


Community Grants Guidelines 2026/2027

- Flying Fox Roost – Resident Assistance

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Category – FLYING FOX ROOST – RESIDENT ASSISTANCE	
Council Grant Amount	Maximum grant amount: \$1,500 Minimum grant amount: \$500 No applicant co-contribution required.
Purpose	To mitigate and minimise impacts on directly affected residents resulting from Flying Fox Colonies on or adjacent to their property/residence.
Priorities (address at least one)	Priority items or services must relate to one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building modifications for odour/noise abatement (e.g. air-conditioning/purifying, insulation, sound barriers, window seals/covers) • Cleaning (e.g. solar panel cleaning services, clothes dryer, cleaning equipment, rainwater filters) • Protective measures (e.g. covers for outdoor areas/windows, cars or pools) • Vegetation management (removal of vegetation on property)
Category Specific Criteria/Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council will determine which Flying Fox Colonies/Roosts are active for the purposes of this grant category. 2. The applicant must be an eligible resident (tenant, landowner or body corporate), meaning they must reside in or own a property adjacent to, or within a 'reasonable distance' as determined at council discretion, an active permanent Flying Fox Roost. 3. The applicant must demonstrate direct social, health, physical or financial impact from the adjacent flying fox colony/roost. 4. Only one application per household/dwelling/land area per year. 5. Payment cannot be made for projects or activities that have already occurred prior to application outcome.
Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications must be submitted via Council's online grant portal at https://gympie.smartygrants.com.au/ • Residents without the ability to apply online may contact the Community Development team for assistance on 1300 307 800
Supporting Documentation	The following supporting documents are required when applying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant is the Landowner/body corporate – a copy of their rates notice • Applicant is the Tenant – a copy of their rental agreement, plus written consent for any projects involving building modifications or works to property • Valid quotes for all expenses related to grant application • Where an application is submitted by a landowner <i>not</i> residing in the affected property, evidence should be provided of consultation with the property resident/tenant
Other requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must ensure that where relevant, projects comply with all local, state and federal government legislative, regulatory and policy requirements including planning and building standards/ approvals, and the <i>Low Impact Activities Affecting Flying-Fox Roosts</i> code of practice

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As far as possible, all relevant permits or approvals must be uploaded with the application. Applicants may be required to attach further documents as specified
Notification and Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications are assessed in the first week of each month. Applications can take up to 1 working week to be assessed and may take longer if additional information is required. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by email. Successful applicants must claim the grant funds within 30 days of notification by entering into a Funding Agreement If not already a supplier of Council, successful applicants will be required to be onboarded via the EFTsure system to receive payments from Council (instructions will be included with the Funding Agreement). This process involves completing a verification process. Grant funding will take the form of a financial payment only.
Funding Agreement	<p>Successful applicants will be invited to sign a Funding Agreement that details the requirements of the grant funding. The Funding Agreement will also include any Special Conditions that the Applicant may be required to either acknowledge and/or provide additional documentation before funds can be released.</p>
Acquittal of Grant	<p>Grant recipients must complete an online Acquittal Report within four weeks of the end of the project delivery timeframe, unless an extension is provided in writing by Council.</p> <p>In the Acquittal, the grant recipient must include evidence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> grant expenditure (e.g. invoices) project delivery (e.g. at least 1 photo of event or project)
Funding	<p>This grant is jointly funded by Gympie Regional Council and the Queensland Government. Funding was provided through the Flying-Fox Roost Management Local Government Grant Program (FFRMLGGP)</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

PRIVACY STATEMENT AND RIGHT TO INFORMATION

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Submitted documents may be subject to disclosure and applicants may access information under the *Right to Information Act 2009*, subject to the exemptions under that Act. For more information, see www.gympie.qld.gov.au/access-information

Further information

The Flying Fox Roost – Resident Assistance Grant is administered in accordance with Council's Community Grants Policy.

For information and assistance please contact Council's Community Development Team on 1300 307 800 or grantsadmin@gympie.qld.gov.au.