

# King Rocks Wind Farm

## Community Benefit Fund Guideline 2026



## Supporting the communities where we work and operate

**The Shire of Kondinin is at the forefront of the energy transition with the King Rocks Wind Farm expected to begin powering households and businesses in 2027. We are committed to supporting the local community and are pleased to be launching the King Rocks Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund.**

### Community Benefit Fund information

Our Community Benefit Fund provides grants of up to \$50,000 to support projects and initiatives that directly address community needs and help to create thriving communities.

Following the completion of the grants program this year, a \$100,000 per annum fund will be established in 2027 in line with the PoweringWA Community Benefits Guideline for large-scale renewable energy projects in the South West Interconnected System. The fund will be administered by the Wheatbelt Development Commission from next year, through the life of the project.

### Eligibility criteria

We will support initiatives that focus on outcomes and contribute to one or more of the following priorities:

- Building resilient, prosperous communities.
- Creating or supporting sustainable social and economic outcomes with Aboriginal peoples.
- Environmental stewardship.

To be eligible for a grant, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- We accept applications from:
  - Registered charities (ACNC)
  - Not-for-profit incorporated entities
  - Social enterprises (certified social traders)
- Your organisation must have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Your organisation must hold an account with an Australian financial institution in the organisation's name, not an individual's name
- Organisations must be able to demonstrate financial viability
- Organisations must be located within the Shire of Kondinin, with preference given to activities and organisations within the 6359 postcode.
- We will not accept applications from:
  - Unincorporated associations
  - Federal, state or local governments
  - Individuals or families
  - Commercial/ for-profit businesses
  - Political parties or unions.
- We are unable to support:
  - Initiatives that have already been delivered
  - Political or religious activities or pursuits
  - Organisation's maintenance and/or operational costs

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## What is required?

To accompany your application, you will need to attach relevant supporting documents:

- A letter with your organisation's contact details, ABN and payment account details on letterhead signed by the president, treasurer or secretary
- A hero image representing your organisation and the activities you deliver as outlined in the grant application
- Quotes and insurance documents related to the proposed activity

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## Preparing your application

1. We invite applications from organisations within the Shire of Kondinin, with preference given to activities and organisations in Hyden. It is important to include where your organisation is located and where your initiative will take place.
2. Share inspiring stories and personal anecdotes that led to the creation of your initiative to help us to connect with your work.
3. We want to know about the community needs or issues you are trying to solve and the activities you will undertake as part of the initiative. If applicable, include the number of times the activities will run, the expected number of participants, locations plus the start and finish dates.
4. It is important to let us know who will benefit from your initiative (the beneficiaries) and describe the changes or outcomes you hope to achieve. Outline how you will measure the success of your initiative, including what you will measure (the metrics) and the methods you will use, such as surveys and interviews with participants.
5. Provide a budget of income and expenses and a breakdown of how your organisation will use the grant. Include other sources of funding and your organisation's own contribution. If your project costs more than \$50,000 or receives only partial funding, describe how you plan to secure the remaining funds.

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## Ready to apply?

Synergy uses the SmartyGrants platform. Gather your supporting documentation and start your online application form at [synergy.smartygrants.com.au](https://synergy.smartygrants.com.au)

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## Process timeline

### 1. Application submitted

Applications must be submitted prior to 11.59pm on 20 Sept 2026. We encourage you to get in touch with us before submitting your application to discuss your idea.

### 2. Shortlisting and assessment

- Eligibility check
- Shortlisting of applications against the assessment criteria

### 3. Grant selection and approval

King Rocks Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Panel assess and approve grant recipients.

### 4. Successful recipients announced on 18 November 2026.

There may be an awards ceremony during this time.

### 5. Funds dispersed to recipient.

### 6. Acquittal completed within 12 months of grant approval.

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## Get in touch

Our team is here to help throughout the application and acquittal process.

If you have any questions, please email [community.investment@synergy.net.au](mailto:community.investment@synergy.net.au) or call **6282 7370**.

## Get in touch

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