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Coonooer Bridge Wind Farm

Community Benefit Fund Guideline

Introduction

Coonooer Bridge Wind Farm (CBWF) is offering financial support to selected community projects through an annual grant program. The grant program will provide up to \$25,000 of funding each year to different organisations and eligible projects in the region.

Organisations with suitable projects are encouraged to apply by filling out the application form available at www.kiatawindfarm.com.au.

The goal of the grant program is to provide financial support for local projects that contribute to the social, economic and environmental sustainability of the community in the vicinity of the CBWF .

Grant Eligibility Criteria

Applicants (organisations) meeting the criteria below will be eligible for a grant:

Criterion 1. Grants are only available to organisations with an ABN. They are not available to individuals.

Criterion 2. If a grant recipient has previously received funding under this scheme, further grants will only be available once that organisation has completed the reporting requirement for those previous grants.

Criterion 3. Grants are not available to political organisations or for political campaigns.

Criterion 4. Grants are not available to religious organisations for religious purposes.

Project Eligibility Criteria

Projects meeting the criteria listed below are eligible for grants:

Criterion 1. Projects must be within the localities of Coonooer Bridge or Yeungroon, or alternatively be able to demonstrate a strong connection to the district and its residents.

Criterion 2. Projects must contribute to enhancing:

- environmental sustainability,
- economic sustainability and/or
- social sustainability such as wellbeing, culture, recreation and education.

Criterion 3. Grants for multi-year projects must be applied for on a year-by-year basis. Grants for future years are not guaranteed.

Criterion 4. Applicants may apply for only one project each year.

Criterion 5. The maximum grant per project is \$5000.

Where grant applications exceed the available funding, the following aspects will be considered when ranking and selecting projects:

- The proximity to the wind farm and the nature of the benefits that the grant will support
- The number of previous grants received by the organization
- The degree to which the grant funding supports a project outcome rather than operating expense that may not otherwise be realized

Grant Selection Committee

Selection of successful grants will be made by the Grant Selection Committee (GSC). The GSC will consist of five people. Four GSC members will be selected based on received public submissions (two from Yeungroon and two from Coonooer Bridge, one person will be from the CBWF organisation). Local GSC members will be at least 18 years of age and reside within or are the title holder of land within 5km of CBWF. CBWF will randomly select the four public GSC members based on the above criteria out of all submissions received.

Membership of the GSC is for a maximum period of 2 years. Each year two out of the four public GSC members will be rotated. Applications for new GSC members will be advertised locally at the start of the year, the first year of the first GSC was 2019 and requires two members to serve for one year only, allowing the rotational roster to begin. (If no new applications for new committee members are received, consultation with the previous committee members will be undertaken, seeking to extend placements.)

The GSC will review the submitted projects as per project and applicant criteria above and will rank the submitted projects using a Multiple Criteria Decision Analysis. Submissions will be ranked in order of the MCDA outcome and a grant amount will be allocated up to the maximum amount as stated above.

In case the GSC cannot reach a direct decision, a decision will be reached by voting. Each GSC member has one equal vote. A majority vote will constitute a decision. For a vote of the GSC to be valid, a quorum of 5 members need to be present.

The GSC will meet as required between September and December of each year to decide which projects shall be funded based on the MCDA process set up by the GSC members in their first meeting. The GSC is to determine the MCDA criteria based on the Project Eligibility Criteria in the first GSC meeting each year. The MCDA process of the year before can be used.

A GSC member is not entitled to appoint an alternative to act as a GSC member on his/her behalf.

All decisions on the expenditure of the Annual Grants shall be in accordance with the majority votes taken.

If any of the GSC members suspects fraudulent or dishonest behaviour of any of the GSC members, the CBWF representative in the GSC has the right to investigate the matter. If the investigation provides reasonable evidence of fraudulent or dishonest behaviour of a GSC member, the CBWF representative has the right to remove that GSC member from the GSC and appoint a replacement from previously received

applications, using the GSC selection process. The CBWF will document this process and report to the CBWF Board within 10 business days.

Grant Application Process

1. Download, complete and submit an application form to info@coonooerbridgewindfarm.com.au by 30 September. Applicants will be notified of receipt of the application within 7 days.
2. CBWF will check that each application meets the criteria mentioned above. Applicants will be notified if their application does not meet the criteria.
3. The Grant Selection Committee will review all entries and will decide on the final grant allocations.
4. The final grant allocations will be published on the CBWF website in Nov/Dec and all applicants will be notified of the decision.
5. Successful applicants will enter into a funding agreement with CBWF.
6. Upon completion of the project, successful applicants will prepare a short report with photos of the project.

Questions?

If your organisation has any questions regarding this grant program, please contact us through the contact form at

www.atmosrenewables.com.au/ourprojects/coonooer-bridge-wind-farm



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