

Bungaban Pilot Community Benefit Program Guidelines

Introduction

The Bungaban Pilot Community Benefit Program aims to provide financial support to community groups, events and projects that align with local aspirations and Council priorities.

This pilot program will inform the development of a larger, long term Community Benefit Framework that will be implemented once the Bungaban Wind Energy Project reaches financial close.

The total allocation for this pilot program is \$50,000, with priority given to initiatives that deliver a tangible benefit to the communities closest to the project footprint.

This document outlines the eligibility, application and assessment process for delivering the Pilot Community Benefit Program and aims to provide clarity to community groups and organisations seeking funding.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

Anyone who lives in the local community and has an idea for a community focused project can submit an application.

Applications will be assessed using the following criteria:

- The nominated project or events must be delivered within the Western Downs Regional Council or Banana Shire Council Local Government Areas, and service the communities closest to the project footprint
- Alignment with Council and community priorities
- The ability to demonstrate a benefit to the local community
- Applications for community projects and events are encouraged – particularly projects with an address key areas;
 - Health and wellness
 - Liveability
 - Economic development and tourism
 - Coexistence with agriculture
 - Renewable energy/recycling
- Applications are open to not-for-profit organisations, and must have either a valid ABN or an auspice agreement with an project partner with a valid ABN.
- Opportunities to promote community awareness of the Bungaban project
- Projects will be considered ineligible if they are requests from:
 - Religious organisations for purposes exclusive to one religious faith
 - Political organisations
 - Travel costs (such as for sporting teams) or third-party fundraising
 - Organisations for ongoing or retrospective costs (such as salaries)

Assessment of Applications

The process for the assessment of all applications for funding is as follows:

1. Funding applications recorded and acknowledged.
2. Applications assessed for eligibility criteria and shortlist considered applications
3. Applications will be assessed against the applicant eligibility criteria
4. The project team will recommend successful applicants and level of funding for endorsement by Windlab senior management.
5. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application
6. Successful applicants will be sent an email and a Funding Agreement Form. This contract is between Windlab and the applicant and outlines the approved funding and payment terms and conditions.
7. Once the Funding Agreement Form is signed and returned, with banking verification and a tax invoice, funds will be transferred.

Acquittal and Evaluation Process

An Acquittal form will be required for each applicant at project or event completion. Evidence of expenses and an illustration of the benefit from the Community Benefit Fund through receipts, photos, and promotion should also be provided.

Privacy

Please refer to the Windlab Privacy Policy available at www.windlab.com/privacy-statement/ or by request

Contact

To take advantage of the Pilot Community Benefit Program, please email sqrgh@windlab.com or call the Community Engagement team on 1800 846 980.