

RESPECT VICTORIA, RESPECT BALLARAT GRANTS PROGRAM 2026–2028

Frequently Asked Questions

23 March 2026

Question	Response
Can we partner with organisations based outside of Ballarat?	<p>The lead applicant must be based in the City of Ballarat municipality. Partner organisations can be based outside of Ballarat.</p> <p>For more information, refer to the 'Eligible organisations' section of the Guidelines.</p>
Our organisation is implementing a program in Ballarat. Does this fulfil the requirement to be based in the City of Ballarat municipality?	No, the lead applicant must be based in the City of Ballarat municipality.
Our organisation has multiple offices. One of our offices is based in the City of Ballarat municipality. Does this meet the requirement to be based in the City of Ballarat municipality?	Yes, this meets the requirement to be based in the City of Ballarat municipality.
Does the Grants Gateway allow for multiple users to work on the same application?	We appreciate the interest in streamlining the application process. No, unfortunately the Grants Gateway platform does not enable multiple users to work on the same application. We recommend the lead applicant completes the application form using the one account.
Is there a preferred method for detailing references in the application?	How references are detailed is a decision for each applicant to make. Where you refer to evidence listed in the Guidelines, there is no need to provide full reference details.
Can you please advise if an application which had some level of integration across settings would be considered compliant with the guidelines?	<p>Applications would not be disqualified by integrating work across settings.</p> <p>For applicants interested in working across more than one setting, we recommend submitting one application per setting.</p> <p>As per the 'How to apply' section in the Guidelines, each application must stand alone and not be reliant on another application to achieve project outcomes.</p>
Is a small business based in the City of Ballarat municipality eligible to apply if it is auspiced by a not-for-profit community organisation?	No, as per the 'Eligible organisations' section in the Guidelines, these grants are intended for not-for-profit community organisations or local government.

<p>Do partnerships need to be fully established prior to application? Or is a description of how partnerships will be developed be suitable?</p>	<p>As per the 'Merit Assessment' section of the Guidelines, applicants are strongly encouraged to identify project partners and how partnerships are to be initiated, strengthened or expanded, and describe the key roles of each partner.</p> <p>Under Merit criteria 4 on sustainability, consideration will be given to what extent the proposed project strengthens current partnerships and develops new partnerships.</p>
<p>Would a project that focuses on the longer-term evaluation of programs currently being delivered be eligible?</p>	<p>Please refer to the 'Eligible activities' section of the Guidelines for examples of activities that will be funded and to the 'Merit assessment' section for guidance on how applications will be assessed.</p>
<p>Is this the last round of funding under Respect Ballarat?</p>	<p>There are currently no further grant rounds planned under Respect Ballarat.</p>