

# Ross River Solar Farm Community Grants Program

## Community Grants

As part of its commitment to make positive contribution to the local community, Ross River Solar Farm has established a Community Grants Program. The Program will provide funding for local initiatives that aim to benefit the community in the areas of community participation, sustainability and safety.

Up to \$20,000 grant funding will be available each year.

## Guidelines

### Geographical area

Local community groups and organisations addressing issues in the Townsville region are encouraged to apply. Emphasis will be placed on those projects located closest to the Ross River Solar Farm, or those that deliver the greatest benefit to the broader community.

### Funding priorities

To be considered for funding, projects should address one or more of the following focus areas:

- **Community Participation and Pride:**

Support for projects or organisations that encourage greater community participation and/or seek to recognise and celebrate the unique attributes of the region, i.e. volunteer awards, playground / community space enhancements, local festivals and events, heritage preservation.

- **Community Sustainability:**

Support for projects or organisations that seek to build or enhance community sustainability, in particular through the use of renewables, the reduction of waste and/or via protection of the environment, i.e. solar panel installation, recycling at events, school education programs, community gardens.

- **Community Safety:**

Support for programs or groups that are working to increase public safety and wellbeing, i.e. neighbourhood watch, community health initiatives, first aid equipment, safety improvements to local amenities such as enhanced lighting or sun shades.

Applications will be reviewed against the following selection criteria:

- **The organisation:** the organisation has a clear purpose and makes a valuable contribution to the local community.
- **Social Issue:** the issue is important to the local community and addresses one of the outlined priority areas.
- **Positioning:** the project will raise Ross River Solar Farm's public profile through positive exposure and/or engagement opportunities with target audiences.
- **Funding:** the proposal clearly outlines how funds will be utilised.
- **Measures:** appropriate measures and resources are in place to deliver and evaluate project success.

## General rules

We do not support:

- Individuals or students
- Any programs linked with smoking or gambling
- Religious, political or other lobby groups
- Purchase of lands, buildings or motor vehicles
- General operating costs, except where these are part of an approved project
- Commercial or advertising requests
- Applications that have been previously been rejected
- Applications from outside the geographical area (approx. 50km)

## Applications

Applications for the Ross River Solar Farm Community Grants Program may be submitted at any time. Up to \$20,000 grant funding will be allocated to successful projects each year.

Completed application forms should be submitted to:

**Hannah Willson**

Email: [hannah.willson@palisadeassetmanagement.com.au](mailto:hannah.willson@palisadeassetmanagement.com.au)

Applications will be assessed based on their ability to address the selection criteria as well as the perceived benefit to the local community. All applications must meet the eligibility criteria and comply with the Terms and Conditions. Ross River Solar Farm will endeavour to notify applicants of the outcome within six weeks of applications being lodged.

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### Application form

You may attach further information regarding your proposal if required.

Send your completed application form to: [hannah.wilson@palisadeassetmanagement.com.au](mailto:hannah.wilson@palisadeassetmanagement.com.au)

### Part one: Applicant details

Organisation	
ABN/ACN	
Address	
Contact Name	
Phone	
Email	

Does your organisation or its members have an association with the Ross River Solar Farm (e.g. employee)?

### Part two: Project details

<b>Project Name:</b>	
<b>Project Description</b>	<i>Provide an overview of your proposal/project and its target market</i>

<b>Project Location</b>	<i>What areas/communities does your project impact?</i>
<b>Project Outcomes</b>	<i>What are you trying to achieve through your project? What problem/issue are you trying to address?</i>
<b>Selection Criteria</b>	<i>How will the project deliver against one or more of these areas:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Community participation and pride</i></li> <li>● <i>Community sustainability</i></li> <li>● <i>Community safety</i></li> </ul>

**Part three: Application for funding**

<b>Funding Amount</b>	<i>How much funding are you requesting?</i>
<b>Budget and allocations of funds</b>	<i>What is your total budget for the project? Please provide details of how funds from the grant will be used.</i>
<b>Other funding</b>	<i>Is there any other funding available for your project? Have you applied for and/or been granted funding from any other source for this project? Please provide details.</i>
<b>Timeframe</b>	<i>Please provide a timeline of actions for the project.</i>

### Part four: Project reporting

<b>Evaluation</b>	<i>How will you evaluate the success of your project?</i>

### Agreement and Signature

I acknowledge and agree to the Ross River Solar Farm Community Grants Terms and Conditions	
Signed for and on behalf of:	Name of organisation
by its authorised representative:	Full Name
Signature:	
Date:	