

WHAT CAN I APPLY FOR?

- Applications must be from an eligible organisation and be for no more than \$5,000 in any single financial year.
- The funding will support up to 50% of the total project costs. The applicant is required to source 50% of the total project.
- In-kind services, including volunteer labour, are eligible components of the applicant's 50% contribution.
- Successful projects must meet at least one outcome outlined in the Shire of Boddington's Council Plan 2024-34, available from the Shire's website.
- Ineligible project costs include salaries, consumables, disposable items, or retrospective funding.

PROCESS

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Community and Economic Development team to discuss the eligibility of their application for the Business Assistance Grant.

Complete the Business Assistance Grant Application Form available on the Shire of Boddington's website.

Submit the Application Form and relevant attachments to the Shire of Boddington by email to shire@boddington.wa.gov.au

The application will be assessed by the Shire Administration and progress to the subsequent Ordinary Council Meeting.

The outcome is advised within one week of the Ordinary Council Meeting, and if approved, the applicant will be requested to submit an invoice to enable payment of the funding, as well as return a signed Funding Agreement.

Deliver the project outlined in grant application within 12 months of receiving the funding. Complete the Acquittal Form within 90 days of the conclusion of the project.

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Business Assistance Grant Guidelines

2026/27

The Business Assistance Grant provides financial assistance for local businesses to deliver projects and programs that support their growth and the Shire of Boddington's economy.

FUNDING ROUNDS 2026-27

Applications are accepted throughout the year and considered at the subsequent Ordinary Council Meeting.

Applicants are encouraged to seek guidance from the Community and Economic Development team prior to submitting an application. This can assist to determine an indicative timeframe for an outcome, as well as soundboard your approach prior to making a formal submission.

The assessment process is based solely on the information provided, so this is a great opportunity to check in.

ELIGIBILITY

Be a small or medium sized businesses within the Shire of Boddington. The applicant must have an ABN and Public Liability Insurance.

Ineligible organisations include:

- individuals;
- not-for-profit organisations;
- government agencies; or
- businesses with outstanding acquittals from other Shire-facilitated funding programs.

PRIORITY AREAS

Funding is for local businesses to deliver projects and programs within the Shire of Boddington that support their growth and the Shire of Boddington's economy. Successful projects will have a clearly identified and evidenced need for the project and must align with one of the following priority areas:

- Shopfront Improvements
- Crime Prevention
- Place Activation

Shopfront Improvements

To provide financial support to commercial property owners to undertake high-quality facade improvements to enhance the visual appearance and function of their building. This will increase street appeal and patronage, stimulate the economy, and improve uptake of commercial/industrial tenancies within appropriately zoned areas. Example projects may include facades, lighting, landscaping, and accessibility.

Crime Prevention

To provide funding to support community safety enhancement projects or programs, such as CCTV installation. This creates a safer and more secure environment by prioritising prevention as the root causes of crime, support public law enforcement, and foster a strong, resilient community. Applications in the Crime Prevention priority area need to demonstrate footage will be available for Police.

Place Activation

To provide funding to support businesses to lead deliver projects and programs in public spaces or areas that are public facing. The aim is to activate pockets of the Shire for the benefit of residents and visitors, increase walkability, increase participation in community life and the space to the unique history of the community. Example projects may include events, art or entertainment.

ASSESSMENT

The proposed project or program aligns with at least one of the Shire's goals outlined in the Council Plan such as Shopfront Improvements, Crime Prevention or Place Activation.

The applicant can demonstrate the feasibility of the proposed project or program and their capacity to successfully deliver it.

The proposed project or program is a discrete piece of work and is not, in the opinion of the Shire, a standard operational expense.