

Community Development Fund Fact Sheet



What is the Community Development Fund?

The Community Development Fund grants support the implementation of opportunities identified through the Local Development Strategy program.

How does it work?

There are two funding streams:

Funding Stream One – provides funding for project management support and upskilling community members.

Dedicated funding of up to \$500,000 for each community can be used for project management support.

Activities to upskill community members to build business expertise and community capability can also be funded.

Funding Stream Two – supports early implementation of actions coming out of the Local Development Strategy.

Each eligible community has access to up to \$2 million:

- \$500,000 in dedicated funding to implement one or more innovation opportunity business cases.
- Up to \$1.5 million may be available to fund actions identified in other innovation opportunity business cases.

How to apply

Potential applicants should discuss the proposed project with a Forestry Transition Program Community Transition Support Officer who can provide advice on the guidelines:

- **East Gippsland LGA** - 0400 776 040
- **Wellington Shire, Yarra Ranges and Baw Baw LGAs** – 0436 661 065
- **Murrindindi, Benalla, Towong and Gannawarra LGAs** – Community Transition Support Officer, 0400 447 342.

For general enquiries about the Forestry Transition Program call **1800 318 182** or email forestrytransition@djpr.vic.gov.au

Potential applicants will be provided a link to submit an application by the Forestry Transition Program Community Transition Support Officer.

Applicants will need to demonstrate how the project aligns with the Local Development Strategy.

Who can apply for it?

Eligible locations: Heyfield, Yarram, Orbost and District, Nowa Nowa, Swifts Creek, Noojee, Yarra Ranges (Warburton, Yarra Junction, Powelltown), Benalla, Murrindindi (Alexandra, Marysville, Buxton, Taggerty) Corryong, Koondrook.

Funding Stream One

Applications for funding for project management support and/or upskilling community members, will be considered from a business, community or industry group including:

- the Local Development Strategy host agency
- a community organisation overseeing the implementation of the Local Development Strategy
- a local government authority
- a business and industry cluster or network
- a chamber of commerce or business association

Funding Stream Two






- Applications for early implementation of actions coming out of the Local Development Strategy will be considered from:
 - private sector businesses
 - business, community and industry groups including:
 - Local Development Strategy host agencies
 - the community organisation that oversees the implementation of the Local Development Strategy
 - local government authorities
 - business and industry clusters and networks
 - chambers of commerce and business associations
 - educational and research organisations
- Applications from investment and job generating projects requiring enabling infrastructure may be considered from:
 - utility and services providers
 - water corporations
 - local government authorities
 - incorporated not-for-profit organisations that operate as a business

What sorts of things can it fund?

Stream One

-  **COMMUNITY WORKFORCE TRAINING**
-  **INVESTOR/INVESTEES ADVICE**
-  **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**
-  **SUCCESSION PLANNING**
-  **BUSINESS SUPPORT**
-  **GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE**
-  **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Stream Two

-  **APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**
-  **LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN DEVELOPMENT**
-  **PROJECT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT**
-  **FEASIBILITY STUDIES/ BUSINESS CASES/ FUNDING SUBMISSIONS**
-  **MARKETING**
-  **NEW OR UPGRADED INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING UTILITY OR SERVICE CONNECTIONS**
-  **TECHNOLOGY, PLANT EQUIPMENT, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

When can a community apply?

Funding can be applied for at any stage of the local development strategy.

The Local Development Strategy process

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY GRANT AWARDED	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host agency selected • Grant agreement signed and grant provided • Project management group established • Project plan, milestones and deliverables agreed grant awarded • Project manager appointed
CONTEXT ANALYSIS	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desktop analysis and interviews undertaken • Innovation opportunities defined and refined • Community engagement when draft context analysis released • Working groups formed
ENTREPRENEURIAL DISCOVERY	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership group established • External advice sought where needed • Project plans and pilots underway
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COMPLETED	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project plans completed • Local development strategy completed • Ongoing governance arrangements are established • Potential sources of government support and private investment identified

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