

A photograph of two elderly women in a garden. One woman, wearing a red top, is looking down at a raised garden bed. The other woman, wearing a blue and green patterned dress, is leaning over the garden bed, possibly tending to the plants. The garden bed is filled with soil and some green plants. In the background, there are more plants and a fence.

# KICKSTART GRANTS GUIDELINES

**BHC's Vision is Creating Homes, Empowering Lives, Enabling Transformation.**

**We know that the homes we create provide a critical platform for people to move forward with their lives. To empower people and help them to transform their lives, some residents may also need support.**

To make this possible we have established the BHC Impact Fund- a minimum commitment of \$150,000 each year for services and programs to support better outcomes for our residents. This Fund will invest in programs, services and grants to assist residents to achieve better outcomes and move forward with their lives with dignity and hope.

## About the Kickstart Grants

BHC's Kickstart Grants provide support for residents experiencing financial difficulty to fund "small ticket" items that support their participation, health and housing outcomes. Items that could be funded are broad and could include items such as uniforms, travel cards, small household goods, as well as small projects that strengthen the communities of our residents.

Total funding for each grant is up \$350. These grants are available all year round and total funding for the program is \$7,500 per year.

## Who can apply

- Any BHC resident or household member in BHC's affordable housing portfolio (NRAS, Opal, Coral)
- More than one member of the household can apply

You must be applying for an activity or item that will improve your or a household member's participation, health or housing outcomes.

## What is the assessment criteria

Applications will be reviewed against the following assessment criteria:

1. Is the application complete with supporting documentation attached?
2. Need- Will this grant assist the applicant to achieve your goals? Is there evidence that this assistance is needed? Can the assistance be provided anywhere else?
3. Outcomes- Will this grant have a substantial impact on the applicant?
4. Readiness- Is the applicant ready to utilise the grant?
5. Is there a clear evidence of how costs will be utilised?
6. Is this grant filling a gap that other services cannot fill?

## How to apply

To apply for an Kickstart Grants, follow these simple steps:

- Read these Guidelines to check your eligibility
- Speak with your Housing Manager or a member of the Community Development Team on 3307 3000 or [impact@bhcl.com.au](mailto:impact@bhcl.com.au)
- The BHC team will apply for the grant on your behalf and advise you of the outcome.

## Timeframes

Kickstart Grants are available all year round.

## Finding out more

For further information, any questions regarding the application process or for assistance with the application, please contact BHC's Community Development Team on 3307 3000 or speak with your Housing Manager.

To read stories of successful grant recipients, visit: [bhcl.com.au/impact/case-studies](http://bhcl.com.au/impact/case-studies)



Educate and Participate Grants are delivered through the **[BHC Impact Fund](#)** - an annual commitment of funds to invest in programs and services to support BHC residents.



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