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What is the TasNetworks Community Grants Program?

The TasNetworks Community Grants Program offers grants of up to \$10,000 to eligible Tasmanian not-for-profit organisations for projects/initiatives in our chosen focus areas.

Why have you chosen the specific focus areas for this year?

The focus areas for the grant program relate to our Community Investment Framework, which guides our decisions on partnerships throughout the year.

What types of organisations are eligible for funding?

Incorporated entities, or those registered with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission, and who operate within Tasmania can apply.

Are there specific geographic areas or communities targeted by this grant program?

We will accept applications from around Tasmania, and part of our decision-making relates to providing a geographic spread amongst successful applications.

Can I apply for an activity that has already started or is scheduled?

While our preference is to provide a catalyst for new projects, we do recognise the importance of supporting ongoing initiatives. Funding requests for existing projects will be considered but we ask that you outline in your application how this funding would enhance the project.

How do I apply?

You can complete and submit the application form via our online engagement site, "Talk with TasNetworks." No registration is required before applying. More information is available at www.tasnetworks.com.au/grants.

When do applications close?

Applications must be completed by 11:59pm on Sunday 30 June 2024. Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.

What can I do if there are technical difficulties while submitting my application?

If you encounter technical difficulties, email community@tasnetworks.com.au, and our team will endeavour to assist you during business hours; however, we will not accept responsibility for applications not being received by the closing date.

Will TasNetworks contact me regarding my application?

In the case of clear errors in your application, or of missing information, we may contact you to seek clarification or additional details so long as such changes do not alter the nature of your application.

When will I be advised about the outcome of my application?

Applications will be assessed after the closing date. We will endeavour to notify all applicants of the outcome of their application as soon as possible. If your application is not shortlisted, we will notify you within seven days of the closing date. Those applications which are shortlisted will take longer to assess. All applicants will receive confirmation of the outcome of their application via email.

What happens if my application is successful?

Following your email notification, you will be required to complete some paperwork to enable the payment of grant funds. These will then be transferred to your organisation via electronic funds transfer (EFT). Once accepted, the details of your organisation and activity will be listed on our website.

Can we apply for a grant in this round if we were successful in a previous round?

Organisations that have previously received grant funding from TasNetworks are eligible for further funding provided the original project has been completed and we have received the required acquittal form.

If successful, am I required to report on the progress of my activity?

You will be required to provide regular progress updates via email or Teams meeting, as determined by TasNetworks, and an acquittal form will be required once the project has been delivered, detailing how the funding was applied.

What happens if I don't provide the required updates or an acquittal form?

Organisations who fail to comply with their reporting obligations may risk being required to return their funding, and/or will be considered ineligible for further funding from TasNetworks. Our Stakeholder Team will remain in contact following your grant being awarded to ensure you are able to comply with all your obligations.

Can we seek funding for operational expenses, or is it strictly for project-based initiatives?

Our grants program is focussed on delivering projects. As a result, operational expenses in general cannot be covered, however, we will consider funding operational expenses incurred through the delivery of your project. Consideration is given to those projects deemed to deliver the best value for money.

Can we submit supporting documents or additional information along with our application?

Yes, we would encourage you to submit as much detail and supporting evidence as you deem necessary for us to understand the impact and outcomes expected from your project.

Are there any opportunities for feedback or debriefing on our application if it is unsuccessful?

Whilst we would love to provide further details as to why an application has not been accepted, we are limited in the detail we can provide due to the number of applications we receive for funding each year. You may find some information for the reason for your application being denied in the confirmation email, but this may not be possible for every application. Some applications will be denied regardless of the merit of the project, based purely on limited funding availability.

Is there a limit to the amount of funding we can request?

Applications are invited for funding of up to \$10,000. Should your project require more funding, we encourage you to elaborate on how those funds will be contributed to the project and any other funding sources that are being relied upon to deliver your project.

Can we apply for funding for multiple projects or activities?

In certain cases, it may be appropriate to bundle multiple events, or similar projects together in one application. This is only suitable in cases where there is a direct link between the activities. As such, we ask that you ensure your application is for one project.

Can we make multiple applications for different projects?

We will only accept one application per organisation. Should we receive multiple applications from the same organisation, one of them will be removed prior to assessment. We will determine, in our sole discretion, which application will continue to assessment, and which will be refused.

How does TasNetworks ensure transparency and fairness in the grant allocation process?

All applications are assessed against a rubric for suitability and compliance with selection criteria, as determined by an assessment panel.

In making our final decision, we consider a range of other factors such as the resources required, geographic spread, community engagement opportunities, alignment with our business priorities, and compatibility with our other funding partners.

Need more information?

Visit www.tasnetworks.com.au/grants or email us at community@tasnetworks.com.au



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