



Introduction

Shell's QGC business is proud to support local community groups who are part of building strong, thriving societies in the areas where we operate.

Shell's QGC Community Fund is offered to support local community groups who contribute to the broad vision of the communities within Western Downs and Gladstone Regional Council areas and the township of Taroom.

Financial grants of between \$20,000 and \$100,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations to deliver community projects in these areas. The amount of investment from Shell's QGC business will vary from year to year.

Who can apply?

To apply, your organisation must satisfy one of the following requirements

- A community organisation – i.e. an incorporated, not-for-profit organisation providing services within the Western Downs or Gladstone Local Government Areas, or the township of Taroom. You may also be a council, or organisation which delivers a service to the community such as an aged care facility or kindergarten etc. Your organisation must have had a local operational presence for at least one year.
- A Traditional Owner Group with whom QGC has a formal agreement, for a project that will be delivered in either the Western Downs or Gladstone Local Government Area, or the township of Taroom. The organisational structure of the group must be a legal entity, but the entity may be legally based outside of the project delivery area.

**Unincorporated organizations can apply using a sponsor organisation that is directly associated with the project (for example, a local unincorporated cricket club, sponsored by its parent body).*

Note that only one application per organisation per year will be accepted (this excludes sponsor applicants who may submit applications for more than one unincorporated entity and/or on behalf of themselves).

Project Eligibility

- The nominated project must be delivered in and/or located in the Western Downs, Taroom or Gladstone regional council areas (definitions of these areas can be found at: <https://www.dilgp.qld.gov.au/resources-ilgp/maps/local-government-maps.html>).
- It is strongly encouraged that goods and services are sourced locally and/or from regional Queensland for the delivery of your project (e.g. sourcing a local builder to undertake construction works). A strong preference will be given to applications which use local and indigenous businesses.



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- The project must commence within six months of receiving the funding and completed within two years. The Project must not require ongoing support or funding from another source or be the primary purpose of an organization for which they are already funded.

The following categories have been identified as being important to both the communities where we operate and Shell's QGC business. Proposed project activities should address one or more of the following categories:

- Supporting the elderly, mental health, youth and family
- Safety
- Environment
- Regional connectivity
- Attract and retain

Category examples

Supporting local people

- Programs which deliver benefits for the elderly, mental health, youth and family

Safety

Projects which strengthen and promote a safer community

Environment

- Programs which deliver benefits to the climate such as sustainability, new energies, recycling and water conservation/re-use initiatives

Regional connectivity

- Programs which deliver benefits or foster greater connection of more than one town within the Western Downs or Gladstone Regional areas

Attract and retain

- Programs which attract or retain people living in the region (e.g. health professionals including allied health)
- Tourism Programs

Note: Funding for event support (i.e. sponsorship) is offered through the Community Event Support Program

Preference will be given to applications as follows:

- Projects which benefit a broad representation of community members in your local area
- Joint applications from more than one community group, particularly where the relationship seeks to foster strong collaboration in community. The two organisations must benefit from the program, rather than one group being in support of the other



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Note: Joint applications will also be accepted where the second applicant is a for profit organisation with an ABN and operational presence in the Western Downs or Gladstone Local Government Areas

- Programs that seek to build capability in the region, or address a community need
- Programs with matched funding, or a funding contribution in addition to in-kind support
- Applications which can establish a strong connection to the overall vision of the community.

Successful projects might include things like:

- Training and education that supports building skills for local community groups
- Programs to address mental health, financial hardship and/or domestic violence. This might include sporting, arts/culture and other support initiatives. This can include costs associated with running the program, equipment or infrastructure to facilitate the program
 - *A good example of a joint application may be an infrastructure project for local sporting group to provide better access in order for a community centre to develop and run a sport program for disadvantaged youths.*
- Infrastructure projects which relate to a community need or support the community's vision.

Projects will be considered ineligible if they are:

- Projects which only benefit a small cross section of your local community area
- Events – these should be applied for through the Community Event Support Program which opens each November
- Funding requests for vouchers or money to be provided to individuals.
- Costs associated with staff costs, personal travel, meals
- Requests for services your organization already provides through other funding arrangements
- Requests from individuals.
- Activities that do not benefit communities in the Western Downs, Taroom and Gladstone areas.
- Political contributions, business memberships and requests from religious organisations for religious purposes.
- Ongoing costs or retrospective project costs.

Conditions of Funding

- Only applications using Smartygrants will be accepted. Applications must be received by the closing date.
- Applications may require evidence of financial sustainability from the applicants.



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- Successful applicants will be required to enter into a contract with Shell's QGC business and the funding must be spent in accordance with the original application and the contract.
- Successful applications will be required to provide progress reports where appropriate and an end of project acquittal report.
- Shell's QGC business reserves the right to request audited financial statements from the applicant (for any project or activity) at any time.
- Shell's QGC business reserves the right to request written evidence from the property owner confirming their approval for the project (if the work involves a property that the organisation does not own) or evidence of sponsor organisation approval.

As Royal Dutch Shell is a UK company and its securities are traded in the US and UK, the Company must comply with the *US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act 1977* and the *UK Bribery Act 2010*, which have international effect, as well as applicable anti-bribery and corruption (ABC) legislation in the countries where Shell operates.

You will notice in the application form that we collect information around senior members of your organisation. Providing this information, particularly around the involvement of any government officials, will assist us to assess your application in a timely manner. Having a government official involved in your organization does not preclude you from funding, we just need to take some extra steps to seek approval in line with our Ethics and Compliance processes.

The definition of a 'Government Official' is:

- An official or employee of any government, or any agency, ministry or department (at any level) – including local government.
- A political party or any official of a political party, including candidates for political office.
- An immediate family member (that is, a spouse, dependent child, parent or household member) of any of the above.

Applications for Shell's QGC Communities Fund will be undertaken online. Please visit shellaustralia.smartygrants.com.au and follow the prompts to register and begin your application



Not logged in.

Current Rounds



Login or Register

You must register before you can make an online submission.

Registration gives you secure access to your forms allowing you to work on them over time rather than having to complete them all at once.

It only takes a moment to register and you can get started on your submission straight after registering.

Fields marked with * must be completed.

Login	Register
If you're already registered or have started an online form log in here.	If you haven't registered or started filling in a form, register here.
Email Address: * <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Register"/>
Password: * <input type="password"/>	
Forgotten your password?	
<small>By clicking Log In you agree to Our Community's Privacy Policy and Terms of Use.</small>	
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Application Process

If your project meets the eligibility criteria and conditions set out in these Guidelines, please visit shellaustralia.smartygrants.com.au and follow the prompts to register and begin your application. If you have any questions or who would like further information, please contact:

Phone: 1800 030 443

Email: qgccommunity@shell.com

Important Dates

Funding Round Opens	Funding Round Closes	Projects Commence From
16 August 2021	26 September 2021 5pm	1 April following year*

*Successful applicants will receive funding in Q1