

Resource Community Infrastructure Fund

Frequently asked questions

1. What are the main differences between Round 1 and Round 2 of the Fund?

The main changes include:

- » The definition of what is considered a Resource Community (see the Glossary in the Round 2 Applicant Guidelines and question 2 below)
- » Projects that are considered Eligible and Ineligible under the Fund (see section 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 of the Round 2 Applicant Guidelines)
- » Provisional funding allocation to Major and Minor Infrastructure Projects (see section 2.2 the Round 2 Applicant Guidelines)
- » Priority may be given to the geographic distribution to enhance funding across Resource Communities.

2. What is a Resource Community?

The Applicant Guidelines for Round 2 define Resources Communities as either:

- (a) a community in Queensland that is located within 125km of a significant operating coal or mineral mine and/or a significant existing coal or mineral operation or
- (b) another community in Queensland that has a significant operating coal or mineral mine and/or a significant existing coal or mineral operation in close proximity, as demonstrated through the Application.

Please note that it is an eligibility requirement that Projects are located in a Resource Community or in close proximity to one.

3. In the definition of Resource Communities, how is 125km measured?

Resource Communities within 125km of a significant operating coal or mineral mine and/or a significant existing coal or mineral operation are those that have any part of the community within a 125km radius of the main access to the mine or operation.

4. What can Applicants do to demonstrate the Project is in a Resource Community if the community is more than 125km from a significant operating coal or mineral mine and/or a significant existing coal or mineral operation?

Applicants should consider the following when explaining why the community benefiting from the Project is a Resource Community:

- the community's distance from significant operating coal or mineral mines and/or significant existing coal or mineral operations
- the number of significant operating coal or mineral mines and/or significant existing coal or mineral operations in proximity of the community
- the number of resource sector workers living in the community as a percentage of workers in the community or of residents
- the number and value of services or resources provided to a significant coal or mineral mine/operation by the community
- the resource sector's impact on the local economy and community wellbeing.

Evidence should be provided to support the explanation. See the Fact Sheet on using evidence to support Applications.

If you require further clarification you should contact your DSDILGP regional office. Contact details can be found at <https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/about-us/contact-us>

5. Can Individuals or for-profit organisations apply to the Fund?

No, the Fund is only open to not-for-profit organisations and local governments, including Weipa Town Authority. Ineligible Organisations, including chambers of commerce, regional economic development organisations and remote area boards, cannot apply but may collaborate with Eligible Organisations on Projects. In such circumstances, the Eligible Organisation must submit the Application and be the Project lead. If successful, the Eligible Organisation must be responsible for entering into a Project Funding Agreement with the State and managing the Project's delivery.

See section 3.1 of the Applicant Guidelines for further information.

6. Who can an Applicant partner with?

Eligible Organisations may collaborate with other parties, including Ineligible and other Eligible Organisations, to deliver eligible Community Infrastructure Projects in Resource Communities. In these circumstances, the Eligible Organisation must submit the Application and be the Project lead. If successful, the Eligible Organisation must be responsible for entering into a Project Funding Agreement with the State and managing delivery of the Project.

If an Eligible Organisation's Project Partner will own and/or operate the Project Infrastructure, the Eligible Organisation will still need to submit the Application as the Project lead. If successful, the Eligible Organisation that submitted the Application will be responsible for entering into a Project Funding Agreement with the State and managing delivery of the Project.

Please note that Applicants are required to provide evidence of their Project Partnership arrangements as part of their Applications.

7. Can an Applicant submit more than one Application?

Yes, but each Application must deal with a standalone Project. The Project may have multiple components or sub-projects but they must all be interrelated.

An Application is ineligible if it includes multiple projects that are not clearly interdependent.

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If submitting more than one Application, Applicants should consider their capability to deliver multiple Projects at the same time.

8. Is a co-contribution required?

Co-contributions are only required if:

- » The Estimated Total Project Cost includes Ineligible Project Costs
- » The Estimated Total Project Cost exceeds the amount of funding being sought.

These co-contributions can be made by the Applicant or a third-party contributor. Please note Applicants will be asked to provide evidence to substantiate any co-contributions.

Please also note that any co-contributions will be well regarded when assessing Applications.

9. What is Community Infrastructure?

The Applicant Guidelines for Round 2 define Community Infrastructure as physical economic and social infrastructure which allows a Resource Community to access services to meet that community's needs, maximises its potential or enhances community wellbeing.

Projects submitted for consideration under Round 2 must be for the construction of Community Infrastructure in a Resource Community. Projects may be to build new infrastructure or upgrade, extend or replace existing infrastructure. Projects that only involve the repair or routine or ongoing maintenance of existing infrastructure are not eligible.

Under Round 2, Projects to deliver the following types of infrastructure are ineligible:

- » sewerage and water treatment or distribution and waste management
- » roads and stormwater/drainage
- » footpaths and cycleways

- » walking tracks (except where such a Project will provide tourist facilities)
- » town centre works including beautification, car parks, public ablution facilities
- » parks and gardens.

See section 3.2 of the Applicant Guidelines for further information about what will be funded under Round 2, including eligible and ineligible Projects.

10. Are staff wages an Eligible Project Cost?

The Project's construction-related labour costs are Eligible Project Costs.

Project management costs directly related to managing the construction of approved works, e.g., remuneration of the Eligible Organisation's technical, professional and/or administrative staff for time directly relating to the Project, are also Eligible Project Costs.

Executive duties and overhead charges are Ineligible Project Costs.

See section 3.3 of the Applicant Guidelines for further information on Eligible and Ineligible Project Costs.

11. Are Project design costs Eligible Project Costs?

Concept design costs are not eligible, however, the cost of detailed designs (i.e. the production of 'For Construction' designs or equivalent) are eligible if they are completed after the Project Start Date.

See section 3.3 of the Applicant Guidelines for further information on Eligible and Ineligible Project Costs.

12. Are the costs of furniture or computers Eligible Project Costs?

No. Only the fixed plant and equipment required to fully commission the Project are Eligible Project Costs. Any portable assets, e.g., computers, furniture, desks, and whitegoods, are Ineligible Project Costs.

See section 3.3 of the Applicant Guidelines for further information on Eligible and Ineligible Project Costs.

13. When does Construction Commencement of the Project Infrastructure need to start?

It is expected that construction will commence within six months of a Funding Agreement being executed (see section 3.2 of the Applicant Guidelines). This is not expected to be before 1 May 2023.

When planning the Project Start Date, Applicants should also note that Projects intended to start construction before 1 August 2022 are ineligible for funding under Round 2.

14. When will successful Projects be notified?

It is anticipated that successful Projects will be announced by the Deputy Premier from August 2022. Projects must not start construction until successful Projects have been announced.

15. What evidence do I need to provide?

Evidence provided should be commensurate with the amount of funding being sought for the Project. Where possible, all statements made in the Application should be supported by recent, reliable and relevant documentary evidence. Please see the separate Fact Sheet on using evidence to support Applications.

16. My not-for-profit organisation is not registered for GST. Can it still apply for a grant?

To be eligible for funding, the Applicant Guidelines require not-for-profit organisations to be registered for GST, and satisfy all other eligibility requirements, by the time the Application is submitted. This will be verified during assessment to ensure equity for all Applicants.

Not-for-profit organisations that are unregistered for GST could consider:

- » registering for GST while working on an Application and only submitting the Application after the GST registration process has been completed.

- » approaching their local council or another Eligible Organisation to see if a partnership could be formed. If a partnership was formed, the Eligible Organisation must submit the Application and be the Project lead. If successful, the Eligible Organisation must be responsible for entering into a Project Funding Agreement with the State and managing delivery of the Project.

17. My organisation is not registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). Can it still apply for a grant?

Under the Applicant Guidelines, ACNC registration is only required for not-for-profit organisations seeking Project funding of over \$1 million (excluding GST).

Not-for-profit organisations seeking Project funding of over \$1 million could consider:

- » registering with the ACNC while working on an Application and only submitting the Application after the ACNC registration process has been completed.
- » approaching their local council or another Eligible Organisation to see if a partnership could be formed. If a partnership was formed, the Eligible Organisation must submit the Application and be the Project lead. If successful, the Eligible Organisation must be responsible for entering into a Project Funding Agreement with the State and managing delivery of the Project.

18. Can my organisation submit an Application by email or by mail?

No, Applications must be submitted using the Department's online grants administration system. The link for the online grants administration system is provided on the Fund's website.

19. Where can my organisation get assistance with its Application?

For assistance with Project selection and the preparation of Applications, please contact DSDILGP's regional office for your area.

Contact information for your local regional office is available here: <https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/about-us/contact-us>

Please note provision of support by a regional officer is not an indication that an Application will be successful or that funding will be provided. Applicants must form their own views as to the content and submission of their Application and cannot rely on any assistance provided by regional officers or DSDILGP as being support of their Application by the Department.