

Community Benefit Fund Guidelines

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1. Community Benefit Fund

BCWF has committed to establishing a Community Benefit Fund (CBF) to support community projects that improve environmental and social outcomes. This guideline outlines the terms of reference, eligibility criteria, and application process for the CBF.

2. Community Benefit Fund Overview

The CBF aims to provide financial support to projects that deliver tangible benefits to the Boulder Creek community. The fund will allocate at least $100,000 annually, distributed over two rounds each financial year from 1 July to 30 June. This amount will increase by 2.5% each financial year for the life of the fund.





3. Funding Allocations and Priorities

The CBF will focus on two main priority areas (including but not limited to the examples below):

3.1 Priority Area 1: Environment

1. Biodiversity conservation (i.e. Project to create and maintain wildlife corridors to support local fauna)
2. Habitat restoration (i.e. Reforestation projects to restore native vegetation)
3. Education and awareness (i.e. Environmental education programs in local schools)
4. Sustainable agriculture (i.e. Program promoting organic farming techniques)
5. Waste reduction and recycling (i.e. Community recycling programs)
6. Net Zero impact/renewable projects (i.e. Installation of solar panels on community buildings)
7. Water conservation (i.e. Rainwater harvesting systems for community use)

3.2 Priority Area 2: Social (Community)

- 3.2.1 Health and wellbeing (i.e. Mental health support program)
- 3.2.2 Social and community development (i.e. Project to improve local parks and recreational facilities)
- 3.2.3 Education (i.e. Funding for school upgrades)
- 3.2.4 Arts and culture (i.e. Funding for local arts festival)
- 3.2.5 Traditional owner projects (i.e. Cultural heritage education project led by Traditional owner group)
- 3.2.6 Future generations (i.e. Youth leadership program)
- 3.2.7 Diversity, equity and inclusion (i.e. Funding for a multicultural festival)
- 3.2.8 Rural development (i.e. Project to improve rural infrastructure)
- 3.2.9 Heritage projects (i.e. Restoration of historic building for community use)
- 3.2.10 Tourism projects (i.e. Development of a tourism initiative to promote local attraction)

4. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for funding, projects must:

1. Address at least one of the designated priority areas
2. Include a project plan detailing:
   a. project scope
   b. objectives
   c. timeline
   d. proponent organisation and any projectpartners
   e. other funding sources or in-kind contributions, and
   f. anticipated and - if possible - measurable outcomes.
3. The applicant must be an incorporated group and not an individual, but deductible gift recipient status is not required.
4. The applicant must deliver a project within the area of Boulder Creek and its surrounding communities or areas otherwise recommended by the CBF working group.

5. Exclusions

The following types of projects or organisations are not able to be supported:

1. Organisations that have a private benefit for members
2. Individuals or teams participating in sporting events, camps, or championships
3. Guest speakers
4. Events or projects that have already taken place
5. Political organisations, campaigns or events
6. Religious organisations, to deliver religious programs
7. Costs we consider to be associated with an applicant's core business, or ongoing operating costs
8. Applicants seeking financial support for expenses such as prize money or insurances
9. Initiatives deemed high-risk or dangerous, or posing an unacceptable safety risk
10. Events that promote alcohol, bullying, gambling or any illegal or unethical activities
11. Funding for commercial enterprises, salaries or wages, repayment of debts and loans
12. Core funding that is the responsibility of Federal, State or Local Government





6. Application Process

6.1 Call for Applications

BCWF will issue a public call for funding applications twice a year. Applications must be submitted via the application form accessible through the Boulder Creek Wind Farm website.

6.2 Pre-Assessment

BCWF will conduct a pre-assessment to ensure applications meet the eligibility criteria.

6.3 Initial Assessment

The CBF working group will individually assess and score each application based on its alignment with the specified criteria.

6.4 Working Group Meeting

The working group will convene to discuss applications, exchange insights, and collaboratively reach a consensus on the applications to recommend for funding. These recommendations will be provided to BCWF.

6.5 Final Decision

BCWF will make the final approval on successful applications and proceed with fund administration. BCWF will also notify unsuccessful applicants of the outcome.

7. Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest

CBF working group members must adhere to confidentiality principles and declare any conflicts of interest. Members with a direct financial interest must remove themselves from discussions or voting related to the application.

8. Fund Administration

BCWF will have Aula administer the funds. The funds will be administered under an agreed framework visible to the Community Liaison Group (CLG).

9. Contact Information

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