



## Information for Applicants

# Community Partnerships Program

### The Community Partnerships Program

The Community Partnerships Program provides funding for initiatives that deliver lasting benefits to communities in areas where TransGrid assets are located, being built or upgraded.

The program is part of our ongoing commitment to build positive relationships with our local communities and support community initiatives.

Funds may be awarded to one community initiative or shared across a number of projects in a designated area.

### Who is TransGrid?

TransGrid operates and manages the NSW high voltage transmission network, ensuring the safe and reliable delivery of electricity around the state. Our network extends more than 12,600 kilometres, connecting generators to customers and distributors.

### Who is eligible for Community Partnerships Program Funding?

Funding applications will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations which are located within the identified funding areas.

Organisations must demonstrate how their initiative:

- > Provides a lasting or tangible benefit to the community;
- > Provides benefits to communities in close proximity to the TransGrid asset; and
- > Will not require ongoing funding support from TransGrid.

The Community Partnerships Program does not fund initiatives which are the responsibility or obligation of Local, State or Federal government.

### How do you apply for funding?

Visit our website to find out the eligible funding areas for this year and download an application form

[www.transgrid.com.au/partnerships](http://www.transgrid.com.au/partnerships). Alternatively you can email or call TransGrid's Community Engagement Team to request an application kit.

Applications need to be submitted by email or post before the closing date.

To be assessed, each application must address all of the program's selection criteria.

### Application process

To apply for funding in the Community Partnerships Program, you need to visit [www.transgrid.com.au/partnerships](http://www.transgrid.com.au/partnerships) and undertake the following steps:

- > Find out if funding is currently available in your area;
- > Review the Terms and Conditions of the Funding; and
- > Complete an application form and submit to [community@transgrid.com.au](mailto:community@transgrid.com.au) before the closing date specified.

All applications will be assessed by the Community Partnerships Program Committee. All committee decisions are final.



### Selection criteria

Written applications must outline how your initiative meets the following selection criteria:

1. Provides a lasting or tangible benefit to the community;
2. Provides benefits to communities in close proximity to the TransGrid asset; and
3. Will not require ongoing funding support from TransGrid.

Additionally, applications must clearly state:

- > Who will benefit from the initiative;
- > How many people will benefit from the initiative;
- > Your Australian Business Number (ABN);
- > Amount of funding required (please provide quotes or estimated costs with your application if products or services are to be purchased as part of your initiative).
- > How the initiative plans to address a problem in a new or innovative way;
- > The applicant's capability (eg; skills of staff) to manage the project, including financial management; and
- > Opportunities for TransGrid promotion and/or staff involvement, such as co-branding on communication materials, participation in events and an invitation to the initiative launch etc.

### What will make my application stand out?

All applications must address the program's selection criteria to be considered. Preference will then be given to initiatives that address at least one of the following areas:

- > Improving and/or promote public safety or wellbeing;
- > Improve and/or support health or education; or
- > Improve and/or support the environment

### Successful applicants

If you are successful in receiving funds from TransGrid's Community Partnerships Program, you will receive a letter confirming the conditions of the grant and reporting arrangements.

Following the above notification, the Funding Agreement must be returned to TransGrid within the allocated time period.

Grants will be paid via cheque.

You will receive notification of the outcome of your application within four weeks of the closing date for the funding round.

If you are unsuccessful, you may submit another application if funding is offered in your area in the future.

### Activities that fall outside the Community Partnerships Program criteria:

- > Initiatives considered to be the direct responsibility of local, state or federal government;
- > Travel, study or conferences (unless incidental to an initiative being funded);
- > General maintenance or overhead expenses (unless part of a specific initiative);
- > Projects with a religious, political or sectarian purpose;
- > Individuals;
- > Other foundations, trusts or philanthropic organisations to fund their general objectives;
- > For-profit programs or activities (social enterprise may be considered);
- > Projects outside of New South Wales;
- > Endowments, memorials or named academic chairs;
- > Retrospective costs;
- > General fundraising appeals; and
- > Government entities.

### Contact us

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