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## Community Grants Program

### Guidelines and information for applicants

Lesbians Incorporated (LINC) is a not for profit, community based organisation concerned with promoting the interests and issues of concern to lesbians. To give effect to these objectives, LINC has established a Community Grants Program.

The LInc Committee allocates \$2,500 in total to grants up to \$500 in the period February to June, and again in the period July to November (inclusive).

Approximately every 18 months, a grant of up to \$10,000 may be allocated to a single project. Members will be notified via email of the of the availability of this large grant and the closing date for applications.

An annual announcement about the grants program will be made in the lesbian press.

#### **Objectives of the Community Grants Program**

The Community Grants Program aims to assist a wide range of projects of benefit to the lesbian community.

To be eligible for funding, projects must demonstrate that they:

- u meet an identified social, cultural, educational, health, welfare, recreational, personal development or legal need of the lesbian community;
- u target discrimination against lesbians and/or aim to improve the civil rights and/or status of lesbians within the general community;
- u aim to improve the access of lesbians to programs, services, activities and opportunities available to the general community;
- u aim to increase the vocational training and/or employment opportunities of lesbians.

Projects may aim to benefit the lesbian community in general or one or more groups within the lesbian community. Groups may be racial, cultural, geographic, or may have specific identified needs or shared interests and concerns. LInc considers the children of lesbians as part of the lesbian community.

#### **WHO MAY APPLY?**

Individual lesbians or lesbian based/lesbian friendly non profit organisations from throughout Australia are eligible to apply for funds. Applicants do not need to be members of LINC but non members are required to pay an application fee (see below). Applicants will need to demonstrate expertise or experience relevant to the project.

Grants are not available to assist businesses.

Current members of the LInc Committee are ineligible for this program.

## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible projects are those which reflect the objectives of the Community Grants Program (listed previously) and fall within a category appropriate to the funding program. Categories are:

- Literary, visual or performing arts activities or functions
- Social functions
- Classes or workshops
- Production of information or resources for educational or promotional purposes
- Support groups or services
- Advisory services
- Sporting and recreational activities or functions
- Other appropriate activities or services approved by LInc

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Funds available under the Community Grants Program are limited. This means that not all applications for funding will be successful. Priority in funding will be given to projects which:

- clearly demonstrate how the project meets one or more of the program objectives
- have the potential for a range of positive outcomes for lesbians
- will benefit a wide range of lesbians or a specific population group of the lesbian community
- are likely to be successfully implemented
- make effective use of grant funds

Applications are particularly encouraged from lesbians who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, lesbians with disabilities, lesbians from non English speaking backgrounds and lesbians in non metropolitan communities.

## CONDITIONS OF FUNDING

The provision of funds is conditional on the project being successfully undertaken. The nature or objectives of funded projects must not be altered in any way without the prior written consent of LINC. Failure to implement the project, or varying the nature or objectives of funded projects without consent, may result in applicants being required to return the grant. Successful applicants will be required to sign an undertaking agreeing to these conditions. LINC requests that grant recipients acknowledge our organisation as a funding source where appropriate.

## USE OF FUNDS

Grant funds may be used for purposes such as:

- the purchase of relevant materials, resources or equipment
- hiring charges including hire of a venue
- printing or advertising costs
- transport costs
- fees charged for relevant services
- administrative costs (eg postage, photocopying)
- other appropriate purposes approved by LInc

Funds will generally not be provided for the payment of wages to individuals or organisations.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for the Community Grants Program must be submitted on the official application form. Applicants may include any relevant supporting documentation.

Applications must be accompanied by an application fee. Application fees are as follows:

Organisations	\$30
Individuals (non members)	\$20
Individuals (members)	Nil

Applications not accompanied by the relevant application fee will not be processed.

Applications will be assessed according to the selection criteria listed above. Priority for funding will be given to those projects which best meet the selection criteria. Decisions on funding applications will be made by the LINC Committee.

Applicants who are unsuccessful may re-submit their proposal to future funding rounds.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The application pack may downloaded from [www.lincgrants.org.au](http://www.lincgrants.org.au) or requested by mailing a stamped (\$1) self-addressed large letter envelope (C5: 229x162mm) to PO Box 503 Glebe NSW 2037.