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### Community Grants help fund local projects

The Huon Valley Council Community Grants Program helped fund 41 different projects during 2021-22.

The projects that received funding ranged from a mural at Huonville High School by local artist Rueben Oates to a Halloween Walkway Celebration by the Port Huon Progress Association.

Acting Mayor Sally Doyle said the Community Grants Program provides direct benefits to the community in areas such as health and wellbeing, community resilience, adding vibrancy and improving attractions and infrastructure throughout the Huon Valley.

“We are pleased to announce that the 2022-23 Community Grants Program is now open. There is a total pool of \$35,000 and I encourage individuals, sporting clubs and community groups with activities that support community and creative projects to apply.

“The program provides financial assistance and in-kind support to projects that involve, engage, and benefit the Huon Valley community.”

The funds will be split across two areas:

- \$25,000 for community projects – up to \$1,000 to support a community project
- \$10,000 for creative projects - up to \$1,000 to support a creative project

“We are keen to see grants that utilise local goods and services wherever possible, and enhance the Huon Valley as prosperous, vibrant, and caring. By supporting community-led projects and partnerships between charities, community groups or other organisations. we also aim to build community capacity and resilience,” Acting Mayor Doyle said.

The program will adopt the quick response model that allows people to apply for the funding at any time with a shorter turnaround.

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“We trialled the quick response model in 2020 and it’s proven to be very popular with Council receiving more eligible applications than in previous years,” Acting Mayor Doyle said.

“For over 25 years we have been providing grants funding opportunities that have directly benefitted our community.”

For more information on these grants please visit our website [www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au](http://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au)

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