process

Barriers

- Grant amounts being too small
- Lack of awareness of available grants
- Administrative requirements or red tape
- Application processes taking too much time
- Low confidence in being successful.

48% would likely apply for a grant in the future