

## Are there any grants available for Neighbour Day events, or Neighbours Every Day events? Extended response. [January 2024]

- It is advisable to check with your local council, as some councils provide support. While these may not all be traditional funding grants, some offer assistance in the form of sporting/play equipment, food, a coffee cart, or other valuable resources. In some cases, the council might be interested in partnering on a larger event to fulfill their community engagement objectives.
- Consider reaching out to your local Bunnings store. Typically, each store designates a person for community engagement, and they often have a budget for supporting community activities. We've received positive feedback from individuals who have successfully secured assistance through this avenue.
- Local businesses can also be a source of support for Neighbour Day events. Your local café, supermarket, or real estate agent may offer small sponsorships, such as vouchers with cash amounts for food (excluding alcohol or cigarettes) or other relevant support like prizes. Many local businesses are eager to contribute to the community and may be open to low-cost sponsorships to promote their brand.
- Explore partnerships with local service groups such as Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Apex Clubs of Australia, Zonta, Quota, churches, and neighborhood houses. These organisations may be interested in collaborating on an event and supporting the community in building connections. Don't hesitate to reach out to them and inquire about potential partnerships.
- In Tasmania, Healthy Tasmania has for some years partnered with Relationships Australia Tasmania to offer community grants for Neighbour Day. Find out more about the Neighbours Every Day and Healthy Tasmania Community Grants <u>here</u>.
- Remember, sometimes simple is best. A packet of biscuits and everyone bringing their own cuppa to meet in the street for a chat can be very effective and quite personal. For more low effort / high impact tips <u>click here.</u>
- If you find out about any other funding opportunities to support community events which we can share, please let us know at <a href="mailto:srobinson@relationships.org.au">srobinson@relationships.org.au</a>

We wish you the very best with your neighbourly activities!

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