

# Jackson North Wind Farm

Community Benefit  
Fund Guidelines  
(Development Phase)

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## About the fund

Equis' Jackson North Wind Farm (JNWF) Community Benefit Fund (CBF) has been established to provide financial support to projects, events and initiatives that benefit and enrich the life of its surrounding communities.

Initiatives that contribute to the social, economic and environmental needs of the region, will be highly regarded. The CBF will release grants that can be used for a broad range of projects and initiatives that create, support or build upon socio-economic, innovation, environmental, educational, sporting, cultural, health and wellbeing opportunities.

Typical grant range: \$1,000 to \$5,000 (however grants above \$5,000 may be considered on a case by case basis).

The CBF will be used to award grants during the development phase of the Project. We are discussing an additional Community Benefit Agreement with the local councils that is proposed to commence at the start of operations.

## Key dates for applications

Equis will consider applications for grants once per year in each year of the development phase. The due date for applications will be advised in advance on our engagement portal.

## Who is eligible to apply

The following applicants located within the Local Government Areas of Maranoa Regional Council and Western Downs Regional Council are eligible to apply:

- Not-for-profit organisations
- Schools and educational institutions
- Sporting clubs
- Community clubs
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisations
- Charities
- Individuals

Sponsorship decisions are discretionary; however, priority will be given to organisations and events located closest to the Jackson North Wind Farm, particularly our host communities of Jackson North, Bundi, Yuleba North and Woleebee.

To apply, visit the Equis online engagement portal at <https://equis.engagementhub.com.au/jackson-north-wind-farm>



## What types of projects can be funded?

The grants can be used for a broad range of initiatives that create, support or enhance social, environmental, educational, sporting, cultural, health and wellbeing, and innovation opportunities. Funding can be used for things such as (yet not limited to):

- Sporting equipment
- School camps and excursions
- Energy efficiency for community organisations (solar, batteries, climate control)
- Projects and events that celebrate diversity, including local art and cultural events
- Supporting regional resilience (e.g., local fire & emergency services training and equipment)
- Building individual capability - youth training, job and sporting opportunities
- Increasing regional connectivity and increasing tourism
- Upgrades and equipment for community venues
- Festivals and other regional events
- Health and wellbeing initiatives.

## Applicant requirements

- Applicants will be required to complete an application form, as set out in section 1.
- Successful applicants will be required to enter into a short form agreement with Equis, documenting how the funds will be paid and used.

## Review criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:


- **Description of Initiative:** The application clearly articulates the project/initiative, its objectives, identifies the beneficiaries, and outlines the specific issues it seeks to address.
- **Budget:** A detailed and transparent budget is provided, demonstrating how the requested funds will be used to support the proposed project/initiative.
- **Implementation Plan:** The application includes a realistic and well-structured plan, including timelines, delivery methods, roles and responsibilities.
- **Outcomes and Impact:** The application demonstrates how the project/initiative will deliver tangible benefits to individuals and/or the broader community, and aligns with the purpose of the Community Benefit Fund.


## Assessment timeframes and project reporting


Assessment timeframes will depend on the number of applications received. Equis will endeavour to review all applications in a timely manner and anticipate a decision to be made within 6 weeks of the closing of the application period. The successful applicants will be notified directly and may be announced on our online platforms. The successful applicants will be required to complete a brief Project Completion Report (included in section 2 below) within 60 days of the grant being spent.



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