# **Application Checklist**

To make the process simple you should have the following ready for the application through the SmartyGrants portal.

Your address & contact details
Proof of business (ABN)
<b>Proof of insurance</b> (Current Certificate of Public Liability) - used to cover the project
<b>Outline of the project</b> , including written permission from the asset owner to complete the project (if required).
<b>Project budget;</b> breakdown including proof of ability to fund in-kind contributions
Written quote(s) from a registered tradesperson or

registered business (project cost less than \$5,000:1 quote,

project cost \$5,000 - \$15,000 : 2 quotes, project cost more



# Opportunities for Small Businesses

**Grant opens:** 11 August 2025

**Grant closes:** 21 September 2025

**Announcements:** October 2025











# More questions? Contact us

than \$25,000 : 3 quotes)

Web

www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/The\_Universal\_Tourism\_Grant\_UTG

**Phone** 

1300 367 700

utg@latrobe.vic.gov.au



Are you missing out on business because you don't have step-free access?

Accessible **Tourism accounted** for 1 in 5 trips taken in Australia in 2024

Tourism Research Australia, 2025

Is it difficult for people who are deaf or have low vision to enjoy your experience?





The Universal Tourism Grant program is a one off and non-recurrent funding program open to Latrobe City small businesses and not for profit groups to provide accessibility improvements within the tourism related sector. The grant program has been developed by Council and funded through the Victorian Government's Council Support Package.





Maximum funding available

(AUD\$27.500 inc GST)

**Small Businesses** have less than 20 equivalent FTEs

(FTE ≠ headcount )



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**Latrobe City Council Contributions** 

> 50% 50% **Project Cost**

**Small Business** Contributions

**Project Cost** 



**Only for Small Businesses in Latrobe City** 





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of Small **Business** contributions can be In-kind



#### Overview

We want to make Latrobe City a truly inclusive destination that everyone can enjoy.

We know that in tourism, people with disabilities - and those with other access needs are sometimes left behind.

These grants will change that in the Latrobe City area.

The Universal Tourism Grants (UTG) will enable Small Businesses and Not For Profits to make their experiences more inclusive by funding upgrades and improvements that will allow operators to welcome everyone.

### **Benefits for all**

By removing physical, sensory, and communication barriers, it promotes inclusivity and enhances the overall visitor experience. This approach benefits the community by fostering social equity, boosting local economies through increased tourism, and creating more welcoming public spaces.

## **Project Ideas**

Universal design makes things easy for everyone to use. Some examples in tourism include:

- Tactile, accessible signage and wav-finding
- Installation of step-free access to buildings/ experiences
- A visitor audio guide
- · Staff training in Access and Inclusion
- Installation or upgrade of accessible toilet facilities

There are many more project that could make your Small **Business more inclusive.** 

# **Getting assistance**

For grant enquiries, including assistance and support available to help you submit your application, please contact the Sports Legacy & Activation Team on 1300 367 700 or at utg@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

Use the QR code on the opposite page to visit the grant webpage (www.qrco.de/ LatrobeCity-UTG).