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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Now Open: Huon Valley Council's 2021/22 Community Grants Program

Huon Valley Council is pleased to announce that the 2021/22 Community Grants Program with a total pool of \$55,000 is now open for applications.

The 2021/22 Community Grants Program provides financial assistance and in-kind support to projects that involve, engage, and benefit the Huon Valley Community.

The total funding of \$55,000 is split across 3 areas with up to \$1,000 available for individuals and community groups with activities that support community, creative and Town Team Projects that can be completed before 30 December 2022. The funding is:

- \$25,000 for community projects
- \$10,000 for creative projects
- \$20,000 for Town Teams projects

Mayor Bec Enders said, "We are thrilled to launch a community grants program that supports projects, programs, and services that promote community connection and enhances the diversity of cultural, creative and health and well-being in the Huon."

"We are pleased that the grants program now includes an additional \$10,000 for creative projects that directly enhances the vibrant arts and culture sector of the community and \$20,000 for town teams which support place-based activation and/or beautification of a town."

"We are keen to see grants that utilise local goods and services wherever possible, and enhance the Huon Valley as a 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."

Last year's trial of a quick response model allowed people to apply for the funding at any time with a shorter turnaround. This proved popular with Council receiving more eligible applications than in previous years.

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Once again, this quick response model will be adopted with grant applications to be assessed by a panel of Council Officers and approved by the General Manager, through delegated authority.

“For over 25 years Council has been providing grants funding opportunities that have directly benefitted our community. said Mayor Enders. “Initiatives such as these support building community resilience, add vibrancy and provide opportunities to take part in health and wellbeing activities and improve attractions and infrastructure throughout the Huon Valley.”

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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