

Kurri Kurri Lateral Pipeline

Community Grants Program 2023

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The Community Grants Program is designed to contribute to long-term, sustainable outcomes of the Cessnock, Maitland and Newcastle regions by supporting community-initiated projects, events or activities.

The APA Community Grants Program is governed by the APA Sustainability Policy.

Available funding

- Up to \$5,000 per application. This can include multiple projects under the one application, not exceeding \$5,000 total funding request.
- All funds received by successful applicants to be expended within six months of receipt of funded amount.

APA Community Grants Program purpose

- Respond to community needs and aspirations, provide tangible and measurable benefits to the local and regional community;
- Strengthen local communities through improving visual amenities and building skills and opportunities for the long term;
- Support community wellbeing, prosperity and sustainability.

Funding categories



Regional and Remote
Communities

Building the strength and
resilience of regional economies
and communities located near
APA assets/projects



First Nations
Peoples

Working in partnership with
First Nations Peoples to support
better outcomes for First Nations
communities and heritage



Climate
Transition

Supporting communities in
climate transition outcomes and
adaptation activities



Natural
Environment

Protecting and enhancing the
natural environments and
biodiversity located near APA
assets/projects

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To view examples of previous successful applicants, please visit the [APA Community Grants Program webpage](#).



*Proposed initiatives must commence on or after 30 October 2023.



Eligible

- Residents of the Cessnock, Maitland and Newcastle regions surrounding the Kurri Kurri Lateral Pipeline.
- Incorporated community organisations.
- Unincorporated community organisations who apply through an auspice which is able to accept legal and financial responsibility for the project.
- For profit organisations delivering community initiatives for the sole purpose of community benefit (not solely profit making).
- Local Government entities in the respective Local Government Areas.
- Have a minimum 5 million dollar public liability insurance, if requested by APA.
- Have no outstanding Summary Reports from previous APA grant rounds.

Eligible projects/expenses

Align with a funding category below:

- Regional and Remote Communities: Building the strength and resilience of region economies and communities located near APA assets / projects.
- First Nations Peoples: Working in partnership to support improved outcomes for First Nations communities and heritage.
- Climate Transition: Supporting communities in climate transition outcomes and adaptation activities.
- Natural Environment: Protecting and enhancing the natural environment and biodiversity located near APA assets/projects.



Ineligible

- Political groups or campaigns.
- Unincorporated community groups without an auspice.
- Applicants not aligned with APA values or who demonstrate unsafe or illegal activities.

Ineligible projects/expenses

- Projects that do not meet the requirements of APA's Community Grants Guidelines.
- Retrospective funding of projects or activities.
- Ongoing salaries, insurance, utilities, rates, administration and rent.
- Alcohol, cash, cash equivalent.



Application process

All applications can be submitted using the [online application form](#). If you would need to receive and submit a digital copy via email please let us know by reaching out to kklp@apa.com.au.

Online application form questions

- Organisation focus.
- Summary of initiative.
- Alignment to funding category/ies.
- Community need for and benefit from initiative.
- Breakdown of costs (including quotes).
- Other funding sources for initiative.
- APA recognition.

Assessment process

1. Applicant submits application.
2. APA screen application against eligibility requirements.
3. APA acknowledge receipt of application within five (5) business days.
4. Application is assessed as to whether it meets assessment criteria by Community Grants team.
5. Final selection of successful applicants
6. Successful and unsuccessful applicants are notified in writing within four (4) weeks of the closing date.
7. Agreements are signed with successful applicants. Agreements signed by applicant and APA prior to receipt of funding. Funds are distributed.

Assessment criteria

Eligible applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated alignment to funding categories.
2. Demonstrated need for the initiative.
3. Demonstrated benefit to the identified community, regional area, or Local Government Area.
4. Value for money for APA and the community.
5. Capacity of the applicant to successfully complete the project.

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.
- **For profit organisation** means: an entity whose primary purpose is to earn profit. For profit organisations are eligible to apply for funding if the applicant demonstrates the requested grant supports a community initiative and meets a community need (not solely profit-making).
- **Equipment** means: portable items, used to deliver the organisation's usual services and activities.
- **Facility upgrade** means: proposed fixed upgrades to existing facilities frequently used by the community (social infrastructure).
- **Political group or campaign** means: groups or initiatives that seek funding for the primary benefit of a political party, elected member, candidate, group of candidates or third-party campaigner.

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Successful applicants

APA correspondence includes:

- Funding Agreement for signing.
- APA Branding / Style Guide.
- APA Talent Release form.
- Request for invoice.

Upon receipt of Funding Agreement and Invoice by the successful applicant, approved funding will be made by APA.

The project commences as per project start date.

Unsuccessful applicants

To seek feedback please email kklp@apa.com.au.

Summary reporting

Successful applicants should lodge a Summary Report to APA via kklp@apa.com.au within three (3) weeks of project end date.

Successful applicants will receive a Summary Report template from the APA Community Grants team via email.

Summary Report should include:

- Outline of community benefit.
- Number of project beneficiaries.
- Photos of initiative (in action or outcomes).
- Copies or images of APA branded items/materials.

Contact us

If you have any questions, or would like further information on our community grants program, we encourage you to connect with us via:

Email

kklp@apa.com.au

Our website

www.apa.com.au/about-apa/community-grants

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1800 856 001 (8am to 5pm AEST, Monday to Friday)