

Application Form - Round 1, 2026

Welcome to the Queensland Hydro Community Grants Program application form.

Our Community Grants Program supports initiatives that deliver benefits for local communities around the proposed Borumba Project. We are seeking initiatives that strengthen health and wellbeing, boost tourism and economy, support environment and sustainability, or build community connection.

Tips for completing this form:

- We encourage all applicants to read the program guidelines carefully before completing the application. [Click here to read.](#)
- Please keep your responses succinct and focused.
- Use dot points or short sentences wherever possible.
- Adhere to the word limits provided for each question.
- Only upload supporting documents if relevant; these will not be assessed as part of your application.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Queensland Hydro Stakeholder Team on 1800 433 939 or borumba@qldhydro.com.au

Organisation Details

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Name of the applicant organisation. *

Organisation Name

Provide a brief organisation overview and purpose *

Word count:

Must be no more than 75 words.

Describe what your organisation does, who it serves, and your main activities or programs. Example: We are a volunteer-run community group supporting youth in the Mary Valley through social events and training

Organisation primary email. *

Must be an email address.

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Organisation primary phone number. *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Name of the organisation's primary contact officer. *

Position of the organisation's primary contact officer. *

Organisation's primary address. *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Organisation ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Is this application being completed through an auspice? *

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

Auspice Organisation Details

Name of the auspice organisation. *

Organisation Name

Overview of the auspice organisation and its purpose. *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Auspice primary email. *

Auspice primary phone number. *

Name of the auspice organisation's primary contact officer. *

Position of the organisation's primary contact officer. *

Auspice organisation's primary address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Auspice organisation ABN *

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Eligibility Assessment

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If your response to any of the following eligibility questions is "no", then your organisation's application will be considered ineligible for grant funding.

The organisation confirms that they are applying for funds to be used in the grant location area (Gympie or Somerset LGA). If yes, please specify which LGA is most applicable to your initiative. *

- ☐ Gympie Regional Council area.
- ☐ Somerset Regional Council area.
- ☐ No

The organisation confirms that they are not requesting more than \$10,000 (excluding GST) in this grant round. *

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Organisations may apply for a maximum of \$10,000 (ex GST) per community grant round. If an organisation wishes to submit multiple initiatives, each must be submitted via a separate application form. However, the total funding submitted by any single organisation across multiple applications cannot exceed \$10,000 (ex GST).

The organisation confirms that they are an eligible applicant. *

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

The following are not eligible to apply: private individuals, for-profit businesses, government entities except schools, statutory authorities, political organisations, unions, industry associations, or groups not aligned with Queensland Hydro's values. Initiatives that are community or industry events should be submitted through the Queensland Hydro Sponsorship Program.

The organisation confirms that they are of sound financial standing. *

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Organisation cannot be or have any of the following over the past five years: outstanding debt with any level of Government, be insolvent, have owners or directors that are declared to be bankrupt, have overdue tax liabilities, have contingent liabilities of a material amount, impacting the ability of the applicant to undertake the initiative that grant funding is being sought for, any other financial particulars which are likely to adversely affect the applicant's capacity to undertake the initiative that grant funding is being sought for.

The organisation confirms that they are of sound legal standing. *

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Organisation cannot be or have any of the following over the past five years: be involved in a legal proceeding that impacts the ability of the applicant to undertake the initiative that grant funding is being sought for, have an owner or director that is involved in a legal proceeding or litigation (including a governance investigation) that impacts the ability of the applicant to undertake the initiative that grant funding is being sought for, have a contract with your entity terminated by the other party, which impacts the ability of the applicant to undertake the initiative that grant funding is being sought for, any other legal particulars which are likely to adversely affect the applicant's capacity to undertake the initiative that grant funding is being sought for.

The organisation confirms that they are applying for funds to be used in a manner consistent with the Queensland Hydro Community Benefit Fund. *

- ☐ No

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☐ Yes

Organisation must be seeking funds to be used for an activity aligned with the Queensland Hydro Community Benefit Fund. As such, funds cannot be sought for the following: fundraising events such as raffles, dinners, or auctions, to cover ongoing administrative or recurrent costs and expenses (e.g., rent or wages), for initiatives that have already occurred (i.e., retrospective activities), for initiatives that are reliant on the funding of another grant program, for which the outcome is unknown, for the costs associated with making an application for another grant program, for any purpose that is not aligned with Queensland Hydro's values.

Initiative Summary

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Grant Funding Request Details

Name of the initiative for which funding is sought. *

Initiative summary *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Describe what you plan to do, why it's needed, and what you hope to achieve. Example: We will run a series of workshops for seniors to improve digital literacy, aiming to reach 50 participants and increase their confidence online.

Funding amount requested (including GST) *

Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents).

Strategic Fit

* indicates a required field

Select up to two strategic priority areas that best align with your initiative

Queensland Hydro's *Community Benefits Framework* strategic priority areas are:

- **Tourism and economy:** We understand that tourism is an important driver and presents significant opportunities to grow and leverage enduring positive benefits for the local area and broader region surrounding our Project locations. We will support initiatives that help people and economies thrive. We will do this through local economic development activities that build capacity, capability and resilience to enable our communities and regions to grow and prosper.
- **Health and wellbeing:** We understand that the importance of health and wellness is at the core of every individual and collectively contributes to the vibrancy at the heart of every community. We will support initiatives that deliver optimum health and wellness benefits to the local community. This may include programs or activities targeting community participation, or infrastructure of recreational facilities to enable them.

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- **Environment and sustainability:** We understand the importance of respecting and nurturing the environment that surrounds us, in both its natural and developed forms. We will support initiatives that enhance, protect and celebrate the local environment. Ensuring a sustainable future for the land, skies and water surrounding our communities will benefit us all.
- **Community connection:** We understand that connection is what creates community – across many forms and possibilities. We will support initiatives that contribute to community connectedness. This may include programs or activities that bring people together, connect cultures, backgrounds, ages and stages of life. It may include physical connections, to enhance towns and local areas so there are pathways to connect or places to gather. We will recognise and preserve the history and culture that underpins the area, celebrate creativity and the arts emerging from our communities, knowing that connection is at the essence.

Which of the following strategic priorities most apply to your initiative? *

- ☐ Tourism and economy.
- ☐ Health and wellbeing.
- ☐ Environment and sustainability.
- ☐ Community connection.

No more than 2 choices may be selected.

Tourism and economy

Queensland Hydro understand that tourism is an important driver and presents significant opportunities to grow and leverage enduring positive benefits for the local area and broader region surrounding our Project location.

We will support initiatives that help people and economies thrive. We will do this through local economic development activities that build capacity, capability and resilience to enable our communities and regions to grow and prosper.

Describe how your initiative would support tourism or local economy capacity, capability, or resilience.

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Examples: Training program for local businesses to improve digital marketing and attract more visitors. Upgrading signage and visitor facilities at local attractions to support tourism.

Health and wellbeing

Queensland Hydro understand that the importance of health and wellness is at the core of every individual and collectively contributes to the vibrancy at the heart of every community.

We will support initiatives that deliver optimum health and wellness benefits to the local community. This may include programs or activities targeting community participation, or infrastructure of recreational facilities to enable them.

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Describe how your initiative would enhance community health and wellbeing. Mention any specific health needs it would address (e.g. for vulnerable groups).

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Example: This program provides free fitness classes for seniors, addressing mobility and social isolation. Upgrading the community kitchen to support healthy meal programs for vulnerable residents.

Environment and sustainability

Queensland Hydro understand the importance of respecting and nurturing the environment that surrounds us, in both its natural and developed forms.

We will support initiatives that enhance, protect and celebrate the local environment. Ensuring a sustainable future for the land, skies and water surrounding our communities will benefit us all.

Describe how your initiative enhances, protects, or celebrates the local environment.

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Example: Installing water-saving devices in community buildings to reduce local water use. Rehabilitating degraded land near the community to restore native vegetation and improve habitat.

Community connection

Queensland Hydro understand that connection is what creates community – across many forms and possibilities. We will support initiatives that contribute to community connectedness.

This may include programs or activities that bring people together, connect cultures, backgrounds, ages and stages of life. It may include physical connections, to enhance towns and local areas so there are pathways to connect or places to gather.

We will recognise and preserve the history and culture that underpins the area, celebrate creativity and the arts emerging from our communities, knowing that connection is at the essence.

Describe how your initiative contributes to community connectedness.

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

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Examples: Mentoring program connecting local youth with community leaders. Upgrading the community hall to create a more welcoming space for local groups to meet

Community Value

Outline who this initiative is intended to reach. Include approximately how many people would benefit, with a breakdown by groups with specific needs, if relevant. Provide evidence to support your response.

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Include approximately how many people would benefit, with a breakdown by groups with specific needs, if relevant. Provide evidence to support your response. Example: We expect 100 attendees, including 30 seniors and 20 youth. Survey results show strong interest among local families.

Describe the benefits this initiative would achieve or opportunities it would create.

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Example: Improved access to recreational facilities for families, increased social connection for isolated residents.

Describe how long you anticipate these benefits to last. Provide evidence to support your response.

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Example: The new playground will provide lasting benefits for at least 10 years, based on similar projects in nearby towns.

Outline how you think this initiative aligns with the needs and priorities of the local community.

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Example: This project addresses a gap identified in the Somerset Community Plan for youth engagement.

Outline how you will measure the success of the initiative and indicative timeframes to complete this evaluation. In your response, link back to the objectives of the initiative stated above.

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Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Example: We will survey participants after the event and report results within 2 months.

Benefit to Borumba Project Communities

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The Queensland Hydro Community Grants Program places particular value on initiatives that benefit communities near the proposed Borumba project, particularly those in and around Kilcoy and Jimna, and those in Imbil and the surrounding Mary Valley communities. We also recognise that some initiatives may have a wider regional impact while providing meaningful benefits to these communities.

Describe how your initiative will benefit communities in close proximity to the Borumba project (e.g., those in and around Kilcoy, Jimna, Imbil and the Mary Valley). *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Explain the connection to these communities - for example, where the initiative is delivered, who it involves, or how local people benefit. Examples: • Workshop delivered in Imbil, open to residents across the Mary Valley. • Training run in partnership with Kilcoy State High School, with places reserved for local students. • Regional program with a set number of places allocated to residents from priority postcodes. Infrastructure upgrade located in Jimna, benefiting the local community and visitors

Deliverability

* indicates a required field

Provide the state date of the initiative.

Must be a date.

Provide the end date of the initiative.

Must be a date.

List the key activities and/or milestones.

Word count:

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Must be no more than 100 words.

Example: Jan: Planning; Feb: Promotion; Mar: Event delivery; Apr: Evaluation.

List the key people involved in delivering this initiative.

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Includes names, roles and relevant experience. Example: Jane Smith, Project Lead (5 years' experience in community events); John Doe, Volunteer Coordinator.

Does your initiative involve works or activities on land or in a building/facility? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Land or building status and approvals

Who owns or controls the land, building or facility where the initiative will take place?

- ☐ Applicant organisation
☐ Local Council
☐ State Government
☐ Federal Government
☐ Private landowner
☐ Community-controlled
☐ Other:

What approvals are required to deliver the initiative, and what is their current status? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Include any landowner consent, council approvals, development approvals, or other permits. Example: Landowner consent from Gympie Regional Council – application submitted, awaiting response. Development approval not required as works are minor

Please attach evidence of landowner consent or approval (if available)

Attach a file:

Optional at time of application, but may be requested prior to funding release.

Budget

Provide a breakdown of the anticipated costs in delivering your initiative.

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Provide all costing including GST. If your application is successful, GST will be handled at the invoicing stage based on your organisation's GST status.

For any items over \$1,000 you must attach a quote or evidence of costing (e.g. screenshot from a reputable supplier website). Invoices are not accepted as they indicate a purchase has already been made.

Please note: Failure to provide a quote or evidence of costing for items over \$1,000 may affect the assessment of your application

Key activity	Description	Cost estimate (excluding GST)	Include quotes/invoices where available.
		Must be a dollar amount.	

What is the total cost of your initiative (including GST)?

Must be a dollar amount.

If the total cost of your initiative exceeds the requested grant amount, please explain how the remaining funds will be sourced and secured.

Word count:

Must be no more than 75 words.

Example: Other funding sources include local council grant (secured) and community fundraising (pending).

Would your initiative still be able to proceed if only partial funding was provided?

*

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please describe how the initiative would be adjusted and how any funding gap would be met. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Example: If partial funding was received, we would reduce the number of workshops from six to four and cover the shortfall through community fundraising and in-kind support from local businesses.

Additional Documents

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You may upload up to 2 supporting documents (e.g., letters of support, plans)

Please note: Any documents uploaded in this section are **optional** and will not be assessed as part of your application. They may be reviewed at the discretion of the Community Benefit Panel.

Attach a file:

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Application Declaration

* indicates a required field

Applicant Declaration

By ticking "I agree" below, you are doing the following:

- Acknowledge that you have read all relevant guidelines produced to accompany the Queensland Hydro Community Grants Program.
- Acknowledge that all information contained within the application is true and correct. As well as acknowledge that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under Section 137.1 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth)*.
- Acknowledge that Queensland Hydro can revoke grant funding if it is later found that any information in the application is found to be deliberately false.
- Accept that Queensland Hydro may require security over any or all the funded items.
- Acknowledge that if any personal details of a third party are included, the third party has been made aware of, and given their permission for those details to appear in this Application and for their personal information to be shared as detailed in the Use of Information.
- Give consent to Queensland Hydro to make public the details of the Applicant and the funding received, should this Application be successful.
- Give consent to Queensland Hydro to make public photos and an initiative summary, to be used for promotional purpose.
- Give consent to receive correspondence, legal notices, grant agreements and any subsequent letters of variations to the agreement electronically. This is alongside understanding and agreeing that electronic correspondences constitute a valid and legally binding method for interacting under the grant agreement and the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999 (Cth)*.

Do you agree to the applicant declaration? *

☐ I agree

Application feedback

* indicates a required field

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Your valuable feedback will help us to continue to improve, shape and create a better program for you and your community. Before you review your application and click the SUBMIT button, please take a few moments to provide some feedback. Your feedback **DOES NOT** form part of the assessment process.

How did you find out about this program? * *

- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Local newspaper
- ☐ My local council
- ☐ Queensland Hydro staff member
- ☐ Queensland Hydro website
- ☐ Email from Queensland Hydro

Please indicate how useful and informative you found the Community Grants Program Guidelines *

- ☐ Very useful
- ☐ Useful
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat useful
- ☐ Not useful at all

Please indicate how you found the online application process. *

- ☐ Very easy
- ☐ Easy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Very difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?

Must be a number.

Estimate in minutes i.e. 1 hour = 60

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process, form or guidelines that you think we need to consider.

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Would you like to receive more information from us about Queensland Hydro's Community Benefits Program.

- ☐ Yes, please add me to the community database