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What is the BMD Community Assistance Program?

The BMD Community Assistance Program offers sponsorship for local community groups, initiatives and events in the regions in which we operate.

Who can apply?

Funding will only be provided to the following types of organisations:

- community trust
- incorporated community association
- not-for-profit
- social enterprise
- charity
- Public Benevolent Institution
- school.

What type of funding can we apply for?

The BMD Community Assistance Program will provide one-off sponsorship or grants up to a value of \$5000 to organisations and community groups that deliver benefits through initiatives, programs or events within the communities in which BMD operates.

When does the funding need to be spent by?

Funding will need to be spent by the end date of the sponsorship as identified by the applicant in the BMD Community Assistance Program application form.

What reporting and evaluation will I need to complete?

Successful applicants will be required to complete and return a signed sponsorship agreement prior to the commencement of the sponsorship term.

Following completion of a sponsorship, an acquittal report template will be provided. Successful sponsorship applicants must detail the outcomes achieved through the sponsorship and return the completed report no more than 60 days following completion of the sponsorship term.

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What are some examples of projects, initiatives and events that BMD will consider supporting?

The initiatives, projects and events we support positively impact the regions in which we operate. We will consider supporting applications that align with focus areas for BMD including increasing diversity within the construction industry, leaving lasting legacies in the communities in which we operate, and contributing to the sustainability or environmental improvement of a region. In addition to these focus areas, the organisations we support will align with one or more of the following seven categories:

Sport and recreation

For example:

- increasing diversity and equality in sport
- promoting a healthier lifestyle within communities
- improving mental and physical health through sport and recreation
- increasing opportunities for regional and remote communities to participate in sport and recreation activities.

Arts and culture

For example:

- increasing access to arts and culture for people in regional or remote areas
- programs which improve wellbeing through participation in arts programs
- increasing the profile of the arts in Australia, particularly in regional communities
- nurturing young talent to assist them in growing local careers in the arts.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

For example:

- improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples or communities
- increasing employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- highlighting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
- improving access to education and working towards closing the gap.

Health and wellbeing

For example:

- improving access to healthcare for people in regional and remote communities
- contributing to the improvement of the mental and/or physical health within the communities in which BMD operates
- raising awareness of health-related issues or challenges within the communities in which BMD operates.

Environment

For example:

- educating communities around the importance of protecting the environment
- improving knowledge and participation in environmental, social and governance related initiatives
- improving the environmental amenity of the local communities in which BMD operates
- contributing to the protection of local fauna and flora.

Education

For example:

- increasing access to education within regional and remote communities
- promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) related opportunities to school students
- providing career pathways within the construction industry.

Community

For example:

- facilitating access to new or upgraded community facilities
- improving the amenity or liveability of the communities in which BMD operates.

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What are the objectives of the program?

BMD provides sponsorship to support events, initiatives and programs that align with our strategic objectives and demonstrate relevance to our core offering of delivering construction, urban development, engineering design, landscape construction and property development services in every Australian state and territory.

We recognise the significance of our social responsibility as a large local employer that delivers significant infrastructure projects throughout Australia. This is why we are committed to partnering with all members of the community to identify their needs.

How can I apply?

Please complete the online [application form](#).

When do applications open and close?

Applications to the BMD Community Assistance Program will open twice a year with two notification and payment periods.

	Applications open	Applications close	Notification/ Payment
2024	1 Oct	31 Oct	Nov - Dec

How will I be notified of whether my application has been successful?

Successful applicants will be announced on our website and contacted directly via email.

When will successful applicants receive funding?

A Sponsorship Agreement must be completed and returned prior to funding being released.

How will applications be assessed?

After applications close, BMD will review all applications and make a preliminary assessment against the following:

- Will it positively impact one or more of the communities in which we operate?
- Does it associate with at least one of the following key areas:
 - sports and recreation
 - arts and culture
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
 - health and wellbeing
 - environment
 - education
 - community?
- Does it meet the eligibility criteria and conditions outlined on our website?

All eligible applications will progress to the evaluation stage for consideration and a shortlist will be provided to our Executive Management team for final selection and approval.

What will not be supported?

BMD will NOT support:

- for profit organisations, including businesses
- government departments (excluding schools)
- political activities
- individuals seeking support for personal projects
- religious activities or events
- overseas travel for study purposes
- organisational operating costs
- companies or requests that bring BMD into disrepute.

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What information will I need to provide in my application?

1. Applicant details:

- organisation name
- organisation ABN
- GST registration status
- Deductable Gift Recipient status
- addresses
- contact name
- position
- phone
- email
- details around any previous funding the organisation has received from BMD.

2. Information about the funding request:

- alignment with key areas of support
- support request outline
- why does it need to be done and what will it achieve?
- who does it support and how many people will benefit?
- key dates
- key objectives
- has your organisation delivered similar projects, initiatives or events before?
- how will you measure success?
- will BMD receive any benefits in acknowledgement of support?

3. Budget

- total amount of funding required
- funding sought from BMD
- details around funding sourced/received from other sources
- itemised details around how funding will be spent
- quote attachments.

Can organisations that have previously received funding from BMD apply for the BMD Community Assistance Program?

Yes, eligible organisations may reapply for funding. Applications will be assessed individually during each funding round. Success in one round of the program does not guarantee success in another round, nor does it count your application out.

Can one organisation submit more than one application for funding each round of the BMD Community Assistance Program?

Yes, an organisation can submit more than one application in each round of the BMD Community Assistance Program, provided they are for different initiatives, programs or events.

Each application will be assessed separately and if more than one is deemed eligible, we will select the project, initiative or event that best aligns with our focus areas and business priorities.

Further information

For more information about the BMD Community Assistance Program, including terms and conditions, frequently asked questions or to apply visit our [website](#).

If you would like to speak to someone about your application, please contact BMD's Corporate Communications team: