

Duralie Community Fund

Overview

The Duralie Community Fund supports community projects and initiatives in the Stroud area in which the Duralie Coal Mine operates.

The aim of the Duralie Community Fund is to provide community benefit across a wide range of areas such as education, environment, health, infrastructure, arts, leisure and cultural heritage.

Eligible organisations can apply for between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Applications must be received using the online Duralie Community Fund Application Form by the advertised closing date. Late applications will not be considered.

Funding recipients will be required to lodge six-monthly project status reports as well as a final project acquittal, using the prescribed Duralie Community Fund forms.

Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed by a panel comprising two Councillors and a member of the Duralie Community Consultation Committee.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within ten business days of the Council meeting at which funding allocations are approved.

Eligibility

Eligible organisations

The Duralie Community Fund is open to incorporated not-for-profit organisations and community-based groups that operate and deliver activities in the Stroud region in which the Duralie Coal Mine operates.

Unincorporated groups are eligible to apply provided applications are made through an appropriate incorporated body that supports that project and is willing to accept responsibility for the funding. A letter from the incorporated body must be attached to the application.

Eligible organisations must demonstrate their capacity to manage funds and deliver the project successfully.

Eligible projects

Projects must meet the following criteria:

1. Deliver social, cultural, economic and/or environmental benefits to communities in the area in which the Duralie Coal Mine operates (generally Wards River to Booral - see Annexure A)
 - Social: the project will result in improved health, welfare and/or education outcomes for the community.

- Cultural: the project will promote or preserve the heritage, beliefs, customs, practices or behaviour of a group, organisation, or community.
- Economic: the project will result in an increase in flow of money to the community.
- Environmental: the project will result in improvement in the natural environment.

2. Address an identified community priority

Community priorities can be identified and evidenced through a range of means including statistics, community consultation and reference to existing plans such as the Community Strategic Plan.

3. Demonstrate broad community reach

Project reach refers to the proportion of the community that will benefit from the proposed project. Reach can be defined in a range of ways including geographic reach across localities / communities and demographic reach across specific populations such as age, gender or culture.

4. Be well defined with a clear budget

Projects must have defined outcomes linked to the identified need and a clear budget that supports delivery of those outcomes.

Project costs must be informed by quotes and estimates. For proposed capital purchases of \$1,000 or more at least two written quotes must be provided.

5. Be sustainable

Projects must demonstrate how their proposed benefits will be sustained beyond the period of funding.

Projects with ongoing or recurrent costs must demonstrate how these costs will be met once grant funding has been expensed.

Exclusions and ineligibility

The following organisations and/or projects are ineligible for funding:

1. Individuals or sponsorship of cash prizes for individuals or teams.
2. Activities or events that are a core responsibility of state or federal government departments, although contribution to components/projects that expand on those core responsibilities may be considered.
3. Projects or events where the primary purpose is to promote political or religious beliefs or where people are excluded on political or religious grounds.
4. Reimbursement of funds already spent.
5. Payment of ongoing salaries (although one-off facilitator fees for the project may be funded).
6. Recurrent operational costs (eg postage, telephone, stationery, electricity, cleaning costs).
7. Fundraising via direct requests for funds. Projects that raise funds for charity may be considered, however if it is envisaged that the project will be a recurring event, sufficient proceeds must be held back for the following year's running costs, since a subsequent application for the same project will not be considered.

8. Payment of refundable bonds required to be lodged in association with the hire of facilities or equipment.

For further information

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Annexure A

