



UNITED WAY GLENELG GRANT VISION

We are dedicated to creating a brighter future for all who call the Glenelg Shire home by focusing on five priorities: strengthening community resilience, creating opportunities for youth, supporting financial security, promoting healthy communities, and empowering healthy ageing.

ELIGIBILITY

Funding is available only to registered Community Partners for projects beginning in 2026. A Community Partner organisation with whom United Way Glenelg works to achieve its mission & vision.

Organisations who are not Community Partners but wish to apply for funding must first complete a Community Partner Registration form.

Link <https://www.unitedwayglenelg.com.au/our-work/grants/community-partnership-registration/>

If you are unsure if your organisation is registered, please contact United Way Glenelg: mail@unitedwayglenelg.com.au or Nicole Carr on 0410 513 305

All applications MUST be completed through The Good Grants platform <https://uwg.grantplatform.com/>

FOR COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS ONLY: A representative from your organisation will be required to attend an interview with our independent allocations panel to further discuss the aims and objectives of your project.

This interview will take place on Wednesday 25 March 2026 and take approximately 15 minutes. You will be notified of your interview time closer to the date.

WHERE DO THE FUNDS COME FROM?

Community Fund – Monies for the Community Fund come from Workplace Giving campaigns, individual donations and donations from the Glenelg Shire community.

Lewis Court Fund – Monies for the Lewis Court Fund come from the dividends of investment of funds because of the sale of the Lewis Court Home for the Aged in 2013.

If your organisation would like more information on how it can support the work of United Way Glenelg through our Workplace Giving program, please contact Nicole Carr on 0410 513 305

GRANT STREAMS

UNITED WAY GLENELG HAS 2 FUNDS TO SELECT FROM IN 2026

- **COMMUNITY FUND:** Total amount available \$TBC Limited to amounts of \$5,000 per project.
- **LEWIS COURT FUND:** Total amount available is \$50,000. Limited to amounts of \$10,000 per project.

UNITED WAY GLENELG PRIORITIES AREAS

Please read the following criteria carefully and select the most appropriate fund for your project. Ensure you select the correct category on the application form.

All United Way Glenelg funds are distributed according to our three priority areas listed below;

HEALTHY COMMUNITY:

A healthy community is one in which residents from all parts of the community can work together to have access to healthy living options. Working at the community level to promote healthy living, brings the greatest health benefits to the greatest number of people. It reduces health gaps caused by differences in income, education, cultural backgrounds, location, and other factors that can affect health and wellbeing.

Mental health is consistently recognised as one of the most pressing concerns for communities, with many people experiencing high levels of stress, isolation, and difficulty accessing support. These challenges affect individuals of all ages and can have lasting impacts on wellbeing if not addressed. United Way is committed to reducing stigma, broadening access to resources, and helping communities build resilience so that mental health is supported as part of overall wellbeing.

Access to nutritious food is another key priority, as many households face rising costs and barriers to fresh, healthy options. Food insecurity places added pressure on families, particularly when they are forced to choose between essentials. United Way is focused on tackling the root causes of hunger and ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to live well without sacrificing nutrition.

Maternal and child health also remains vital, as the early years of life lay the foundation for lifelong wellbeing. Gaps in access to services and support can make it harder for families to navigate this critical stage. United Way is dedicated to providing resources and strengthening supports for parents and children, helping to create strong starts and brighter futures.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY:

We're creating pathways for young people to reach their goals, from early childhood education to higher education, training and career success. A solid education leads to greater opportunities, both for the individual and future generations.

Youth mental health and resilience are widely recognised as urgent priorities, with many young people experiencing stress, isolation, and limited access to support. Without early intervention, these challenges can impact wellbeing, learning, and future opportunities. United Way is committed to reducing stigma, broadening access to resources, and creating supportive environments where young people feel connected and resilient.

Early childhood education and literacy are also vital areas of focus. Strong early development lays the foundation for lifelong health, learning, and wellbeing, yet many families face barriers to accessing quality programs. United Way works to expand opportunities for early education and literacy so that all children have the chance to thrive from the very beginning.

Youth engagement, leadership, and pathways are essential to ensuring young people can participate fully in their communities and shape their futures. Many face challenges in education, employment, and having their voices heard, highlighting the importance of skills development, mentoring, and leadership opportunities. United Way supports initiatives that build confidence, open pathways, and help young people realise their potential.

FINANCIAL SECURITY:

When individuals and families have strong financial well-being, it has a ripple effect on their overall well-being, including educational attainment, health outcomes, and community vitality. Improving financial stability can break the cycle of poverty and provide access to better healthcare, housing, and education, ultimately benefiting future generations.

The rising cost of living is one of the most immediate and widespread concerns across Glenelg Shire. With the price of food, fuel, utilities, and rent continuing to climb, families, older adults, and those on fixed incomes are under significant pressure. When people struggle to afford essentials, they are often forced to make difficult trade-offs between food, health, and housing, which can have long-term impacts on wellbeing.

Housing security is another critical issue, with growing numbers of community members facing housing stress and the risk of homelessness. Vulnerable groups such as older women, renters, and those on low incomes are particularly affected, despite safe and affordable housing being a cornerstone of health, stability, and social inclusion.

Education, employment, and job readiness also remain key priorities for the future of our residents. Many young people and women continue to face barriers such as limited transport, digital skills, and access to local jobs, leaving them underemployed or unemployed. Economic participation is vital for financial security and independence, and long-term solutions are needed to create pathways into education, training, and meaningful work.

HEALTHY AGING:

We're responding by building stronger connections, supporting safe and secure housing, and preparing for the challenges of tomorrow so that every older adult can live with dignity, safety, and purpose.

Social isolation among older adults is an increasing concern, with many experiencing loneliness and disconnection, particularly those living alone. The growth in lone-person households highlights this trend, and evidence shows that isolation can negatively impact both mental and physical health. It also reduces the resilience of older residents during times of crisis, leaving them more vulnerable.

Ageing in place and housing security are also key priorities. Many older adults wish to remain in their homes and communities as they age, but fixed incomes, housing stress, and the lack of affordable, age-appropriate housing make this difficult. Older women are particularly at risk, facing greater financial and housing insecurity. Safe and secure housing is critical for independence, dignity, and long-term wellbeing.

Older adults are also disproportionately vulnerable to climate and health shocks, such as heatwaves, poor air quality, and other extreme events. High rates of chronic health conditions, combined with rural isolation, limit the ability of many older residents to respond effectively during these crises. With climate change likely to increase the frequency and severity of such events, it is essential to put stronger systems in place to protect vulnerable populations.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Be registered as a United Way Glenelg [Community Partner](#).
- Contact Nicole Carr at United Way Glenelg on 0410 513 305 or mail@unitedwayglenelg.com.au to confirm.
- Have an ABN.
- Be incorporated or auspiced by an **eligible** incorporated organisation;
- Be a Not-for-Profit organisation providing opportunities for local people by either;
 - advancing health
 - advancing education
 - advancing financial stability
- Have completed an Evaluation Report for any previous funding received from United Way Glenelg. Failure to do so automatically makes your organisation ineligible;
As we have adjusted our grant timelines, we are accepting applications from our Community Partners who have not yet acquitted their grant from 2024.
- Be operational in the Glenelg Shire.

HOW TO APPLY

All applications MUST be completed through the Good Grants website .
<https://uwg.grantplatform.com/> or scan the QR code



It is highly recommended you contact United Way Glenelg to discuss your application before submitting it.

Funds will open on Sunday 1 February 2026 and close on Saturday 28 February 2026

WHAT UNITED WAY WILL NOT FUND

- Anything illegal or ethically questionable may reflect badly on United Way Glenelg or its donors and supporters.
- Major capital expenditure or works.
- Operating or recurring costs (rent, insurance, utility bills)
- Funds for investment or organisational reserves.
- Religious activity – United Way Glenelg accepts that some of the community partners are religious groups who must remain true to their mission and beliefs HOWEVER the projects should not be specifically religious as this is not the intent of the donation to United Way Glenelg from the original donor.
- Annual salary and day-to-day administration costs, unless directly connected to the project.
- Individuals.
- For-profit organisations.
- Groups who are primarily political.
- Projects that don't improve the health and wellbeing of the community.
- Projects that have already commenced.
- Projects outside of the Glenelg Shire.

ALLOCATIONS PROCESS & ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

TIMELINE

This intended timeline may be subject to change

Community Partner Funding Applications Open:Sunday 1 February 2026

Community Partner Funding Applications Close:Saturday 28 February 2026

For Community Fund applications only

Presentation to Volunteer Allocations Committee:Wednesday 25 March 2026

Notification of grants to Community Partners:Thursday 21 May 2026

Presentation of grants to Community Partners:Wednesday 27 May 2026

COMMUNITY FUND

1. Applications are initially assessed by United Way Glenelg Community Partners sub-committee to ensure criteria are met.
2. Community partner is required to attend an interview to further discuss the aims and objectives of your project.
3. Applications are then assessed by an Independent Volunteer Allocations Panel with recommendations made to United Way Glenelg Board for final determination.

LEWIS COURT FUND

Applications are assessed by United Way Glenelg Community Partners subcommittee with recommendations made to United Way Glenelg Board for final determination

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Assessment and prioritisation are completed against the following:

- The outcome of the project must align with at least one of UWG's priorities of Healthy Community, Youth Opportunity, Financial Security and Healthy Aging.
- What are you proposing to do, and how and why?
- Is there a need for the project in the community?
- How will the project make a difference in the community?
- How many people will benefit?
- What is the overall cost of the project?
- Who are the other confirmed or intended contributors - financial and in-kind?
- Where else have you applied for funding for the project?
- The satisfaction of previous funding and evaluation reporting.

EVALUATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All successful applicants must complete the United Way Glenelg Evaluation Report after the project. The evaluation must be received **BEFORE THE DUE DATE** set by United Way Glenelg. If an extension is required, please contact United Way Glenelg on 0410 513 305 or mail@unitedwayglenelg.com.au.

Any surplus funds must be returned to United Way Glenelg. Where applicable, organisations may request surplus be used to support the project, however, requires consultation with the Executive Officer, followed by a formal letter of request. The Evaluation Report requires evidence of expenditure of all funds through the provision of receipts, ledger reports, etc.

Successful applicants must undertake to credit United Way Glenelg in all reports, media releases, launches and any other communication relating to the successful program. Materials, including logos, will be made available for this purpose. The Evaluation Report requires evidence of this in the form of newspaper articles, media releases, flyers or promotional material.

Where projects vary from the original application a request for variation to the contract must occur. This requires consultation with the Executive Officer and Community Partners Sub Committee. If United Way Glenelg – Funding Guidelines 2026

successful a formal letter of request is essential. The Evaluation Report requires evidence that the project satisfies the intent of the original application.

The Evaluation Reporting template is provided by United Way Glenelg.

Completed Evaluation Reports to be sent to:

Nicole Carr
United Way Glenelg
PO Box 1032
60 Julia Street
PORTLAND 3305
mail@unitedwayglenelg.com.au

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHEN WILL THE FUNDING BE PROVIDED?

Funding will be provided once United Way Glenelg Board has ratified the recommendations from the Independent Allocations Panel and is satisfied all documentation is submitted and **Acknowledgement of money and acceptance of conditions** have been received. Monies will be directly paid into the nominated account.

2. HOW MUCH IS AVAILABLE?

United Way Glenelg Community Fund \$TBC
Limited to a maximum of \$5,000 per application.
United Way Glenelg Lewis Court Fund \$50,000.
Limited to a maximum of \$10,000 per application.

3. WE RECEIVED FUNDS IN THE PAST CAN WE APPLY AGAIN?

Yes, you are welcome to apply if United Way Glenelg has received and accepted your Evaluation Report for previously funded projects, however, grants are competitive and each grant is merit-based assessed. Past success is no guarantee for future funds.

4. WE HAVE NOT SUBMITTED OUR EVALUATION FOR FUNDS RECEIVED IN PREVIOUS YEARS, CAN WE APPLY AGAIN?

No. Community Partners who have not reported on previous allocations will not be considered.

5. CAN I GET HELP WITH THE APPLICATION FORM?

Yes! United Way Glenelg Executive Officer Nicole Carr will be more than happy to help.
mail@unitedwayglenelg.com.au or phone 0410 513 305.

6. APPLICATIONS HAVE CLOSED AND I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE SOMETHING, CAN I DO THIS?

Please contact United Way Glenelg to discuss the nature of the change.

7. WHY DOES YOUR CEO/SENIOR MANAGER HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR APPLICATION?

The CEO or Senior Manager must be fully aware and provide acknowledgement of your application so that duplication and competitiveness within the same organisation are avoided.

The CEO or Senior Manager must be able to complete the Evaluation Form after the program if the person applying for the grant in your organisation is no longer employed.

QUOTES AND PROCUREMENT

Applicants must follow proper procurement processes to ensure transparency and accountability in the use of grant funds. This includes obtaining a minimum of two quotes for any purchases over a specified amount to demonstrate value for money and fair decision-making. However, if the equipment or service is highly specialised, a single quote may be sufficient, provided clear justification is included.

Where possible, preference should be given to local suppliers and ethical or sustainable sourcing. Clear records of procurement decisions, including quotes and justifications, should be maintained as part of the project's financial reporting.

EXAMPLE OF A PROJECT BUDGET

Community Fund/Lewis Court Fund Budget

Project Name: Project ABC



EXPENSE	AMOUNT	NOTES
Expense 1 Purchase of equipment	\$1,000	2 quotes are attached
Expense 2 Advertisement	\$500	Radio advertisement – quote is attached
Expense 3 Catering	\$250	Soup and rolls for 30 people – quote attached
Expense 4 Program co-ordination	\$500	Provided in-kind by Community Partner ABC
Expense 5 Transport	\$200	Provided in-kind by Organisation XYZ
Expense 6	\$	
Expense 7	\$	
Expense 8	\$	
Expense 9	\$	
Expense 10	\$	
Total:		\$2,450
Amount contributed by your organisation:	\$500	
Amount contributed from other sources:	\$200	
Grant Amount requested:	\$1,750	Please note: Budget Figures are to be GST Exclusive if you are registered for GST