**About GRPCC small grants**

* People with a life threatening illness spend most of their time with family, friends and acquaintances in their own community at home, including disability and residential aged care facilities. Building community capacity in relation to life-threatening illnesses, dying, death and bereavement leads to better support and positive outcomes for people with a life-threatening illness.
* Grampians Region Palliative Care Consortium (GRPCC) provides small grants up to $4,000 to not for profit community groups in the Grampians region, for projects which strengthen awareness, capacity and resilience of communities regarding palliative care issues, including end of life care, death and bereavement.
* *Not for profit community groups must have an ABN OR a certificate of incorporation OR partner with an organisation with an ABN or certificate of incorporation.*
* *‘People with a life-threatening illness’ include carers, be they family or non-family carers.*

**What can be funded?**

* Not for profit community groups in Grampians region can apply for small grants up to $4,000 which address specified needs and lead to clear benefit/s. Needs may be in anticipation of possible future scenarios. Projects must be developed in consultation with local palliative care service providers or [GRPCC](http://www.grampianspalliativecare.com.au/).
* *Specified needs could include, but not be limited to, diagnosis of life-threatening illness, change/ deterioration in health and/or memory and thinking ability, discussion and documentation of values and treatment preferences, change in carers’ situations, clarifying understanding of issues e.g. consent to/refusal of treatment, powers of attorney, capacity (to make decisions) and relevant public health awareness raising events.*
* *Clear benefit could include, but not be limited to, avoiding unwanted hospitalisation/treatment, making and communicating appropriate care plans before future potential loss of decision-making capacity, appointing a decision maker for a person’s best interests, putting in place enduring powers of attorney, making advance care plans, relieving family burden, myths dispelled and improved understanding of facts, personal peace of mind, autonomy, dignity at the end of life.*
* Not for profit community groups forming partnerships with other community groups will be preferred to multiple applications from one community.

**What cannot be funded?**

* Equipment and normal, funded organisational operating costs will not be funded.
* GRPCC cannot fund projects outside Grampians region or retrospective projects.

**What information must be provided?**

Applicants MUST please …

1. Use the application form; write succinctly (use bullets), preferably keep responses to space provided.
2. Include your ABN or certificate of incorporation, or that of your partner organisation.
3. Include brief details of your contact with your local palliative care service, or the Consortium.
4. Indicate your agreement to the application conditions by ticking box provided.
5. Submit all supporting material with the application; incomplete applications will not be considered.
6. If granted funds and on completing a project, complete and return a final report and acquittal on the final report template within three (3) months of the end date of the project.

It is also strongly recommended to include:

* In kind support and/or other sources of funding contributing to your project.
* Documentation or letters of support which strengthen your application.

**Further information, enquiries and submitting applications**

* Further information is available at [www.grampianspalliativecare.com.au](http://www.grampianspalliativecare.com.au); for enquiries contact GRPCC Manager, P: 5364 2908 M: 0428 737 330 during business hours or E: gpalcareconsort@gmail.com .
* Submit applications preferably by email to gpalcareconsort@gmail.com or by post to GRPCC Manager,
15 Dawson Street South, Ballarat 3350 to arrive by the closing date (shown in red above).