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2020 Chain Valley Colliery Community Funding Program

What is the Chain Valley Colliery Community Funding Program?

The Chain Valley Colliery Community funding program has been established as a joint initiative between Delta Coal (formerly Lake Coal Pty Ltd) and Central Coast Council to provide funding for organisations to deliver projects that improve community infrastructure and services in the following communities:

- Summerland Point
- Gwandalan
- Chain Valley Bay
- Mannering Park

Why is the Chain Valley Colliery Community Funding Program limited to certain areas?

On the 23 December 2013, Lake Coal Pty Ltd (LCPL) was granted development consent to extract up to 2.1 million tonnes of coal per calendar year until 31 December 2027.

As a condition of consent LCPL & Council have developed a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) that requires \$0.035 for each tonne of coal produced to be allocated as a community funding program to develop community capacity within the suburbs of Summerland Point, Gwandalan, Chain Valley Bay and Mannering Park.

Available Funding and Key Dates

Total annual funding available is dependent on business operations and will be stated on Council's website prior to applications opening each year.

Individual applications can be made for funding of up to \$30,000 annually per project for the 2020 Round.

The program will open on 17 August 2020 for applications. Applications close at midnight 25 September 2020.

1 Expected Program Outcomes

Each application is required to address a minimum of **one** of the following outcomes within the locations of Summerland Point, Gwandalan, Chain Valley Bay or Mannering Park:

- 1.1 Increase in community participation through creating vibrant neighbourhoods and public spaces.
- 1.2 Increased opportunities for recreation and leisure.
- 1.3 Increase in arts and culture, celebrations and events.
- 1.4 Enabling start up social enterprises.
- 1.5 Enhanced sense of local identity.
- 1.6 Increase in promotion of green spaces and the environment.
- 1.7 Building strong and innovative community infrastructure.

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2 Eligibility

- 2.1 Applicants must be a legally constituted not-for-profit organisation.
- 2.2 Applicants must be able to demonstrate that the project will benefit residents of the Summerland Point, Gwandalan, Chain Valley Bay or Mannering Park communities.
- 2.3 All applicants must meet the grant program eligibility criteria and address one or more of the program outcomes.
- 2.4 Only one application per project, per financial year, may be successful in obtaining funding across any of Council's grant funding programs.

3 The following are ineligible

- 3.1 Late or incomplete applications.
- 3.2 Proposals that do not directly benefit the Summerland Point, Gwandalan, Chain Valley Bay or Mannering Park communities.
- 3.3 Applicants who have overdue acquittals from previous funding from Council under any of Council's grant programs will not be eligible.
- 3.4 Events, projects or activities with a religious, political or sectarian purpose, where that purpose may exclude or offend members of the broader community.
- 3.5 Retrospective funding of any event, project or activity. This includes any activity commencing 2 months post the grant round closing date.
- 3.6 General fundraising appeals.
- 3.7 Applicants in a position to self-fund the project.
- 3.8 Proposals from Government Departments, agencies or Council.
- 3.9 Proposals that duplicate a project, service or activity already existing within the LGA.
- 3.10 A project, event, service or activity which primarily benefits a single individual or business.
- 3.11 Applications seeking funds for personal benefit such as travel, meal or accommodation costs.
- 3.12 Applications seeking funds for prize money, gifts and or awards including trophies, gift vouchers.

- 3.13 Applications that seek support for supplementing, increasing or continuing ongoing service delivery or for funding the core business of the organisation.

- 3.14 Purchase of land or buildings.

4 Assessment Criteria

Each application will be assessed as follows:

- 4.1 Addresses an identified community priority as outlined in Section 4 – 30%
- 4.2 The extent to which the project delivers social, cultural, economic or environmental benefits – 30%
- 4.3 The extent to which the budget is comprehensive, realistic and provides value for money – 20%
- 4.4 The extent to which the application demonstrates that any ongoing or recurrent costs of the project can be met by the community group once grant funding has been expended – 10%
- 4.5 Capacity of the organisation to undertake all aspects of the proposed project – 10%

As resources are limited, not every application that meets the assessment criteria will necessarily receive a grant.

5 Assessment Process

- 5.1 Applications are only accepted online through Central Coast Council's **website** and the appropriate online application form. Assistance is provided to any group or individual if requested to ensure access and support with the online system.
- 5.2 Applications will be assessed by an Assessment Panel. The Panel will assess and make recommendations for projects received through the community grant program and recommendations will be reported to Council for endorsement.
- 5.3 All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application.
- 5.4 Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to seek feedback from the Council's Grants Team on their application. Some grant programs are highly competitive and even though an application may meet the program criteria it may not be competitive against other applications.

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- 5.5 Successful applications will be invited to liaise with a Council representative to negotiate and sign a Funding Agreement outlining the requirements of their grant. This Funding Agreement must be signed prior to funding being provided.
- 5.6 All projects must be completed as agreed upon within the funding agreement.
- 5.7 All grantees are required to provide an interim report on their project if requested. A final project report must be submitted no later than twelve (12) weeks after the agreed completion date of the activity/project with copies of any photos and promotional materials as specified in the funding
- 6.4 To ensure an accountable and transparent assessment process is maintained, Council staff and funding assessors are required to declare any potential pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflict of interest.
- 6.5 All written and verbal communication regarding an application will only be with the applicant or the contact person listed in the application.
- 6.6 All decisions of Central Coast Council are final and no negotiations will be entered into.

6 Additional Information

- 6.1 In addition to the completed application form, the following must be provided:
 - A copy of your most recently audited financial statements (or a statement of income and expenditure signed by your finance manager, if your organisation is not subject to audit requirements).
 - Your organisation's most recent Annual Report - minimum of Form A12, if this is your annual reporting obligation to NSW Fair Trading.
 - Evidence of other funding secured or applied for (if relevant).
 - A copy of your organisation's Certificate of Incorporation or evidence of being a legally constituted not-for-profit organisation or Authority to Fundraise from the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing.
 - A copy of your organisation's public liability insurance certificate or a written quotation for public liability insurance cover for \$10 million.
 - For capital works and / or equipment, two quotes for each item valued at \$1000 or more.
- 6.2 Offer of funds by Council in no way implies any ongoing funding commitment or obligation by Central Coast Council or Lake Coal Pty Ltd.
- 6.3 Approval of a grant does not imply that Central Coast Council has given any other consent. Applicants should note that most infrastructure projects and many festivals and events require approvals and consents from Central Coast Council, NSW Police and other state government agencies.