



Community Development Program 2021

Information Sheet

Windlab is offering support to local community projects and new businesses around the proposed wind farm through a community development program. The program will provide up to \$10,000 of grant funding. Organisations with suitable projects are encouraged to apply by requesting an application form, completing it, and returning it to natasha.cannistra@windlab.com.

The goal of the program is to provide financial support for projects that contribute to economic development, social cohesion, and environmental sustainability of Lakeland. The program will be expanded into a regular annual program for the operational life of the wind farm.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants (organisations) meeting the criteria below will be eligible for grants:

1. Grants are only available to organisations with an ABN. *If you do not have an ABN please contact us for further information.*
2. If a grant recipient has previously received funding under this program, further grants will only be available once that organisation has completed the reporting requirement for those previous grants.
3. Grants are not available to political or religious organisations or for political campaigns or religious purposes.
4. Grants are not available to established, for-profit businesses.

Project Eligibility

Projects meeting the criteria listed below are eligible for grants:

1. Projects must be within the Lakeland area, or alternatively be able to demonstrate a strong connection to Lakeland and its residents.
2. Projects must have a letter of support from the owner of land or a resident near the wind farm proposal i.e. in the Lakeland area.
3. Projects must be completed within 12 months. Grants for multi-year projects must be applied for on a year-by-year basis.
4. Applicants must accept that their project may be publicised as being supported by Lakeland Wind Farm or Windlab.

Assessment Criteria

1. Projects should be close to the wind farm proposal; projects closely neighbouring the wind farm proposal will be considered more favourably.
2. Projects should contribute to Lakeland in one or more of the following ways:
 - Economic development (development of new accommodation and water resources have been identified as priorities in Lakeland)
 - Social cohesion (such as recreational or educational facilities)
 - Environmental sustainability.
3. Projects should deliver value for money; smaller funding requests and co-contributions (in-kind or financial) will be considered favourably.



Grant Application Process

Windlab will administer grants once per year and are open to input from the local community as to which projects best meet the aims of the program. Application forms are available from natasha.cannistra@windlab.com. The grant program operates as follows:

Step 1: Submission

- Request (natasha.cannistra@windlab.com), complete and submit an application form prior to **March 1st 2021**.
- Applicants will be notified of receipt within 7 days.

Step 2: Eligibility

- Windlab will check that each applicant and project meet the eligibility criteria. Applicants will be notified if they or their application does not meet the criteria.
- All applications that meet the criteria get moved on to Step 3.

Step 3: Evaluation

- Windlab will evaluate applications against the assessment criteria.

Step 4: Award

- Windlab will make a final decision about which projects receive grants by **March 31st 2021**.
- All applicants will be notified of the decision.

Step 5: Execution

- Successful applicants and Lakeland Wind Farm Pty Ltd will enter into a funding agreement

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding this grant program, please see the website (lakelandwindfarm.com.au) or contact:

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