



Waitisia Community Grants

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Waitsia Community Grants: Information for Applicants

Mitsui E&P Australia (MEPAU) and Waitsia joint venture partner Beach Energy support communities where we have a presence by partnering with a range of organisations and funding locally driven initiatives that contribute to community development and benefit.

The Waitsia Community Grants are drawn from a pool of \$50,000, with individual applications of up to \$5,000 welcomed from community organisations.

What we fund:

Key Areas of Sponsorship

Education, Skills Development and Training

Grants can support initiatives that help people in the Mid West build skills, gain training and prepare for employment, such as programs run with local education providers that grow STEM capability and open up careers in the energy sector.

Regional Development

Grants can support initiatives that strengthen the long-term social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the Mid West, such as backing emergency services, local priorities and projects that care for the local environment.

Community Projects, Town Services and Facilities

Grants can support initiatives that deliver practical, place-based improvements in local towns and communities, funding tangible projects that are valued by the people who live there.



2026 grant recipient: RRR Network, to provide a two-day 'EnrichHER' workshop in Geraldton with Curtin University.

What we don't fund

Ineligible to apply for a Waitsia Community Grant



The Waitsia Community Grants are only available for projects and activities that relate to or support one or more of the identified Key Areas of Sponsorship.

The Waitsia Community Grants may not be used to fund:

- Individuals – including medical costs, the employment of individuals, or any other individual personal initiative
- Political organisations or campaigns
- Religious organisations or religious activities
- Private companies or commercial entities with no clear community priority
- Activities which encourage the irresponsible use of alcohol or promote gambling, drinking, smoking, vaping or any substance abuse
- Membership of organisations
- Marketing and branding opportunities
- Retrospective funding
- Budget deficits; or operating, staff and human resourcing; or administrative costs (e.g. wages)
- Travel costs
- Activities requiring ongoing operating funds or which create financial dependency on either MEPAU or Beach
- Activities which may present a reputational risk for either MEPAU or Beach
- Activities which are usually exclusively funded by government
- Organisations that have not fulfilled previous grant agreements
- Any organisation adversely identified by any MEPAU or Beach compliance guideline

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What kinds of activities will the Waitsia Community Grants support?

- **Education, skills and training**
 - Workshops that build job-ready skills and employment pathways
- **Regional development**
 - Longer-term social, economic and environmental wellbeing
 - Support for emergency services and the local environment
- **Community projects and facilities**
 - Practical local improvements valued by the community



2023 Waitsia Community Grant recipient: Green Head Sporting Club, to replace a portion of the tennis club fence and repair gate.

FAQs



2024 Waitsia Community Grant recipient: Morawa District High School, to help replace playground equipment.

Who should apply for a Waitsia Community Grant?

- Organisations within the Mid West, particularly from the Shires of Irwin, Carnamah, Coorow, Three Springs and the City of Greater Geraldton.
- Community groups, sporting clubs, schools, and other not-for-profit and/or community-focused organisations that aim to bring benefit to the community.

Do I need an ABN?

- Yes, your organisation must be a registered with the Australian Business Register to be eligible.

How many grants may I apply for?

- Organisations may apply for one grant per calendar year.

Can I apply for more than \$4,000?

- No, applicants may only for a maximum amount of \$4,000.

FAQs

How are applications assessed?

There are a number of factors taken into consideration, such as:

- If the initiative addresses a need within the local community
- The potential impact of the initiative (such as the number of people impacted, the geographical reach)
- Whether the benefits would be ongoing or a once-off event/activity
- The cost of the initiative in relation to the outcome(s)
- How the initiative compares to other initiatives of a similar nature and whether it duplicates or is similar to an existing service
- The longevity of the initiative, including how it will continue to develop after the funding ceases
- The level of community support the organisation receives, including volunteers and in-kind support
- The opportunity for MEPAU and Beach to be involved



2023 Waitsia Community Grant recipient: St John Ambulance (Irwin District), to provide a First Aid workshop for Dongara and Mullewa high school students.

FAQs



2023 Waitsia Community Grant recipient: Shire of Coorow, to support the 'Community Have A Go Day' in conjunction with opening of new Coorow Aquatic Centre.

When may I apply for a grant?

- The Waitsia Community Grants open from 1 to 31 October each year.

Will the grant recipients be publicly announced?

- Yes, the successful Waitsia Community Grant applicants are announced via social media, website news and, on occasion, in the media.
- On awarding the grants, a list of grant recipients will be published on the MEPAU website, including who the grant has been awarded to, the amount of the grant, and what the grant funding will be used for.

Will photos and videos be published?

- Yes, photos, videos, recounts and other materials may be used to promote the outcomes of the grant-funded initiative and/or to promote future Waitsia Community Grant rounds.

What happens if my application is successful?

If you are successful in your application for a Waitsia Community Grant:

- **Waitsia Community Grant Agreement**
You will be provided with a Waitsia Community Grant Agreement, which will outline the obligations of receiving a grant, and the acquittal process.
- **Vendor Set Up**
You will receive a 'Vendor Set Up Form' to provide your organisation's banking information so we may pay out the agreed grant funding.
- **Waitsia Community Grant Report**
You will complete a Waitsia Community Grant Report and include evidence of funds use (e.g. receipts, tax invoices), photos, social media screenshots, media coverage and other 'evidence' to demonstrate the Agreement Terms have been met.



2025 Waitsia Community Grant recipient: Dongara District High School P&C, to support the replacement of the school's Kindy-PrePrimary playground swings.

Prepared by Mitsui E&P Australia on behalf of the Waitsia Joint Venture

The Waitsia Joint Venture is a 50/50 Joint Venture between Mitsui E&P Australia (MEPAU) and Beach Energy for the Waitsia Gas Project, which is a significant Project for the Mid West region of WA.

The Waitsia Joint Venture has committed to ensuring the local community receive social benefits in connection with the Project, including:

- Assistance with skills development and training opportunities to promote work readiness and employment for persons living in the Mid West region of WA;
- Training and employment for First Nations and non-First Nations persons living in the Mid West region of WA;
- Regional Development in the Mid West region of WA;
- Contribution to Community Projects, Town Services and Facilities; and
- A regionally based workforce.

The Waitsia Community Grant Program is designed to support these commitments.