



NQBP *Community Fund*

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Through our North Queensland Bulk Ports Community Fund, we seek to support projects, events, and initiatives that align with our strategic themes and values and make a real difference in our port communities. We also aim to identify partnerships that embrace the principles of diversity and inclusion – e.g. gender diversity and First Nations Peoples.

As a Government Owned Corporation, it is important that we manage community investments in a responsible manner, ensuring that any investment aligns with our values and corporate objectives.

OUR VISION

We are recognised as a leader in responsible port trade, where Queenslanders thrive for generations.

OUR MISSION

To manage safe, efficient, and fair ports that connect North Queensland to the world by balancing the needs of our iconic surroundings, our communities, and our stakeholders.

STRATEGIC THEMES



Expand our current trade and services



Enable future trade and services



Invest in our community and surroundings

OUR VALUES



CARE

We care for ourselves, our people, our community and our environment.



COURAGE

We have the courage to challenge, change and adapt.



CONNECTION

We connect with purpose.



CURIOSITY

We are curious to explore, investigate and learn.

HOW TO APPLY

The NQBP Community Fund is an application-based program, with applications for the 2026-27 financial year open from 16 March to 17 April 2026.

THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY FUND HAS \$100,000 AVAILABLE.

FUNDING OF UP TO \$9,500 FOR INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVES.

An online application form will be available on the NQBP website (under Community) from 16 March to 17 April 2026 only.

Please note – the online application form does not allow for saving part way through the application form. If a user exits the form before clicking on submit, the data will no longer be available.

Only fully completed applications will be accepted.

There is no guarantee that funds allocated in any one fiscal year will be the same as another – either for the overall program, component categories or successful applicants. Applicants must reapply each fiscal year.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated against general criteria which should be addressed. Criteria has been developed to ensure that NQBP establishes relationships that will mutually benefit NQBP, the receiving organisation and port community.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Strategic linkages	Aligns to one or more of NQBP's Strategic Themes and/or is directly relevant to a current NQBP project.	20
Community or environmental impact	Identifies a societal or environmental need or needs in our port communities and proposes an activity or initiative that makes a real difference.	30
Awareness	Creates opportunities to raise awareness about NQBP and/or port operations.	30
Diversity and Inclusion	Is consistent with or promotes the principles of diversity and inclusion.	20

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

Applications will also need to include general details about the group/organisation seeking funding.

This includes address and other contact details, timing and location for project/event/initiative, details of participants/audience, sponsorship amount requested and budget, proposed sponsorship benefits, and an ABN number. A copy of a public liability insurance certificate may also be requested.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

We are unable to support the following types of activities which are inconsistent with our Vision and Values:

- Requests from an individual or family that benefit only that individual or family
- Local events in areas where NQBP does not operate or impact
- Religious activities, in whole or in part, for the purpose of furthering religious doctrine
- General operating expenses
- Political candidates or political parties
- Commercial documentation such as feasibility studies or business plans
- Gambling, smoking or alcohol linked organisations
- Sponsorships that may be viewed as violent or hazardous
- Sponsorships that may be viewed as racially prejudiced or discriminatory to any group
- Recipients whose business, initiative or event may present a conflict of interest.
- Other activities that are in conflict or are perceived to be in conflict with NQBP's Vision and Values.

TIMING AND EVALUATION OF APPLICATION

All applications will first be reviewed by NQBP's Communications team shortly after the close of applications. Any applications that do not meet the criteria will not be shortlisted. Organisations without an ABN will also not be eligible.

The shortlisted applications will then be reviewed and evaluated by NQBP's Community Fund Selection Committee, which comprises senior representatives from NQBP's Environment, Communications, Operations, and Commercial teams.

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in June 2026. Please consider the timing of your event/activity.

FUNDING

Successful applicants will be required to supply a tax invoice (excluding GST) before funding is provided. The funding can only be used specifically for the project/event/initiative outlined in the application.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

It should be noted that NQBP's agreement to sponsor your initiative, event, or project means that your organisation will agree to the use of NQBP's logo on any material associated with your initiative, event, or project as mutually agreed.

OBLIGATION FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

- A successful organisation will agree to the use of NQBP's logo on their product or at their event as mutually agreed.
- In addition, should NQBP's funding be in the form of an award, it is expected that a representative of NQBP will be invited to attend the ceremony to present the award.
- Applicants must satisfactorily acquit funding received by NQBP within the specified time period according to the requirements stated in the formal notice of approval. Note that failure to do so will result in ineligibility for future funding.
- Applicants will be required to complete an evaluation survey once the initiative/project/event has been executed.
- Applicants will be expected to facilitate a survey of their group/members for NQBP to gauge success of the event, including recall/awareness of NQBP and/or other evidence that objectives for the sponsorship have been met.

EVALUATION OF SPONSORSHIP

All sponsorship recipients are required to complete an evaluation survey on completion of the supported initiative, event, or project. Failure to complete this survey will result in ineligibility for future funding.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Communications team at communications@nqbp.com.au

