

Carer Support Group Activity Grant 2026

Guidelines

Carer Support Groups play a vital role in supporting the wellbeing of carers across Victoria. They provide a safe and welcoming environment where carers can share experiences, access information and resources, receive emotional support, and strengthen their sense of social connection and belonging.

Carers Victoria is offering our Carer Support Group Community members the exclusive opportunity to apply for a Carer Support Group Activity Grant to celebrate National Carers Week from Sunday 11 - Saturday 17 October 2026.

Your hosted activity provides an opportunity for your group to promote itself, find new members and help raise awareness about carers in our community. Celebrating during National Carers week acknowledges the role and contribution of people with caring roles.

Your National Carers Week activity can be tailored to your group, for example, you could include a shared morning tea or meal, art and craft activity, an outing to a special event or an information session. We also ask that you promote your National Carers Week activity in your community and invite other local carers to join you.

Grants funding is between \$250 and \$750 and is allocated based on event details and subject to availability.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Carer Support Group Activity Grant, Carer Support Groups must:

- be a group made up of carers (family members or friends who care for a person with a disability, mental or chronic illness or who is an aged person) who meets regularly and involves the same carers attending on an ongoing basis.
- be a current Carer Support Group Community member of Carers Victoria (or join prior to making their application)

Terms and Conditions

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Host their activity during National Carers Week (Sunday 11 – Saturday 17 October 2026) which will promote social connection, provide informal support and a break from the caring role.
- Plan the activity in consultation with members of their Carer Support Group and prioritise invitations to existing group members.

- Welcome new carers to attend the activity. Groups may apply eligibility criteria consistent with their membership requirements (for example, carers who are parents of a child with disability or carers from a specific cultural community).
- Acknowledge Carers Victoria as the activity supporter in all promotional materials, media activities, social media posts and reports relating to the funded activity or event.
- Complete and submit an event information form so that Carers Victoria can promote the activity through its website and publications.
- Provide photographs of the activity, where appropriate and with participants' consent, for promotional use by Carers Victoria.
- Promptly provide bank account details and an ABN, or alternatively complete an ATO Statement by a Supplier form.
- Complete and submit the Carer Support Group Activity Report by Sunday 8 November 2026.
- Please note: Activities involving overnight stays or accommodation are not eligible for funding.

Acceptance of the Carer Support Group Activity Grant

- By submitting a Carer Support Group Activity Grant Application, the nominated representative confirms that they have read and agree to these guidelines on behalf of their Carer Support Group.
- The Carer Support Group is solely responsible for the planning, management and delivery of the funded activity, including the safety of participants and any associated risks, responsibilities and liabilities.
- Carers Victoria accepts no responsibility or liability for the activities funded through this grant program.

Applications are not guaranteed as the number of grants is dependent on available funding. We will do our best to ensure a fair distribution of funds to all our member groups.

How to apply for a Carer Support Group Activity Grant

Submit an application via the Application form in the email invitation from Carers Victoria by midnight on Tuesday 18 August 2026.

The application will ask you:

- Location and brief description of your event
- To estimate the number of carers who will be attending your National Carers Week activity. Please include space for additional carers who may wish to join your activity after seeing promotion of your event
- Consent to the terms and conditions listed above.

Groups will be notified of the outcome on Tuesday 25 August 2026 and will be required to promptly return bank account details and ABN or a Statement by Supplier form by Tuesday 1 September 2026.

Payments will be received by Friday 11 September 2026.

Key Dates

Timelines Applications open	Tuesday 4 August 2026
Applications close	Tuesday 18 August 2026
Applications notified and financial details requested	Tuesday 25 August 2026
Financial details due	Tuesday 1 September 2026
Funds deposited	Friday 11 September 2026
Submit details of National Carers Week Event for publication	Friday 18 September 2026
National Carers Week 2026	Sunday 11 - Saturday 17 October 2026
Carer Support Group Activity Grant Report form due	Sunday 8 November 2026

Frequently asked questions

Can we host our activity after National Carers Week?

It is preferred that your activity is hosted within National Carers Week. However, we understand that National Carers Week can be a busy week and we are happy for groups to host their activities on either side of National Carers Week from 11 October - 17 October 2026.

How can we spread the word about National Carers Week?

[National Carers Week](#) recognises the 3 million carers in Australia, acknowledging the essential role they play in our community. This year Victoria is calling on our community to 'Carer for a Carer'. We encourage you to spread the word about National Carers Week with your group and broader networks. We have created [assets and collateral](#) for you to download and use to help us raise awareness of National Carers Week and the important contributions of carers.

What happens if we have remaining funding after we have hosted our National Carers Week event?

Groups who have remaining funding after hosting their National Carers Week Activity may use this for subsequent activities which are to the benefit of their Carer Support Group members. These funds must be utilised by 31 December 2026. No additional acquittal or survey will be required for any additional activities.

We are a volunteer group who does not have a bank account, how do we complete the Statement by Supplier form?

Carer Support Groups who do not have an ABN, will be required to complete an online form with bank account details and complete a Statement by Supplier form to signify the funds are to be used for the grant purposes.

To complete a Statement by a supplier form:

1. Complete the 'Supplier details' with the Carer Support Groups' authorised contact name and address. This is the person who is authorised on the bank account provided.
2. In the 'Reasons for not quoting an ABN' section, place an 'x' next to 'The supply is made by an individual or partnership without a reasonable expectation of profit or gain'
3. Complete the 'Name of Supplier (or authorised person)' with their authorised contact's name.
4. Complete the 'Declaration' with their authorised persons signature, phone number and the date.

Do we receive a Remittance Advice?

Please note you will not receive a remittance advice. Please liaise with your management and finance department to advise them of this incoming payment and the grant details by providing the grant application, grant guidelines and success email.

Further queries

If you need any help or have further questions please contact our grants team at grants@carersvictoria.org.au or 1800 514 845.

Event Planning Checklist

Actions	Status
Plan your activity in conjunction with your group members	
Book your venue and activities	
Create your marketing materials including acknowledgment of Carers Victoria and National Carers Week <i>(Logos and suggested text will be provided)</i>	
Add your activity to Carers Victoria's online event listing <i>(A event listing form will be emailed to you)</i>	
Promote your activity to your group members	
Promote your activity in your community to invite local carers	

Accept new local carers (who meet your group criteria) to attend your activity	
Invite local VIPs such as MPs and Councillors (optional)	
Involved local media (optional)	
Confirm final numbers with your venue and pay invoices	
Obtain consent from your attendees for their photo to be utilised in Carers Victoria publications and social media.	
Host your activity, have a great day and take photos!	
Obtain feedback about your event from carers	
Complete your Activity Report including: • Description of your event • Number of carers attending • Number of new carers • VIPs attending • How you promoted your event • Feedback on your event • Confirmation of consent from participants for Carers Victoria to publish their photos. • Feedback on the Carer Support Group Activity Grant Program Please note - Receipts and budget details are not required	
Email Photos from your event where you have consent of the participants to grants@carersvictoria.org.au	