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**Bega Valley Shire Council's
Seniors Festival 2017
Grant Guidelines**



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What is Seniors Festival?

Seniors Festival is held annually across Australia. It is an opportunity for people of all ages to join together and celebrate the valuable contributions of older Australians in communities. In 2017, Seniors Festival will run from Friday 3 March to Sunday 12 March.

The theme of Seniors Festival 2017 is "inclusive Communities" with the key objectives to:

- empower older people in NSW to stay connected and contribute to their communities;
- empower older people in NSW to live active and healthy lives with improved physical and mental wellbeing;
- bring together local community organisations to produce multicultural, intergenerational or lifestyle small or large scale events for seniors in their community;
- harness opportunities for seniors to continue to participate in activities outside of the NSW Seniors Festival; and
- encourage opportunities for seniors to continue to learn.

Program Objectives

Bega Valley Shire Council is supporting community groups to hold events and activities which meet the above Seniors Festival 2017 objectives. Seniors are required to be actively involved in the planning and delivery of Seniors Festival activities. Activities should be free to all participants and encourage diverse participation.

How to apply?

You can apply by completing and submitting the simple online application form at

<https://form.jotform.co/BVSC/seniors-festival-2017-grant>

Online is the preferred method for applying, however if you would like a document version please contact Peter Cross on (02) 6499 2222

Closing Date

Applications must be received by 5pm on Monday the 21 of November 2016 and successful organisations will be notified in mid December 2016.

Who can Apply?

Any non-profit organisation is encouraged to put in a submission including community groups, churches, social/interest groups.

All activities should promote positive images of older people to the wider community. Please note that the grants are intended to partly fund groups and organisations undertaking Seniors Festival activities. Once funds have been granted no further funds will be made available. It is up to the applicant to manage costs of activities.

What won't be funded?

These grants cannot be used to fund open days for/in aged care facilities.

Responsibility of applicants

Bega Valley Shire Council will not be responsible or liable for any loss, damage or claim suffered or made by any person, which arises out of, or is in conjunction with, any Seniors Festival activities, which are organised, co-ordinated or funded by the funding recipient.

Successful funding applicants must:

- Provide their GST status.
- Acknowledge Bega Valley Shire Council's contribution in any promotion of the funded project/activity.
- Acknowledge Seniors Festival as a joint initiative between the Commonwealth, State, Territory and Local governments.
- Provide Council with a brief report on completion of the project - including budget expenditure by 30 April 2017.
- Have adequate insurance cover, including public liability and volunteers insurance, and should the grant application be successful, provide Council with a certificate of currency
- Adhere to all legislative requirements and Council requirements such as use of public spaces and food handling
- Provide Council with information to be included in the Seniors Festival calendar of events and on Council's website and other promotional material

Grants to successful applicants will be made in the form of a cheque from Bega Valley Shire Council.