

BODANGORA WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

GUIDELINES



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1. What is the Bodangora Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund?

The Bodangora Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund has been created from Development Contributions arising from the Planning Agreement between Dubbo Regional Council and Bodangora Wind Farm Pty Ltd which remains a wholly owned subsidiary of Iberdrola Australia Ltd.

This grant provides funding to not-for-profit community organisations to support projects that deliver social, economic or environmental outcomes to local communities of the Wellington and villages district which are part of the Dubbo Regional Council Local Government Area.

Definitions

Community organisation means:

- A. an entity that carries on activities for a public purpose; or
- B. another entity whose primary object is not directed at making a profit.

Not-for-profit means:

A not-for-profit is generally an organisation that does not operate for the profit, personal gain or other benefit of particular people (for example, its members, and the people who run the organisation, or their friends or relatives).

The definition of not-for-profit applies both while the organisation is operating and if it closes down.

Incorporated Association means:

An incorporated association is an organisation incorporated under state or territory law, which is usually not-for-profit. Its structure establishes it as a legal entity separate from its individual members.

All grants are governed by Dubbo Regional Council's Financial Assistance Policy.

2. Key Contacts

Community Culture and Places Executive Support Team

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3. Key Dates

There is one round per year – opening in February.

The funding is time limited and will cover projects that are able to be completed within a twelve (12) month timeframe from the date of funding.

Applications are scheduled for endorsement at a Council meeting approximately one (1) month after the application deadline of each round.

Round	Opening Date	Closing Date	Notification of Outcome	Project Start Date*
Annual	1 February	28 February	Approximately 4 weeks after closing date	15 April

** Projects / programs must commence on or after this date.*

Up to \$20,000 (GST inclusive) is available per application.

4. Expected Outcomes

Each application is required to address the following:

- i. The project must address an identified community need.
- ii. Demonstrate how the funding will enable the organisation to deliver social, economic or environmental outcomes to the community.
- iii. Demonstrate the capacity to manage funds and deliver the project within twelve (12) months.

5. Eligibility

- i. Applicants must be an incorporated not-for-profit organisation.
 - a. Projects may be auspiced through incorporated not-for-profit organisations. If the grant will be managed through an auspice arrangement then relevant information must be submitted with the application and detailed within the funding application.
- ii. Organisations must be based within the Dubbo Regional Council local government area.
- iii. The project must be undertaken within the Wellington and villages district.
- iv. Only one application per organisation, per round.

6. The following are ineligible

- i. Applicants with an overdue acquittal or who have failed to appropriately acquit a previous Council grant.
 - a. An Acquittal Report is required within two (2) months of the completion of each project, as per the date listed on each application.
- ii. Applicants with outstanding projects due to extension or have not expended their prior funding within the allocated twelve (12) months of provision.
- iii. Applicants can not apply for funding via the Bodangora Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund if funding has already been provided by another funding stream within Dubbo Regional Council for the same project in the same financial year.
- iv. Late or incomplete applications.
- v. Applications seeking funds for existing salaried or waged positions.
- vi. A project which primarily benefits a single individual or business.
- vii. Projects with a religious, political, or sectarian purpose.
- viii. Existing projects that require additional, continuous and/or top-up funding.
- ix. Applications seeking funds for beauty pageants and similar contests.
- x. Events (other streams of financial assistance are available).
- xi. Projects promoting gambling or games of chance.

- xii. Proposals that do not reflect community standards and denigrates, excludes or offends community groups.
- xiii. Proposals that have safety and/or environmental hazards that are not addressed by acts under a Risk Management Plan to mitigate risk.
- xiv. Proposals from Government Departments, agencies or any Council.
- xv. Social activities for members of the organisation exclusively.
- xvi. Expenditure for equipment not related to the specific project proposed.
- xvii. Applications seeking funds for retrospective projects commencing, or items purchased, prior to end of the grant closing date.
- xviii. General fundraising appeals.
- xix. Applicants in a position to self-fund the project.
- xx. Proposals that duplicate a project already existing within the local government area.
- xxi. Applications seeking funds for prize money, prizes, trophies and gift cards/vouchers.
- xxii. Applications seeking funds for payment of debt and/or insurance premiums.
- xxiii. Applications seeking funds for personal benefit such as travel, meal or accommodation costs including costs to undertake projects outside of the region.
- xxiv. Proposals that are for funding the core business of the organisation. This includes purchase of capital equipment.
- xxv. Routine maintenance or works to Council owned buildings that are a lease obligation.
- xxvi. Purchase of land or buildings.
- xxvii. Works to building or property.
- xxviii. A project which in the opinion of the assessment panel would be better funded by State or Federal Government, or by corporate sponsorship.

7. Insurances

All applicants should consider conducting a risk assessment process for their proposed project to address any necessary insurance implications. Organisations should check their current insurance arrangements to determine if any extra cover is required. Applicants should ensure that all staff and volunteers associated with the project have the appropriate mandatory clearances.

8. Assessment Criteria

Each application will be assessed as follows:

- i. Project idea – Application addresses an identified community need and demonstrates achievable social, economic, or environmental outcomes for the community.
- ii. Sustainability – The project has a clear beginning and demonstrates where practical that any ongoing or recurrent costs can be met by the applicant once funding has been expended.
- iii. Capacity of the applicant to successfully complete the project.
- iv. Budget – The project budget is comprehensive and realistic. Demonstrates all co-contributions (organisation, sponsors, and other grant funding sources) and required quotes are provided with value for money demonstrated.

As funding is limited, not every application that meets the assessment criteria will necessarily be successful with being allocated funding or the full funding amount requested.

9. How to Apply

Council uses SmartyGrants administration software to manage its grants programs. Applications must be submitted via the Dubbo Regional Council SmartyGrants webpage.

Applications must meet the eligibility requirements, and no late applications will be accepted. Hard copy applications are not accepted.

Documents may be uploaded to the application as required. Please include:

- Evidence of not-for-profit status;
- Current quotes to support the budget; and
- Relevant approvals, insurances and plans.

Other examples of supporting documents that may strengthen your application are:

- Location map;
- Site plan and/or photos;
- Letter(s) of support from organisations your application identifies as partners in the project / program.

All applications will be assessed by the Bodangora Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee and a recommendation report is provided to Council for consideration and endorsement.

10. Conditions of Funding

Successful applicants are required to comply with the following terms and conditions associated with Council's financial support.

- i. Funding Is GST exempt.
- ii. All recipients of funding are required to return to the Community Culture and Places Division:
 - a. An Acquittal Report within two (2) months of the completion of the project, as per the date listed on each application.
 - b. Receipts for all purchases must be included.
- iii. Funds are to be acquitted within twelve (12) months of the grant being provided. Failure to do so without written request and approval for an extension from Dubbo Regional Council may result in the donation amount being reduced or cancelled requiring the return of funds to Council.
- iv. Failure to provide an Acquittal Report will prohibit future funding opportunities.
- v. Applications include time frames and list of items identified for purchase from funding.
- vi. Funds granted can only be used for the purpose as specified in the application, unless written permission for a variation is obtained from Dubbo Regional Council.
- vii. Dubbo Regional Council must be advised in writing if there are any significant changes to the project as described in the application, or to the contact details of the recipient.
- viii. Should the project be cancelled, all funding received is to be repaid to Dubbo Regional Council.
- ix. All Dubbo Regional Council and other requisite permits, approvals, insurances etc. relating to the program or project must be obtained or funding may be withdrawn.
- x. Where possible, the organisation will source goods and services for the project from within the Dubbo Regional Council local government area.
- xi. Dubbo Regional Council reserves the right, as part of the assessment process, to request further information or documentation.
- xii. Dubbo Regional Council reserves the right to conduct a financial audit of the funding either during the financial year or on completion of the financial year.

- xiii. Dubbo Regional Council and its officers shall not be responsible for any liabilities incurred or entered into by the recipient organisation as a result of, or arising out of that organisations responsibilities under the Funding Agreement.
- xiv. The recipient organisation shall indemnify the Council and its officers against any claim, demand, liability suit costs, expenses, action arising out of or in any way connected with the activities of the organisations or agents in consequence of the Funding Agreement except where the claim, demand, liability, costs or action are caused by Dubbo Regional Council and its officers.
- xv. Unless agreed in writing at the time of funding approval, Dubbo Regional Council has no obligations regarding ongoing funding, maintenance or renewal of assets created by the project.

11. Notification and Payment

- i. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application.
- ii. Successful applicants are required to adhere to any special conditions referred to in the letter of notification. Dubbo Regional Council reserves the right to withhold funding if stipulated conditions are not met.
- iii. Recipients of funding will be required to have a representative attend a civic ceremony at which novelty cheques will be presented for media and marketing purposes or provide suitable advice to Dubbo Regional Council of inability to attend.
- iv. Applicants who do not have a current creditor account number will be required to complete and submit a Supplier Details Form prior to payment being made.
- v. Recipient organisations are required to recognise Council and Iberdrola as the funding source on all media, promotional material and project signage. The text to be used is as follows: “Bodangora Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund: Dubbo Regional Council and Iberdrola Australia.”
- vi. Requests for variations or extensions must be submitted in writing to Dubbo Regional Council for approval.

- vii. The organisation will provide to Dubbo Regional Council an acquittal report. This report is due within two (2) months of the end of the project, as per the application.