

BATHURST ACCESS IMPROVEMENT GRANTS 2024/2025
APPLICATION FORM

Section 1 Background

Bathurst Regional Council has established a grant fund to assist businesses, organisations and sporting groups, to improve access for people with disability.

Section 2 Eligible Projects

Projects which improve access to and movement around the business, organisation or sporting group site for people with disability. The types of eligible projects include, for example:

- (a) Access ramps/lifts
- (b) Internal and external disability access signage
- (c) Accessible toilets
- (d) Accessible shop counters
- (e) Modifications to doorways
- (f) Equipment and/or fittings to assist the audio or visually impaired
- (g) General modifications/improvements designed to improve access for people with disability

Section 3 Eligible Businesses/Community Organisations/Sporting Groups.

The purpose of this grant funding is to improve access for people with disability to small businesses, community organisations and sporting groups.

Council defines the term 'small business' by Australian Bureau of Statistics classifications as a business which has less than 20 full-time equivalent employees.

Section 4 Level of Funding Available

Bathurst Access Improvement Grants provides grants of 50% of project costs, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Section 5 Assessment Criteria

The following matters will be taken into account by Council in assessing your application.

- (a) The applicant must demonstrate that they have the necessary finance to undertake the approved works.
- (b) The applicant must demonstrate that the project will ensure improved access and/or services for people with a disability.

Section 10 Quotes and pictures

Attach photographs showing:

- The building from the street, if applicable, and/or;
- The part of the building where work is proposed, including plans and/or sketches.

Attach **two** quotes for the proposed works.

Section 11 Conditions of the grant

The grant must be accepted in writing or via email, within two (2) months of offer otherwise it will be withdrawn.

The grant may be reviewed or revoked at any time under any one or more of the following circumstances:

- (a) unsatisfactory or works differing from the agreed grant-funded works;
- (b) failure to meet time schedule constraints;
- (c) failure to provide the final report; and
- (d) non-disclosure, misleading or false disclosure of information.

Claims for payment should be supplied by completion of the Final Report Form.

Claims for payment can only be made once all works are completed and the necessary documentation submitted to Council. **(see Section 12 Compliance with the National Construction Code, Bathurst Regional Council's Local Environment Plan 2014)**

All reasonable measures are taken to ensure public access to the grant-funded project remains. Grant recipients agree to acknowledge and participate in reasonable media around the grant-funded projects.

Section 12 Compliance with the National Construction Code, Bathurst Regional Council's Local Environment Plan 2014.

All work must be carried out in compliance with the National Construction Code, Bathurst Regional Council's Environmental Plan 2014: NOTE: Either Development Consent or Notification of Exempt Development will be required for all projects. Advice on the appropriate pathway can be gained from Council's Environment, Planning and Building Services Department.

Works to be completed in accordance with generally accepted sound financial practice.

