

# CLEANCO COMMUNITY FUTURES FUND

**CleanCo is committed to having a net positive influence on the communities that host our operational assets. Our Community Futures Fund supports us to deliver on this goal by facilitating sponsorships and donations to organisations and initiatives in those communities.**

## Who is eligible to apply?

CleanCo's Community Futures Fund program is intended to support community initiatives and events operating in the communities which host our generation assets.

The initiative or event must be located within one of the following local government areas:

- Cairns
- Cassowary Coast
- Darling Downs
- Goondiwindi
- Western Downs
- Mareeba Shire
- Ipswich
- Somerset
- Southern Downs
- Tablelands

CleanCo will consider applications from organisations or individuals based outside of a host community or region, provided their initiative or event is held in one of the localities identified above, or delivers direct benefits to those communities.

Applicants may request up to a maximum of \$15,000 per grant round.

## How will the applications be assessed?

The CleanCo Community Futures Fund preferences one-off sponsorships or donations for initiatives or events rather than multiyear commitments. However, multiyear commitments will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

In assessing applications for sponsorships or donations, CleanCo will consider the following criteria:

- Alignment with CleanCo priorities which includes the support of good social, economic, and environmental practice.

To be eligible for a CleanCo Community Futures Fund sponsorship or donation, the initiative or event must fall under one of the following categories and be planned to take place within 12 months:

- Not-for-profit organization or event
- Community services (e.g., daycare, recreational groups, sporting clubs, arts and culture)
- Organisations and initiatives that align with CleanCo's values and vision
- First Nations initiatives
- Educational institutes
- Small businesses
- Environmental associations
- Individuals (provided the application meets external objective criteria outlined below)

- Cost and potential benefits to the community.
- If an initiative is ethical and fair.
- The appropriateness of the initiative which includes reputation within the community and how the activity positively supports CleanCo priorities.

CleanCo may also consider any other factor it deems relevant.

## What would make an application ineligible?

CleanCo will decline to enter into a sponsorship or donation agreement based on the following:

- Political organisations or campaigns.
- Events inconsistent with the RSPCA's position on novelty animal races.
- Activities that promote irresponsible drinking or gambling.
- Initiatives that are deemed dangerous, high-risk or pose an unacceptable safety or environmental risk.

- Sponsorship/donations considered to be associated with an applicant's core business, or ongoing operating costs.

The above list is not exhaustive and CleanCo retains the right to refuse or withdraw sponsorship on the basis that an event/initiative does not align with CleanCo's values.

## How to Apply

If you would like to apply for a sponsorship or donation, please visit our website or scan the QR code below to be directed to our CleanCo Community Futures Fund application page.

Applications must be submitted through the CleanCo Community Futures Fund online portal during the advertised dates for each round.

As part of your application, you will need to demonstrate the following:

- How the proposal meets the assessment criteria, including relevant location and initiative.
- The requirement for the sponsorship/donation and if there is a benefit for the community.

- If there is a reciprocal benefit for CleanCo (for example, CleanCo logo placement or an acknowledgment of sponsorship on the social media platforms).

Successful applicants will be required to sign an agreement to obtain a CleanCo sponsorship or donation.

CleanCo will seek permission from successful applicants to promote the sponsorship or donation through CleanCo social media channels, website and other public platforms such as the annual report. This is to demonstrate the ways in which CleanCo's Community Futures Fund is directly supporting local communities and help promote the fund to other potential applicants who may benefit.

## Timeframes

Grant rounds will remain open for four weeks from the opening date.

Applicants will be notified of the outcomes no later than three weeks after the round closes.

Payment to successful applicants will be made within 10 business days after the signed agreement is returned.

If there are circumstances which delay CleanCo adhering to the above timeline, we will do our best endeavours to notify applicants as soon as possible.

## More information

For more information or to apply for a grant through the CleanCo Community Futures Fund, scan the QR code below or visit [cleancoqueensland.com.au/our-community](http://cleancoqueensland.com.au/our-community)

