



Winton Solar Farm Community Grants Program

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Community Grants

As part of our commitment to make a positive contribution to the local community, FRV have established the Winton Solar Farm Community Grants Program. The Program will provide funding for local initiatives that aim to benefit the community in the areas of environment and sustainability, skills and participation, and health and safety.

Guidelines

Geographical area

Local community groups and organisations working to promote the above issues are invited to apply. Emphasis will be placed on those projects located closest to the Winton Solar Farm (within 20km radius), or those that deliver benefit to the Winton, Glenrowan, Lurg, Greta and regional community.

Funding priorities

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

Environment and Sustainability:

Support for projects or groups that seek to deliver community-wide sustainability outcomes, contribute to landscape protection values, protect and preserve biodiversity and the natural environment or promote the use of less resources / clean energy (i.e., solar panel installation, recycling at events, school education programs, community gardens, tree planting for shade, biodiversity projects).

Skills and Participation:

Support for projects or groups that foster skills development, training opportunities or pathways to employment. Support for programs that build the vitality of the local community by promoting increased community connections and participation. Support for projects or groups that actively work to preserve and share the socio-cultural heritage of the region, including indigenous heritage (i.e., employment support programs, community training or awards, community skills workshops, volunteer labour programs, historical or cultural organisation activities or events).

Health and Safety:

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

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. *(20% weighting)*
- **Social Issue:** The project or initiative put forward for funding is important to the community and addresses one of the outlined priority areas. *(50% weighting)*
- **Funding:** The proposal clearly outlines how funds will be utilised. *(15% weighting)*
- **Measures:** Appropriate measures and resources are in place to deliver and evaluate project success. *(15% weighting)*

Winton Solar Farm's preference is to share available funding with several projects across the region. Applicants should consider this when determining how much Grant funding to apply for.

General rules

We do not support:

- Requests for charitable donations
- Support for individuals
- Political, religious, or other lobbying campaigns
- Money for general operating expenses
- Funding for commercial purposes – i.e. purchase of buildings, land, motor vehicles
- Groups outside the fund area (unless delivering benefits within the target region)
- Projects with potential to cause environmental degradation / loss

Applications

Application dates for the 2024 Winton Solar Farm Community Grants Program are:

Applications open: 9 September 2024

Applications close: 11 October 2024

Completed application forms should be submitted via email to: infoaustralia@frv.com
Please use “**2024 Winton Community Grants Program application**” as the subject line.

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.

Winton Solar Farm will endeavour to notify applicants of the outcome within six weeks of applications being lodged. Applicants will be notified by email.

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Application form

You may attach further information regarding your proposal if required.

Part one: Applicant details

Organisation	
ABN/ACN	
Address	
Contact Name	
Phone	
Email	

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

Part two: Project details

Project Name:	
Project Description	<i>Provide an overview of your proposal/project</i>
Project Location	What areas/communities does your project impact?

Project Outcomes	What are you trying to achieve through your project? What problem/issue are you trying to address?
Selection Criteria	How will the project deliver against one or more of these areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and sustainability • Skills and participation • Health and safety

Part three: Application for funding

Funding Amount	How much funding are you requesting?
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Budget and allocations of funds	What is your total budget for the project? Please provide details of how funds from the grant will be used.
Other funding	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.
Timeframe	Please provide a timeline of actions for the project.

Part four: Project reporting

Evaluation	How will you evaluate the success of your project?

Agreement and Signature

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