



COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND GUIDELINES

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THE LAL LAL WIND FARMS COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR A RANGE OF COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES, PROJECTS AND EVENTS THAT BENEFIT LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

The Lal Lal Wind Farms Community Benefit Fund has been established to provide financial support for a range of community-based initiatives, projects and events that benefit local communities.

The program targets a range of community needs including; health and social welfare, safety, environment, education and youth, sport and recreation, culture, arts and economic development.

From 2025, there will be a discretionary fund of 10% which will be available at the discretion of LLWF to go towards special projects that might sit outside of the focus area and selection criteria.

For any questions around this discretionary fund please email info@lallalwindfarms.com.au or call 1800 187 183

FUNDING GUIDELINES

THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ARE DESIGNED TO ASSIST GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR AN INITIATIVE, PROJECT OR EVENT WITHIN THE CATCHMENT AREA OF THE LAL LAL WIND FARMS.

WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE COMMUNITY FUND?

As part of our commitment to supporting our local community, Lal Lal Wind Farm invites non-for-profit groups within 5km of Lal Lal Wind Farm to apply for small grant funding for their projects and events.

Funding is available annually to assist local groups who are focused on making a difference by enhancing the social wellbeing and/or improving

environmental, educational, cultural or economic outcomes of their communities.

A Community Funding Committee (CFG) is in place to assess the applications and to help determine how best to allocate funds and in-kind contributions to maximise benefits for communities within and around the wind farm.

WHAT CATCHMENT AREAS WILL THE LAL LAL WIND FARMS CBF SUPPORT?

Lal Lal Wind Farms will consider funding locally run initiatives for Incorporated or Not for Profit Community groups, funds, projects/programs or facilities that are located within, or provide a direct benefit to, the community within a 5km radius of Lal Lal Wind Farms.

Applications will be accepted from the following townships and localities:

- Lal Lal
- Yendon
- Elaine
- Cargerie
- Clarendon
- Bungaree
- Dunnstown
- Millbrook
- Mt Doran

In consultation with the local community, LLWF has identified a number of priority areas for grant funding in the local region.

To be considered for funding, activities should address at least one or more of these areas:

- Have a tangible benefit for the local community
- Be a valued and visible community project
- Have long-term sustainable benefits without dependency on sponsorship or grant funding
- Potential to strengthen LLWF's presence in the community
- Have an appropriate governance structures, transparent finances and proper financial, accounting and legal compliance for and in connection with the relevant project and agree to be subject to independent audit;

The project will not have (nor pose a risk of) a detrimental or negative impact on other community facilities and services Applications must show an in-kind support/contribution or dollar for dollar self-contribution towards the project. If leveraging from other funding sources this is to be disclosed.

PREFERENCE FOR SPONSORSHIP WILL BE GIVEN TO PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING KEY PRIORITIES:

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Advancement of education, research and analysis and the grant of scholarships
- Early childhood and youth education enhancement programs
- Tertiary education/ TAFE scholarships
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Programs that promote cross sector skill development
- Work placement programs in partnership with local high schools, prizes for students
- Programs encouraging flexible learning, further education and improved employability

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Promotion of industry, commerce, agriculture, culture and arts
- Renovation and upgrade of community buildings
- Community awareness of environment and sustainability
- Projects that attract government funding
- Projects that encourage local economic development and skill development

HEALTH/WELLBEING

- Promotion and enhancement of community participation and social cohesion
- Promotion, enhancement and development of health, health care, childcare, aged care, mental health and assistance to disadvantaged persons
- Programs/ initiatives that encourage medical and health professionals to practice in the region
- Emergency services support
- Sport and social clubs

ENVIRONMENT

- Conservation, protection, restoration, preservation,
- Expansion and enhancement of the natural environment
- Programs that support prevention of local environment degradation
- Initiatives that enhance the natural environment of the community

WHAT CRITERIA WILL BE USED TO EVALUATE APPLICATIONS?

Applications will be assessed by the CFG based on the following criteria, it may not be possible to fund all applications.

SELECTION CRITERIA		WEIGHTING
Project benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct community benefit • Quality of life/community wellness enhancement • Program/ project operational efficiencies • Demographics served: disadvantaged community, people with disability, youth, elderly etc 	40%
Community need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public safety/improved access • Provide a direct service to the community • Council/community support • Benefit to environment • Education and training outcome • Health and wellbeing outcome • Community development outcome 	40%
Availability of funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated need for financial assistance • Prior funding provided 	10%
Project / program viability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capability of applicant to successfully deliver project (i.e. organisation size/ representation, prior experience). • Uniqueness of the project or program - the extent to which project or program duplicates other available facilities or programs in the area 	10%

WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED BY LAL LAL WIND FARMS COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND?

Lal Lal Wind Farms Community Benefit Fund will not support any programs that may breach its code of conduct policy or other regulatory, licensing or statutory commitments.

These include but are not limited to:

- Political organisations or campaigns;
- Religious activities;
- A direct or indirect competitor to Lal Lal Wind Farms or their investors;
- Funding for commercial enterprises;
- Core funding that is the responsibility of Federal, State or Local Governments;
- Repayment of debts and loans;
- Salaries and wages;
- Rent and lease costs;
- Administration expenses such as stationary, postage, office supplies;
- Purchase of equipment/service for an individual;
- Funding for a staff or member social event;
- Overseas travel;
- Gifts;
- Grant writer fees;
- Miscellaneous items;
- Endeavours for personal or commercial gain;
- Applications seeking retrospective funding i.e. for costs already incurred before approval of funding is given;
- Ongoing operational costs;
- Applications to cover the costs of alcohol, drugs, gambling or illegal or unethical activities

HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL?

All applications lodged will receive an acknowledgement of lodgement. The CFG will meet to discuss each application, and recommends the allocation of fund according to the selection criteria.

The final funding decision is to be made by the

Executive Committee of the Lal Lal Wind Farm.

Once the Windfarm Management have approved payment of the funds notification will be sent via email or post, advising of the outcome of all applications, both successful and unsuccessful.

PAYMENT OF FUNDS

Once the applications have been approved by the Executive Committee, Lal Lal Windfarm will make the necessary payment arrangements.

IF FUNDS ARE LEFT OVER

The following steps should be applied:

- Discuss the situation with the Lal Lal Wind Farms Community Engagement Manager
- If there is another part of the project that follows the community benefit fund guidelines, these funds can be directed according
- Receipts still need to be provided along with the completion of the acquittal form, outlining how the money was spent
- Failure to follow these steps will preclude your organisation from applying for funds in the future

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE PROJECT DOES NOT GO AHEAD ONCE FUNDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED?

All funds are to be returned to Lal Lal Wind Farms Community Benefit Fund for reallocation.

COMPLETED PROJECT

Each year before applying for the next round of grants applicants must ensure that they have completed an acquittal form and returned to our email address at info@lallalwindfarms.com.au.

This must include photos of the completed project. The acquittal form can be located on our website. Failure to supply a completed acquittal form will exclude applicants from applying the following year.

HOW WILL LAL LAL WIND FARM BE ACKNOWLEDGED?

In order to recognise LLWF as a source of funding for the community, successful applicants are required to acknowledge the support provided by the wind farm.

The specific mechanism for this acknowledgement may be part of a special condition included with the notification of funding.

Common methods for recognising the wind farm include plaques, signage, acknowledgment in newsletters, speeches and media releases, and displaying the LLWF logo in project material.

Any costs for signs, plaques, etc must be covered in the project costs.



HOW TO APPLY



Read the Guidelines to check if your community group initiative is eligible for funding under our Community Benefit Fund program.



Applications will open in April and will be open for four weeks from the opening date.



Fill in the application form which can be found on the website, once completed send through to our email info@lallalwindfarms.com.au or submit via the website (online form) for any questions on the application process or to verify fundability, please call 1800 187 183



Applications will open be open for Four weeks as per step 2 followed.

Then the following process takes place

- a) Evaluation conducted by the Windfarm Community Fund Group (CFG) members
- b) The Lal Lal Windfarm executive committee will review the CFG allocation
- c) All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application either by mail or email

