

COLEAMBALLY SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY FUND GUIDELINES

Introduction

Coleambally Solar Farm (CSF) is committed to contributing to the Riverina region by providing financial support to community groups to build capacity and grow the region.

Coleambally SF commits to provide \$20,000 each calendar year to the CSF Community Fund to provide support to local projects that benefit and strengthen the Riverina region and align with certain community growth focus areas. \$10,000 each year will be distributed to the Murrumbidgee Community Experimental/Demonstration Farm and \$10,000 will be distributed to Projects through an open and competitive program.

Eligibility

Applications for grants of between \$500 and \$3,000 will be awarded to projects:

- (a) based on merit, skills and expertise and taking into account diverse representation of views and backgrounds. Coleambally SF will give consideration to factors such as gender, abilities, age and cultural background; and
- (b) which align with at least one of the following community growth areas:
 - (i) Environmental sustainability – inspiring participation, development and uptake of new technologies and ideas;
 - (ii) Health and wellbeing – contributing to improved health and wellbeing outcomes in regional communities;
 - (iii) Strong connected communities – community participation, involvement and connection;
 - (iv) Sport and recreation – increasing participation in sport and recreational activities;
 - (v) Arts and culture – fostering creativity and connection in the community through art and culture;
 - (vi) Skills, education and training – addressing local skills development and adding value to educational opportunities;

Ineligibility

Grants will not be provided to:

- events or activities that are deemed to be detrimental to the environment;
- individuals;
- political or military organisations or activities;
- religious or sectarian organisations;
- programs and projects outside of the community including international goodwill agencies; or
- any person, organisation or project that is itself sanctioned or connected to any person that is sanctioned (directly or indirectly) under economic and trade sanctions imposed by Australia, the United States, the European Union or any country, or will cause the parties (Coleambally Solar Pty Ltd and Murrumbidgee Council) to breach any laws or regulations relating to anti-money laundering, counter-terrorism or economic and trade sanctions applicable in Australia or any other country.

CSF Community Fund Timeline

February	Grants advertised and applications open. Application forms will be available on Murrumbidgee Council's website www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au or at Council's offices.
March	Applications close. No late applications will be accepted. An acknowledgement email will be sent to groups once the grant application has been received.
April	Submitted to April Council Meeting for recommendations to Coleambally SF on which applications should receive funding.
By 30 April	Community organisations officially informed of results.

Categories

- Environmental Sustainability
- Health and Wellbeing
- Strong Connected Communities
- Sport and Recreation
- Arts and Culture
- Skills, Education and Training

To assist the assessment of all applications for grants, applicants are requested to read the category descriptions and indicate on the application form one category they consider their project best fits.