

FAQ: SmartySearch New Search Portal

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What is SmartySearch?

SmartySearch is a smart search tool that helps community find grant information quickly and easily, directly off the Southern Grampians Shire Council website.

Why SmartySearch?

SmartySearch will transform how Councils support their communities, offering a streamlined and effective grant seeking process. Community have asked for a simpler way to search for grants, and SmartySearch provides an easy-to-use solution by bringing relevant funding opportunities together in one place.

What will SmartySearch replace?

SmartySearch will replace the current Grant Guru search portal located on the grants page of the Council website.

Do you need an account to use SmartySearch?

No. A key benefit of SmartySearch is that no login or account is required, making it quick and accessible for everyone to use.

Who can use SmartySearch?

Any not-for-profit incorporated organisation, community group or club based in the Southern Grampians Shire seeking grant funding.

Any of the above who also delivers a project, program, service or event that directly benefits the Southern Grampians community is also eligible.

Is SmartySearch free to use?

Yes. SmartySearch is free for the community to use and access.

How will SmartySearch benefit community?

By integrating SmartySearch into the Council website, access to information will be enhanced, enabling community groups, organisations and individuals to easily identify grants that could fund their projects and initiatives.

Can businesses and not-for-profit organisations use the same portal?

Yes, both local businesses and not-for-profit organisations can use SmartySearch. The portal includes filter options that allow users to narrow their search and find grants relevant to their needs.

Will I find local, state and Australian Government grants?

Yes, the portal provides access to local, state, and federal grant opportunities, allowing users to explore a wide range of funding options in one place.

How do I search for grants and how often are new grants added?

To search for grants, simply use the SmartySearch portal and apply the available filters to narrow down opportunities based on your organisation type, project needs, or funding category. New grants are added regularly, so it's a good idea to check the portal often for the latest opportunities.

Can I apply for a grant through SmartySearch?

SmartySearch helps you find grant opportunities, but applications must be submitted directly through the funding provider's application process. Relevant links are provided on the SmartySearch site which takes you directly to the funders page.

Who do I contact if I need help?

Please contact Council's Grant Team if you have any questions or would like assistance navigating the site. Scan the QR code to access SmartySearch.



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