



## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

The Foundation will only fund project which demonstrate the following:

1. The project is community based and is supported by a suitable planning process.
2. The project addresses a key issue in the regional area as demonstrated by up to date social and economic research.
3. The project has potential to attract a matching grant or to generate additional donations, grants or income within a documented time frame.
4. The project has the ability to achieve ongoing viability after the grant period.
5. The project would not receive substantial funding from an existing government funding program. Funding may be provided to projects to add value or attract matching grants to an existing project.
6. Notwithstanding the above guidelines, the Foundation may choose to initiate strategic projects that meet it's overall objectives.
7. Projects may have a time frame of up to 3 years but will be subject to a formal evaluation every 12 months during the term of the grant.
8. The project will be formally evaluated, in some cases by an external evaluator, and the outcomes, both positive and negative, will be made public to add to the body of rural development knowledge in Australia. The format of the evaluation will be agreed as part of the negotiation of the funding agreement.
9. A project which generates a net profit following a seeding grant will usually be required to return the grant amount to the Foundation.
10. Grant applicants who work in partnership with at least one other organisation, such as an educational institution and/or business organisation, will be regarded favourably. Letters in support of the project will be required from partner organisation.

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## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

The Foundation is interested in funding projects which stimulate the renewal of whole communities and which tackle one or more of the following issues:

1. The development of innovative business ventures and/or the use of advanced information technology and electronic commerce to enhance or create business opportunities. Projects should lead to potentially sustainable economic and social benefits.
2. Support youth to remain in secondary and tertiary education, and/or reduce unemployment and enhance youth leadership skills.
3. Support indigenous Australians to realise their economic and social aspirations.
4. Support people to access education and training which will lead to improved job prospects, especially in new or expanded businesses.
5. Recognise and enhance the role of women in rural community building, farm management and business development.
6. Recognise and enhance the role of volunteers in building the capacity of rural communities.
7. Environmental projects which add value to existing products, demonstrate best practice in natural resource management and sustainable development and/or create jobs in new or emerging environment related businesses.
8. Cultural projects which result in an increased sense of belonging to the local community and/or create employment.
9. Health or community services projects, which address key issues in a rural area such as suicide, depression, preventive health, or seek or improve access to services through the development of new networks or
10. Links which extend current services.
11. Projects which enhance the community well-being of a region through the improved use of community resources, for example in areas such as business planning, project management, community planning skills.
12. Rural capacity building projects focused on leadership training, monitoring, networking, partnership building.
13. Economic and social research projects that add to the body of knowledge available to rural and regional communities to enable them to plan their futures effectively.

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