

Event Funding 2026 / 2027

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1. Application category

* indicates a required field

Please review the [Event Funding Guidelines](#) for eligibility and assessment criteria before completing this application form.

Eligible Expenditure

Ineligible events and criteria

- 1.The event/activity within Lake Macquarie.
- 2.Demonstrate social, economic and environmental benefits to the City
- 3.Demonstrate that the event/activity is financially viable with or without Lake Macquarie City funding
- 4.Obtain all regulatory approvals for the event/activity such as an event license.
- 5.Hold current and relevant Public Liability Insurance to the value of \$20 million.

- 1.Capital expenditure
- 2.Events that fundraise for other groups/causes
- 3.ongoing operational or administrative costs
- 4.Individuals
- 5.Government agencies
- 6.Payment of debt or insurance premiums committees of Lake Macquarie City Council religious ceremonies
- 7.The core business of educational, religious and medical organisations
- 8.Organisational programs
- 9.Activities that duplicate existing services political parties
- 10 Academic research, coursework or fees

I am applying for *

- ☐ Event and Festival Seed Grants (Up to \$8,000)
- ☐ Sponsorship Program (Up to \$15,000)

2. Contact details

* indicates a required field

Contact name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Position held *

Contact number
(business hours): *

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Email *

3. Organisation details

* indicates a required field

Organisation name *

Organisation's ABN

Postal address *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Primary website

Certificate of currency

Attach a file:

Please note Certificate of Currency refers to your Public Liability Insurance. LMCC requires you to have a minimum of \$20 million Public Liability Insurance.

Does this organisation hold not-for-profit status?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Certificate of incorporation

Attach a file:

Proof of not-for-profit status

Who is acting as an auspicer for this event?

Auspicer refers to the parent organisation that may oversee a small group or sub-branch within the organisation.

Letter of support from your auspicer

Attach a file:

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Has your organisation previously received funding from Lake Macquarie City Council? *

What was the name of the most recent event or activity? *

What was the total amount funded (GST inclusive)? *

Are you currently receiving any subsidy, lease equity, donation, or non-financial support from Lake Macquarie City Council? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Subsidy, lease equity, donation, or non-financial support from Lake Macquarie City Council

Please provide the subsidy, lease equity, donation, or non-financial support and amount currently received from Lake Macquarie City Council

Details	Amount

4. Event/Activity details

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Select a category that best suits your event *

Music/live performance
March or ceremony

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Sporting event
Major Festival (Arts, Culture or markets)
Art Exhibition
Other

Event/Activity name *

For Example: The Lake Macquarie Boating Classic and Fair

Event/Activity start date: *

Event/Activity end date: *

Event/Activity time(s) *

For example 10am - 4pm

Event/Activity location *

For example, Warners Bay Theatre, Warners Bay

Anticipated number of attendees. *

Please include attendees and organisers

Funding amount requested (GST inclusive) *

\$

☐☐

Event Location Booking

As part of your Event and Festival Funding application, please contact the relevant department at Lake Macquarie City Council to ensure you have placed a tentative booking for your location, if the event is held on Lake Macquarie City Council land or managed spaces.

[Information and contacts for Hiring a Venue in Lake Macquarie](#)

Booking Reservation Number *

5. Event/Activity description

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Event / Activity Information

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Please answer the following questions to provide a detailed overview of your event. Your response should be no more than 150 words.

Hint: You may find it helpful to use an AI tool to summarise your event information clearly and concisely for assessment.

Tell us about your event/activity *

Word count:

Must be between 50 and 150 words.

Include event details, included activities, target market, activities, key stakeholders, other sponsors

Please outline the benefits of your event/activity to Lake Macquarie City Council *

Word count:

Must be between 50 and 150 words.

For example media coverage, logo recognition on event marketing materials, signage, naming rights, speaking/presentation opportunities for the Mayor

6. Event/activity evaluation and sustainability

* indicates a required field

How will you monitor and evaluate the objectives and success of your event/activity? *

Word count:

Must be between 50 and 150 words.

For example you could outline if you will be carrying out any surveys, tracking ticket sales, monitoring social media engagement etc.

What measures will you put in place to ensure your event/activity is accessible? *

Word count:

Must be between 50 and 150 words.

For example connections to transport, accessible bathrooms and parking, low-cost or free event.

Outline the sustainable and environmentally friendly practices you will be implementing for this event? *

Word count:

Must be between 50 and 150 words.

For example onsite recycling services, plastic free, green waste bins, water refill stations, use of local businesses.

7. Event or activity budget

Include as much detail as you can in your budget. For example;

Revenue

- Organisational contribution
- Amount of Lake Macquarie City Council funding sought in this application
- Current subsidy, lease equity, donation, or non-financial support from Lake Macquarie City Council
- Other funding that has been applied for, and whether this is confirmed or unconfirmed
- Admission/stallholder fees
- Merchandise sales
- Ticket sales

Expenditure

- [All Lake Macquarie City Council fees and charges](#) (e.g. venue hire, traffic management review)
- Equipment/infrastructure (e.g. chairs, tables, fencing, structures, stages, waste services)
- Contractors/staff (e.g. event manager, stage manager, cleaner, traffic crew, first aid provider)
- Artists/performers (e.g. musicians, singer, face painters, fire twirler)
- Marketing/promotion (e.g. online/newspaper advert, magazine feature, flyer, radio advert)
- Medals/certificates/trophies
- Administration (e.g. printing, stationery, signage)
- Travel and accommodation
- Contingency / miscellaneous costs

Lake Macquarie City Council fees and charges that may apply to your application can be found [here](#).

Alternatively, to obtain a specific quote contact the ACT administration team on actadmin@lakemac.nsw.gov.au

Fees and charges may include:

[Park Hire Fees](#)

[Warners Bay Theatre, baramayiba](#)

[Rathmines Theatre, nawayiba](#)

[Museum of Art and Culture yapang \(MAC\)](#)

[Multi Arts Pavilion mima \(MAP\)](#)

[Community Facility Hire Fees Charges](#)

[Traffic Control](#) (if event requires)

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Event budget - Revenue

Note: revenue amount should include any additional sponsorship and/or grants from other organisations. All figures must be **GST inclusive**

Please don't add commas to figures, e.g. write \$1000

Revenue description	Revenue Amount in \$
LMCC Funding	
	All figures are GST inclusive Must be a dollar amount.

Event Budget - Expenditure

Note: all figures must be **GST inclusive**

Please don't add commas to figures, e.g. write \$1000

Expenditure description	Expenditure Amount in \$
	Must be a dollar amount.

What will Council's funding pay for?

List the expenditure items that you require the funding for eg; catering, security, and marketing

The listed items should add up to your funding request. HINT: Requests for unaccepted expenditures may make your application invalid. Please review [Expenditure Guidelines](#).

Expenditure	How will you use the LMCC funding towards your event/activity?

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Funding expenditure total

Total expenditure amount

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Cash in Bank

What is the organisation's current cash in bank at the time of submitting this application?

Must be a dollar amount.

This information will be used by the assessment panel to rank the applications in order of need

Cash in bank refers to the organisation's available funds held in bank accounts on the date of application, including cheque, savings and operating accounts, but excluding restricted funds or future expected income

Additional budget documentation

Attach a file:

8. Supplementary documentation

Event Licence Application

Public or commercial events in Lake Macquarie will require an Event Licence Application

[Event Licence Application and Information](#)

Public or commercial events can be defined by one or all of the following elements:

- Events delivered to the public by commercial operators or community organisations, with over 300 attendees.
- Events that are fenced and/or ticketed and require exclusive use of a location for a set period of time.
- The type and amount of infrastructure and vehicles used e.g. large/heavy amusement rides; petting zoos/pony rides; fencing; large heavy vehicles driving on the reserve.

Public or commercial events that meet one or more of the above criteria are required to apply for an event licence.

I agree that I will be required to complete an Event Licence Application 3 months prior to my event, if event falls into the category of Public or Commercial events in Lake Macquarie City Council

☐ Yes

Supporting Documents

If applicable, please attach any support material- e.g. promotional materials, quotes

Attach files:

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Please note: If your funding submission is incomplete, that is, if any of the required documents are missing without explanation, your application will be withdrawn from consideration and you will be notified accordingly.

9. Declaration and feedback

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Declaration and privacy statement

I certify that all details supplied in this application and in any attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the application has been submitted with the full knowledge and agreement of the management of my organisation/group.

I have read the [Event Funding Guidelines](#) for applicants.

I agree that I will contact Lake Macquarie City Council immediately if any information provided in this application changes or is incorrect.

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I understand that the information above will be used in accordance with relevant legislation and declare that this information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I am authorised to complete this application and have read and understood the

☐ Yes

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declaration and privacy statement *

I understand that funded events that are deemed to require event licence will be subject to event licence conditions, which may include, traffic management, aquatic licence and liquor licences and these costs will be the responsibility of the event organisers. *

☐ Yes

Authorised Person's Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Position held *

Date of declaration *

Feedback

You are now nearing the end of this form. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

Please indicate how you found this application process *

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this form? *

Estimate in minutes (i.e. 1 hour = 60)

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to this form that you think we need to consider: