Woodside Anniversary Grants Guidance

Woodside Energy and its joint venture partners have announced a one-off large community grant round that will support community and not-for-profit organisations in the City of Karratha to deliver positive outcomes in areas including health, liveability, sustainability and the environment.

Who can apply:

Groups operating within the City of Karratha are encouraged to apply to implement projects, services or events benefitting the local community.

Applicants must be formally registered as a not-for-profit organisation, incorporated body or a registered charity within the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission.

Religious groups and organisations are eligible to seek funding for community-based initiatives, providing all other eligibility criteria are met.

What we fund:

+ Costs associated with planning a particular event or project including project research, development, promotion and delivery.

+ Capital purchases that support the grant aims.

+ Costs that support the engagement of facilitators, coaches or specialist services including travel where the services are not available locally.

Things to consider before you request funding:

Before you send us your request for funding, there are a few things you will need to keep in mind.

We will not fund any programs that conflict with our code of conduct or our regulatory, licensing or any other statutory commitment.

It is important to note that we do not provide social contribution funding for:

+ Financial support to cover a deficit within an organisation.

+ Political Donations.

+ Commercial requests including funding for private or public companies.

+ Events or projects that have already taken place or for expenses that have already been paid.

+ Expenses related to the procurement or supply of alcohol, including the necessary licenses.

+ Ongoing operational wages/salaries of a group, organisation or association.

+ Applicants with outstanding acquittals with Woodside Energy.

How to apply

Before contacting us, there are two key documents that you should be familiar with. These are available at www.woodside.com

+ Woodside Anniversary Grant Guidance document (this document);

+ Code of Conduct Policy

Queries should then be sent to: northwestcommunities@woodside.com

For more information on Woodside's social contribution visit: www.woodside.com

Key Questions and answers

1) What are Woodside's key focus communities?

We look to support initiatives that occur in communities hosting our operations or business interests. The Woodside Anniversary grants are being offered in the City of Karratha

2) What does Woodside look for in assessing applications?

There are a number of general factors that we take into consideration when assessing grant requests. These include:

+ If the initiative addresses a need within the local community

+ The potential impact of the initiative on the community.

+ The cost of the initiative versus its measurable outcome.

+ How the initiative compares to other initiatives of a similar nature.

+ The initiative's geographical reach.

+ If the initiative duplicates or is similar to an existing service.

+ How the initiative will be sustainable, including how it will continue to develop after the funding ceases.

+ The proportion of administrative costs and overheads in comparison to measurable outcomes.

+ The level of community support the organisation receives including volunteers and in-kind support.

+ Woodside's level of involvement in the community the funding is sought for.

+ If the initiative impacts Woodside's employee value proposition.

All of these factors are considered to ensure our funding is in proportion to the reach and measurable impact of the program/project. You will also need to provide details to help us clearly understand your organisation.

3) What outcomes is Woodside looking to support?

Through the Woodside Anniversary grants we aim to build the capacity and capability of the local community and address areas of local need. These grants focus on delivering outcomes in areas of health, liveability, sustainability and the environment. Some of the outcomes we are looking to achieve are:

+ Improve knowledge + raising awareness and understanding of the environment, climate change, energy and cultural heritage.

+ Create opportunities + creating quality education and lifelong learning opportunities, supporting community employment and driving economic diversification.

+ Build resilience + supporting safe, vibrant and sustainable communities.

4) What is a measurable outcome?

The objective of this requirement is to allow us to see what has measurably improved as a result of the initiative.

For grants funding, we consider outcomes linked to local concerns. For example:

+ How does the initiative increase skills and capacity of the local community?

+ How does your organisation benefit from delivering the initiative? Does it help your organisation consolidate or develop?

+ How does the initiative increase positive behaviours in the community?

+ How does the initiative decrease negative impacts on the community?

5) I am, or someone involved in the management of my organisation is related to a current or former government official; will this affect my application?

Being a relative of either a current or former government official will not necessarily hinder your application. However, you must be prepared to disclose your relationship to the individual as well as the name of the individual. This is to ensure that any perceived conflict of interest can be considered and managed during the assessment process.

A government official means any:
1. Political party, party official or candidate of political office;
2. Official or employee of any Government, or any agency, ministry or department of a Government (at any level);
3. Person acting in an official capacity for a Government regardless of rank or position;
4. Official or employee of a company wholly or partly controlled by a Government;
5. Candidate for political office;
6. Official or employee of any public international organisation.

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6) Can I apply for retrospective funding?

No, we are currently seeking to fund programs or projects that have not been implemented yet.

7) What will I need to provide to Woodside, in reporting against my grant funding?

If you successfully receive grant funding from Woodside, you will enter into a short letter agreement that will outline the obligations and acquittal process. Generally, you will need to provide Woodside with a report, including evidence of expenditure, photos and media coverage once the program/project is completed or at agreed milestones.

8) I am currently employed by Woodside or a joint venture participant; will this affect my application?

Being an employee of Woodside, an employee of a joint venture participant or a contractor to either organisation/s will not necessarily hinder your application. However, you should be prepared to disclose all relevant information on your position or level of participation with the relevant organisation or initiative. This also includes any individual who is an immediate family member of an working for, or contracted to Woodside or a joint venture participant. This will ensure any perceived conflict of interest can be considered and managed during the assessment process.

9) Under what circumstances does Woodside support travel?

Woodside will only consider providing funding for travel when it is to deliver an initiative that addresses an issue or opportunity in a regional community and the organisation is not based in the area. The travel will be considered as part of the overall budget to ensure the initiative can be effectively delivered.

10) Can I come in to meet someone about my initiative before I apply?

You can request to meet with a community relations adviser from the local office to discuss your application. Contact can be made via northwestcommunities@woodside.com. It is important to note that we receive many requests to meet about initiatives, and we unfortunately will not be able to accommodate everyone. The best process therefore is to send us your proposal, and we will seek additional information if required after reviewing.

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