



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 2022-23?

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 our 2022-23 Community Support Program. Not-for-profit community groups including incorporated community groups, management committees, volunteer groups, sporting clubs or schools/ kinders may submit eligible applications.

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

We will consider applications that align with our **commitment to support a more sustainable community**, that 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

Applications open - **1 June 2022**.

Applications close - **15 July 2022**.

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, club or schools from within our service area may apply for financial support for an event **up to \$1,000**. The event **must** include tap water promotion, and must **not** have single use plastic water bottles available for sale or giveaways. You can also request our Hydration Station trailer for the event as part of your application.

2. Financial support for projects

Financial support for a project is available **up to \$3,000**. Some project examples could 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; or the purchase of a water tank. See a 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 funding & merchandise

Examples could 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 or kindergarten
- sporting club.

Can successful applicants from the 2020-21 or 2021-22 Community Support Program apply again in 2022-23?

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. The previous sponsorship must be complete however, with all aquittal forms and proof of completion and expenditure submitted.

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 may 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

Tips to help you prepare a good application:

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

- [webpage](#)
- [Terms & Conditions](#) (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 (quotes **MUST** be provided).

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 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 Communications and Engagement Team:

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