



Community Support Program

Are you a part of a community group, sports club, school or not-for-profit organisation looking for funding support for your next event, activity or project in 2021-22?

Program Summary

Westernport Water's Community Support Program offers funding for local community groups, projects and events within our service area.

It aims to strengthen communities by providing funding or support focused around the three **key themes**:



Healthy people



Healthy communities



Healthy planet

We have committed **\$35,000** to the 2021-22 Community Support Program, made available through **one funding round**. Not-for-profit community groups including incorporated community groups, management committees, volunteer groups, sporting clubs or schools may submit eligible applications.

We believe it is important that the initiatives and projects we support make a significant impact to our region, building positive change in our local communities.

We will offer consideration to sponsorship applications that align with our **commitment to support a more sustainable community**, are associated with the above **three key themes** and at least one of the following six **categories**:

- **water and wastewater literacy and education**
- **water conservation**
- **environmental wellbeing/sustainability**
- **health and liveability of our community**
- **social wellbeing of our community**
- **cultural heritage/Aboriginal water values.**

(see [Terms and Conditions](#) (T&C's) for a list of examples of projects, initiatives and events we will consider supporting)

Application period

We will accept applications for our 2021-22 Community Support Program until **30 July 2021**.

We anticipate a high volume of applications. To ensure your application has the best chance, please address all required information, detailed in the [Terms & Conditions](#) (T&C's). Our [FAQ brochure](#) also provides a lot of valuable information that will assist your application.

Types of sponsorship available

We offer five main categories of sponsorship:

1. Financial support for events

Not-for-profit community groups, management committees, volunteer groups or schools may apply for financial support for an event **up to \$1,000**. The event **must** include tap water promotion.

2. Financial support for projects

Financial support for a project is available **up to \$3,000**. Some project examples include weed control, revegetation with indigenous plants, improving the health of local waterways, building a school vegetable garden or sustainable indigenous garden bed for teaching purposes, purchase of a water tank etc. See a more comprehensive lists of examples on our website and [FAQ brochure](#).

3. Permanent water stations (fountains)

Westernport Water may support the application for the purchase or installation of a permanent water station at your publicly accessible community area or facility. Funding will not exceed \$3,000 for the purchase of a unit. Balance of funds is to be provided by the applicant.

4. Choose Tap

Examples include:

- hydration kits for sports clubs (reusable team water bottles and carriers)
- merchandise such as reusable Choose Tap water bottles.



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5. In-kind support

- provision of technical expertise from within the organisation to assist with a specific short term project or event
- provision of water and compost at reduced or no cost*
- advertising sign on our roadside Billboard
- use of our portable water fountains or hydration station for your event.*

*Note: limits or conditions may apply.

Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply and receive community sponsorship from Westernport Water via our Community Support Program, the applicant must be a local, not-for-profit:

- charity
- incorporated community group or organisation
- management committee
- volunteer group
- school
- sporting club

Can successful applicants from the 2020-21 Community Support Program apply again in 2021-22?

Yes, eligible groups may apply yearly. Each application will be assessed separately each year. Success one year does not guarantee success another year, nor does it prevent your organisation being approved again.

Can one group or organisation submit more than one application each year?

Yes, a group/organisation can submit more than one application each year, however, **only one** application can be approved from each applicant.

Each application will be assessed separately and if more than one is deemed eligible, we will select the project or event which we decide is best for that year.

Submitting more than one application will allow us to find the best combination of local projects and events we wish to support.

How to submit your application

Submit your application via:

- the [online application form](#)

To attach supporting documents, please follow instructions on the form.

Application tips

We strongly advise that applicants follow these tips to help you prepare a good application:

Tip 1: Thoroughly read the Community Support Program's:

- [webpage](#)
- [Terms & Condition's](#) (T&C's)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ's)

Tip 2: Check that your organisation or community group is eligible to apply (refer to Eligibility and Conditions in the [T&C's](#))

Tip 3: Determine the type of sponsorship you are seeking (see page one of this Fact Sheet)

Tip 4: Prepare your application and evidence to support your application

Tip 5: Research how much your project or event will cost, or require (provide quotes)

Tip 6: Ensure your project or event will be completed in the required period

Tip 7: Lodge your [application](#) using the information you prepared, including any supportive documents.

* Full T&C's and all requirements for your application can be found on our [website](#).

When preparing your application make sure you define:

- what you hope the project will achieve
- who will benefit from the project
- how the project matches the aim of the Community Support Program

To check that you've included this, ask yourself:

- who will your project target?
- what will your project achieve?
- when will your project be held?
- where will your project run?
- why is your project important?
- how will you run your project?

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the Community Support Program including T&C's, FAQ's and to apply visit our [website](#).

If you would like to speak with someone about your application, please contact the Community Support Program Team:

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