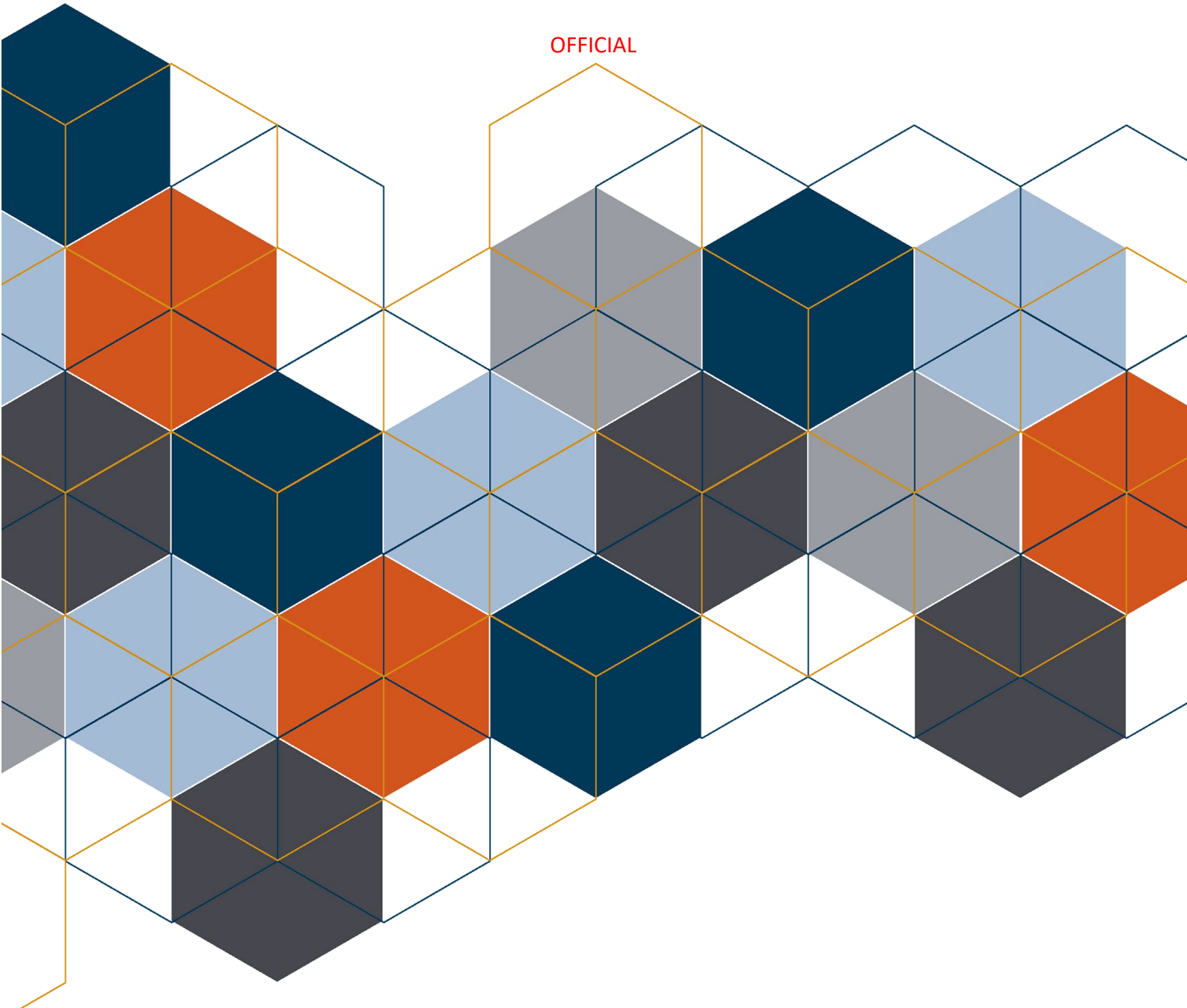


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Southern Place-Based Food Resilience Grant Program 2026-27

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Acknowledgement of Aboriginal People and Country

In recognition of the deep history and culture of this island, we acknowledge and pay our respects to Tasmanian Aboriginal people; the traditional owners of the land. We recognise Tasmanian Aboriginal people's continuing connection to Land, Sea, Waterways, Sky and Culture and pay our respects to Elders, past and present.

Introduction

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC) is responsible for these guidelines and are referred to as 'we', 'us', or 'our'.

All references to 'you', 'my', or 'I', may be an individual and/or a representative on behalf of an organisation.

Definitions

Affordable food includes both the ability to pay without suffering hardship and being able to purchase an adequate level to meet individual or household needs on a sustainable basis.

Food access refers to the resources and ability that communities, households and individuals have (or do not have) to acquire and consume a healthy diet within proximity.

Food security is when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.

Food resilience is the capacity of individuals, communities and systems to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disruptions to food access. A resilient food system ensures that everyone can continue to access safe and adequate food, even during times of stress – whether caused by climate events, economic hardship or logistical disruptions.

Place-based refers to a collaborative way of working that focuses on local needs, local solutions, and the unique attributes of a place.

Southern Tasmania includes the areas of:

- Brighton
- Derwent Valley
- Greater Hobart (Clarence, Glenorchy, Hobart and Kingborough)
- Huon Valley
- Sorell
- Southern Midlands
- Tasman

Key dates

Applications must be received by 2pm Thursday, 3 December 2026.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Description	Date
Program opens	2pm Thursday, 8 October 2026
Program closes	2pm Thursday, 3 December 2026
Notification of outcomes (estimate)	January 2027
Funding provided	Upon execution of the grant deed
Project completion date	31 December 2027
Final report and acquittal due	31 March 2028

Southern Place-Based Food Resilience Grant Program 2026-27

Background

[Tasmania's Food Resilience Strategy 2025-2031](#) (the strategy) was released in November 2025. It provides a framework to guide ongoing food relief efforts and support community-led solutions that build local resilience.

A key outcome in the strategy is to enable communities to lead local responses that work in their context, strengthening sustainable community food security.

The strategy builds on the work achieved in the [Food Relief to Food Resilience Action Plan 2023-2025](#). The action plan committed to three place-based pilots to deliver community-led solutions to assist in moving from food relief to food resilience by developing sustainable solutions that meet community needs.

Two place-based pilots have commenced:

- **North-West:** A Social Supermarket and Café model called 'Make it Fresh' managed by Gran's Van.
- **North:** A hybrid mobile and place-based food hub and social supermarket in Launceston called 'LIFE – Launceston Independent Food Enterprise'.

The Southern Place-Based Food Resilience Grant Program aims to identify a place-based pilot in southern Tasmania.

About this Grant Program

The Southern Place-Based Food Resilience Grant Program (Grant Program) will provide total funding of \$210,000 to an eligible organisation to deliver a place-based pilot in southern Tasmania to assist in moving from food relief to food resilience.

Applications should demonstrate how they will:

- Increase access to affordable, quality and nutritious food to Tasmanians.
- Address diversity, choice and culturally appropriate food options.
- Collaborate with other local organisations that support place-based food resilience.
- Deliver meaningful, practical or lasting benefits to the place of the service.
- Build the capacity of the pilot project to become sustainable in the future.

How much can I apply for?

The total funding available under the grant program is \$210,000, which will be provided in full to the successful applicant.

Splitting the funding across organisations for multiple southern pilot projects will not be considered, however organisations may partner with other organisations to collaboratively deliver the southern pilot.

When must the project be delivered?

The southern pilot is to commence as soon as practicable, with the project scheduled to conclude on 31 December 2027. Subject to approval by DPAC, the successful applicant may negotiate relevant timings.

What can't the grant be used for?

Funding is not available for:

- Projects delivered outside of southern Tasmania.
- Paying for legal or governance advice, fees or fines.

Please Note:

- Applicants must demonstrate they have the skills, resources and capacity to deliver the southern pilot and manage any ongoing costs after the grant funding concludes.

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants

The grant program is open to applications from:

- Incorporated not-for-profit organisations.
- Not-for-profit companies registered under company law.
- Aboriginal organisations.
- Unincorporated organisations (must be auspiced by an incorporated organisation).

Applicants must have:

- A Tasmanian presence as a community-based organisation and the ability to deliver activities in Tasmania.
- No perceived or actual conflicts of interest that would impact the delivery of the project.
- Public liability insurance (a copy of the organisation's current public liability insurance cover must be included with the application).
- Hold a currently active Australian Business Number (ABN) or, if eligible, provide a Statement by Supplier Form from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

Please Note: Applicants may be asked to supply documentation to support the organisation's eligibility as part of the application process, or as part of an audit process to confirm claims were true and correct.

Auspicing

Unincorporated community organisations or groups may be considered for funding if they are auspiced by an organisation that meets the above eligibility criteria.

Auspicing is often used to help unincorporated community organisations access funding for their activities. An auspice agreement is a legally binding contract.

The 'auspicee' will be carrying out the project, event or activity 'under the auspices of' the incorporated organisation – the 'auspisor'.

The 'auspisor' enters into the Grant Deed and receives the project funding for the auspicee. The auspisor can do this for multiple organisations under this grant program, as well as being an applicant in their own right, if they meet all other eligibility criteria.

If an eligible organisation applies and also auspices another organisation(s) for this grant program, then the auspicee applies under their legal name, and the application must include formal written confirmation from the auspicing organisation that it will accept the relevant administration, legal and financial responsibilities for the grant.

Who can't apply?

Ineligible Applicants

The following entities are not eligible to apply for funding under the grant program:

- Organisations based on mainland Australia
- Local Government authorities
- Australian Government agencies
- Tasmanian Government agencies
- Schools or colleges (government or non-government/private)
- Individuals and sole traders
- Political parties
- For profit organisations and businesses

How do I apply?

Visit DPAC's [Community Grants](#) webpage and follow the link through to the online application form via our grants portal [SmartyGrants](#).

When you have correctly submitted your application, you will receive a confirmation email.

If you are having difficulty accessing the application form, or if you have any questions regarding the application process, please call 03 6165 9880 or email communityservices@dpac.tas.gov.au before the grant program closes.

I'm new to applying to grants – where can I get help?

DPAC strongly encourages using the SmartyGrants [Help Guide for Applicants](#) and [Applicant FAQ's](#) to manage your application.

What do I need to know about Goods and Services Tax (GST)?

Organisations must indicate whether they are registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST) in their grant application.

To help with understanding GST, you can visit the [Community Grants website](#).

[Contact the Australian Taxation Office](#) (ATO) on 13 28 66 or www.ato.gov.au for any further advice or clarification on GST.

How will my application be assessed?

Assessment criteria

If eligible, your organisation's application will be scored against the following criteria:

Criteria	What that means	Weighting
Project merit and outcomes	The southern place-based pilot will contribute to the outcome in Tasmania's Food Resilience Strategy 2025-2031: • Enable communities to lead local responses that work in their context, strengthening sustainable community food security. Applications should demonstrate how they will: • Increase access to affordable, quality and nutritious food to Tasmanians. • Address diversity, choice and culturally appropriate food options. • Collaborate with other local organisations that support place-based food resilience. • Deliver meaningful, practical or lasting benefits to the place of the service.	40%
Evidence of your organisation's ability to deliver your project	• A brief project workplan, including how you will communicate and engage with the local community. • Examples of your organisation's experience in delivering similar projects. • The experience and expertise your organisation has in working with the chosen group or community. • The experience and expertise your organisation has in delivering similar projects. <i>The assessment may also consider the outcomes and effectiveness of previous DPAC grant funded projects delivered by your organisation.</i>	30%
Sustainability and capacity for future planning	• Your organisation has the experience, resources and capacity to deliver the pilot. • You provide planning that demonstrates how the southern pilot could be sustainable in the future.	30%

Meeting all eligibility criteria does not automatically mean that grant funding will be provided.

In making final recommendations, the assessment panel may consider the aspects of the broader food relief and resilience sector, local distribution and supply chains, and collaborative approaches that could link local organisations or providers.

What do I need to do while it's being assessed?

Please make sure you (or the representative listed in the application) is available during this time, as DPAC may contact you for more information.

If the requested information is not provided within three business days, DPAC may be unable to progress your application further.

What happens if my application is successful?

If successful, your organisation will receive a notification of the decision, so please make sure your organisation's contact details are current in SmartyGrants.

Please note that your organisation's name, the title of your project and the amount of funding received will be available publicly on DPAC's Community Grants webpage.

If your organisation is successful, you will need to enter into a grant deed with DPAC.

The grant deed will include terms and conditions of the funding being offered and your organisation's obligations including reporting requirements.

Your report/s must include:

- A detailed explanation of how the funds were used against the approved purpose.
- A financial acquittal (breakdown of expenses).
- Evidence from your project or activity, including outcomes and learnings.
 - This information may be used to share examples of good practice and promote the impact of the southern pilot.

For more information for successful grant recipients you can visit DPAC's Community Grants website, [Tools and Resources](#)

What if my organisation already has a grant with DPAC?

You can have more than one grant with DPAC.

However, if you have one or more overdue report or acquittal, then the organisation must complete these before the invoice for this grant program can be approved for payment.

How will the information I provide be used?

Your report can be used, reproduced, modified and adapted by DPAC.

Make sure anything you provide complies with the [Copyright Act 1968 \(Cwlth\)](#) and the [Personal Information Protection Act 2004](#).

What if my application is not successful?

Organisations will receive an email about the grant program's assessment decision, and who to contact if you would like to seek feedback on your application.

What if I want to appeal the decision?

You can ask for a review if you have reason to believe that:

- The persons making the decision had a direct or indirect financial interest in the outcome of the application.
- The preparation of the application was affected by incorrect advice provided by DPAC.
- The persons making the recommendations discriminated against the applicant on irrelevant grounds, such as cultural, religious or linguistic background, race, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability.

To seek a review, organisations must write to the Manager, Community Grants and Programs by email to grants@dpac.tas.gov.au. A request must be received within 28 days from the date that DPAC provides notification of the decision of the grant application.

How will my information be kept safe?

Any information provided to or received by DPAC is managed under the conditions of the following Acts:

- *Archives Act 1983 (Tas)*
- *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*
- *Right to Information Act 2009*

Any worker in the Tasmanian State Service must also follow the rules of the State Service Principles and the *State Service Act 2000*.

Who do I contact about this grant program?

Please contact communityservices@dpac.tas.gov.au or 03 6165 9800 (during business hours) for:

- Further information or advice on the grant program.
- Assistance in making an application.
- Feedback on the outcome of your application.

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