

# Media Release

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## **Funding Finder set to boost grant opportunities across the Gladstone Region**

Gladstone Regional Council has partnered with powerful grant search engine, GrantGuru, to launch a free funding finder service to connect local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits and individuals to more than \$200 billion worth of grants.

The Gladstone Region Funding Finder is an online platform that provides the community with greater visibility of grant availability from government, corporate and philanthropic sectors, and provides support in grant application development.

The site features a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities and features advanced filtering, allowing a user to narrow down their search by activity, industry, and current and future grants.

Gladstone Region Councillor Chris Trevor said users of Gladstone Region Funding Finder can register to receive email alerts of new grants, save favourites and access tips on how to apply for grants.

“The Gladstone Region Funding Finder has access to more than 1140 grants worth a combined total of \$221 billion, making it a one-stop shop for finding grants,” Councillor Trevor said.

“The platform allows users to watch videos on how to find grants and offers strategic tips on writing compelling applications which can increase your chances of receiving grants.

“It’s also important to note that Gladstone Region Funding Finder will not replace any of the funding streams available for groups and organisations under Council’s Community Investment Program.

“Council’s highly successful Community Investment Program will continue and complement Gladstone Region Funding Finder in order to provide further diversity of grant opportunities.”

Cr Trevor said the decision to use the GrantGuru platform came as a result of Council’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Council’s Local Disaster Management Group requested the stand up of both the Human and Social and Economic Recovery Groups as one of several strategies in response to COVID-19,” he said.

“These groups were tasked with the role of developing recovery strategies to rejuvenate the Gladstone Region with the Human and Social Recovery Group consisting of representatives from various community support services.

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“Several initiatives were developed by the Committee to support the recovery process, including the need to provide the community with greater awareness of grant availability and support in developing grant applications.”

Visit [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/grant-funding-finder](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/grant-funding-finder) to access the Gladstone Region Funding Finder.

Visit [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/community-investment](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/community-investment) to learn more about the range of funding streams offered by Gladstone Regional Council.

Details on Council’s COVID-19 recovery strategies can be found at [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/coronavirus) by clicking on the hyperlink under the COVID-19 Recovery Plan section.

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