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Winton Solar Farm Community Grants Program

Terms and Conditions

These Terms and Conditions are to be read in conjunction with the Winton Solar Farm Community Grants Program Application Form. For any questions regarding these Terms and Conditions contact us on 0435 861 682.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applications will only be accepted from organisations and not individuals. Please note, 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

How and when to apply

Applications must be made using the relevant Application Form and be made directly by the organisation (applications on behalf of third parties will not be accepted).

Only one application may be submitted from each organisation for each annual round of funding. Applicants are welcome to apply for funding in subsequent years, even if granted funds in any year.

Grants can be for any amount up to \$30,000. Applications for lesser grant amounts may be more favourably received as this enables funding to be provided to multiple groups.

Applicants are advised not to include original documents, videos or models with their application. Where relevant however, supporting materials, reports or other publicity may be included with the application. Winton Solar Farm will not be responsible for loss or damage to any documents, information or items which are included as part of an application.

Applications must be in writing and sent via email with the subject line **“2024 Winton Community Grants Program application”**.



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Assessment of your application

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 the application closing date. Applicants will be notified by email.

Funding

Funding will be distributed to successful applicants in accordance with their initial proposed budget plan and will be provided either as a one-off payment at the start of the project or as ongoing payments subject to certain milestones being met to the satisfaction of Winton Solar Farm.

If the Recipient is registered for GST, the total amount of awarded funding will include the GST amount, once a tax invoice is provided. If successful, the Recipient must provide an invoice to FRV by **29 November 2024** for timely payment of the awarded funds.

Expenditure of the funds granted must be completed within six months of the grant, unless otherwise arranged and approved.

The Recipient must keep accurate written records relating to the expenditure of the funding granted for the project. Recipients may be asked to also provide written reports on the progress and results of the funded project, including details of funding expenditure.

The Recipient must repay any amounts which are not expended unless otherwise agreed with Winton Solar Farm.

The Recipient must complete and provide to Winton Solar Farm a summary of the outcomes of the project (Evaluation Form). This must be provided within four weeks of the end date of the project. Failure to supply the Evaluation Form will automatically disqualify the Recipient from applying for funding in future grants program periods.

Disputes

Winton Solar Farm reserves the right to withdraw funding, in its sole and absolute discretion, if funding criteria are not met by the Recipient.

If, at any time, the stated purpose of the project is no longer possible or cannot be completed in the manner described in the application, the Recipient must advise Winton Solar Farm and must return any remaining unspent amount of the funding provided within two weeks of this becoming apparent.

Winton Solar Farm will not be responsible for any additional project costs to ensure the successful delivery of the agreed program.



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Promotion

If within the capacity of the funded organisation, Winton Solar Farm's funding to the Recipient's project should be acknowledged, regardless of the amount of funding. The Recipient can acknowledge Winton Solar Farm and/or display the FRV logo, and state in writing that Winton Solar Farm has funded the project.

All advertising, signage, media releases and other promotional material that contains the FRV logo must be submitted and approved by Winton Solar Farm prior to its production and release.

Winton Solar Farm may promote the Grants Program and any organisation that is awarded funds. Successful applicants agree to be included in various promotional, media and marketing material and will cooperate with Winton Solar Farm in promoting the Grants Program.

General Conditions

The Recipient must keep and maintain adequate insurance (including public liability insurance) for activities carried out as part of the project that has received funding.

Recipients are also responsible for securing any Council or Authority permits or consents to complete project works prior to work taking place.

Grant money provided cannot be used for permit costs or insurances.