**ASHTON COAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM - 2024**

**Guidelines**

**OVERVIEW**

Ashton Coal provides support to a range of local community groups, initiatives and sponsorships within the area. The Community Support Program aims to make a genuine positive difference in the communities in which Yancoal operates offering cash grants and in-kind support. The program will source and select initiatives to meet the needs of four specific categories;

1. Health
2. Social and Community
3. Environment
4. Education and Training

**ELIGIBILITY**

The following is considered when determining whether an application for community investment support is appropriate:

* Be from a not-for-profit, incorporated organisation operating a separate, auditable organisational bank account;
* Demonstrate the organisations ability to manage the proposed project/activity in a professional manner;
* Primarily benefits at least one of the communities where we operate;
* Addresses a substantiated need in the community;
* Demonstrate how the initiative will directly benefit the local community;
* Demonstrate a high level of community involvement i.e. be widely beneficial to the community;
* Demonstrates or progresses towards financial sustainability, i.e. will not be reliant on ongoing funding from Yancoal;
* Has clearly defined objectives and timeframes; and
* Be received with sufficient notice of the planned project/activity implementation or within the ‘funding round’ timeframe.

I**NELIGIBILITY**

Applications or proposals for support of the following will be deemed ineligible:

* Political parties or organisations, politicians or candidates for public office;
* Individuals; including those seeking support for activities such as academic studies;
* ‘for profit’ organisations;
* Projects/activities that do not demonstrate financial sustainability;
* Overseas appeals; and
* Projects/activities that have already been completed (retrospective funding).

**PROCESS**

Applications will be considered annually and must be lodged by **29th September 2023**.

The Ashton Coal Community Support Program Application Form must be completed in full.

A committee comprising of community representatives and Ashton Coal employees will assess applications and make recommendations on what support should be provided. Alignment with support guidelines will not guarantee support. Ashton Coal retains absolute discretion over community support allocations.

Successful applicants will assume all normal commercial responsibilities including public risk and/or any other appropriate insurances. Successful applicants may also be asked to publicly recognise Ashton Coal’s support.

**ASHTON COAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM**

**Application Form**

***Please keep your responses within the space provide.***

**SECTION A: Applicant details (entity being considered for Ashton Coal community support)**

**1.** Name of Applicant: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………........................................... ..............................................................................................................................................................................................

**2.** Summary of Applicant including, size, membership and other relevant details:

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**3.** Is the applicant a not-for-profit organisation? Yes No

**4.** ABN: .................................................................................................................................................................................

**5.** Type of organisation (as per ABN registration): ………………………………..……………………………………………………………..…………

 **6.** Is the Applicant registered for GST? ………………………………….………………………………………………………………..……………………..

**7.** Website : ..........................................................................................................................................................................

**8.** Address: ...........................................................................................................................................................................

**9.** Applicant contact person: ................................................................................................................................................

Role within the organisation: ..............................................................................................................................................

Contact details (phone and email): ………………………………………………………………………………………………….…………………………….

**10.** Applicants bank details (to be used should the application be successful):

Bank and Branch: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………….…………………………………………..………….

Account Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..…………………………………………………...

BSB Number: …………………………………………… Account Number: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………

**11.** Has the Applicant previously received community support from Ashton Coal? If so, provide details including proof of completion: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….....................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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**SECTION B: Project (activity for which the Applicant is requesting Ashton Coal support)**

**12.** Project name: .............................................................................................................................................................................

**13.** Describe the Project. Consider including aims/objectives, the need it will address, the community benefit it will deliver, whether it is an existing or new Project, and why Ashton Coal should provide support: …………………....................................................................................................................................................................................... …………………………………………………………………………………………...............................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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**14.** Where is the Project located and/or what communities will it benefit? ………………………………………...............................……………………............................................................................................................. ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

**15.** What is the planned start and end date for the Project (and other relevant dates)? …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….…………………..… ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….............................................................................................................................................................................................

**16.** What is the total cost of the Project? …………..………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………. …........................................................................................................................................................................................................

**17.** What support is requested from Ashton Coal?

 Financial In-kind

**18.** Detail the type and value of assistance requested. An itemised budget is required including quotes and anticipated income and expenditure: ….………………………………………………………………………………………………………….……………………………………………..…………. ……………………………............................................................................................................................................................................. ………………….............................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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**19.** Will the Project need funding beyond this application? If so, how will that be achieved? Detail any other funding/support that has been secured or is being sought. ……………………………..…………………………………………………………..…….................................... .……………………………………………………………………………………….....................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

**20.** What community support is there for the Project and will it proceed without Ashton Coal support? …………................................................................................................................................................................................................ ………………………………………………………………………………………….........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

**21.** How will the project’s objectives be measured and how will you know whether it has been a success? …………………………………………………………………………………………...............................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

**22.** How will the support from Ashton Coal be acknowledged? ........................................................................................................................................................................................................... ............................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

**SECTION C: Declaration:**

**The lead person within your organisation, such as the chairperson or CEO, must complete this section.**

I, being authorised to execute this form of behalf of the Applicant organisation, declare to the best of my knowledge that the information contained within is true and correct. In the event this application is successful, I accept the conditions of the Ashton Coal Community Support Program outlined in the Guidelines and Application Form on behalf of the Applicant.

Name: ………………………………………………………………………………….………………………………………………………………………………..……….............

Title: …………………………………………………………………………………………………..…………………………………………..………………………………………....

Signature: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Date: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..…………………………………………........

For inquiries and application lodgement email Ashton.Environment&Community@yancoal.com.au

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