



Lodging grant applications in support of village activities including heritage, environment, playground and other community amenities on behalf of and in consultation with Hall village and district residents

The Village of Hall and District Progress Association (VHDPA) is the incorporated, not-for-profit community association that promotes the interests of Hall Village and District community members. The VHDPA provides the legal basis and insurances for multiple groups and activities in Hall village and district including the Hall School Museum and Heritage Centre, the Hall Men's Shed, the Hall and District Collectors' Club and various community events such as street parties and the like.

From time to time, opportunities arise for funding from ACT and Commonwealth government agencies and private funding bodies for heritage, environment, community amenities and other activities that are of benefit to Hall Village and District residents. Often, such funding can only be applied for and be granted to an incorporated community organisation such as the VHDPA.

The VHDPA seeks to encourage activities by community groups and organisations that further the interests and welfare of the community and protect and progress the amenity and character of the Village of Hall and District and will seek to support applications for grants towards those ends when it is feasible to do so. It is recommended that formal and ad hoc groups wishing to secure funding to further the interests and welfare of the community and protect and progress the amenity and character of the Village of Hall and District work with the VHDPA as the recognised representative of the community Village and District.

In applying for funding from any government or private organisation, the VHDPA becomes legally responsible and accountable for the funding provided, while providing the legal basis for such funding and the required insurances, audit and similar statutory requirements.

Any formal or ad hoc group in Hall Village and District or special interest group of the VHDPA that wants the VHDPA to apply and assume responsibility for a grant from any government or private entity should contact the VHDPA Secretary as soon as information or the possibility of making a grant application is considered. The VHDPA Committee will then assign a Member of the Committee to work with the group to assess the VHDPA criteria for making the grant application and, if agreed by the VHDPA Committee, develop the grant application with the group. Although the VHDPA can fast-track the process of assessment and application for a grant in exceptional circumstances, the VHDPA cannot guarantee that it can agree to apply and assume responsibility for a grant with notice of less than 10 working days.

The criteria applied by the VHDPA in determining if the VHDPA will apply and assume responsibility for the grant are:

- Alignment with objectives of the VHDPA;
- Benefit to the Community;
- Community support;
- Protection of Heritage values identified in the Hall Village Master Plan;
- How information and consultation will be undertaken with residents and stakeholders;
- How any community contribution has been calculated, the certainty of such contributions and how they can be substantiated;
- Who will manage the proposed activity and be responsible for reporting and financial accountability;
- Period of the proposed activity for which funding is sought;
- How those undertaking the activities will keep the VHDPA Committee informed of the activities being funded;
- Whether or not the VHDPA has the capacity to apply and assume responsibility for the grant including the size of the grant and other grants that the VHDPA is concurrently responsible for.

While the VHDPA will do its utmost to support grant applications by formal or ad hoc groups in Hall Village and District and special interest groups of the VHDPA, it may not always be feasible for the VHDPA to agree to apply and be responsible for grants.