

Borumba Pumped Hydro Project

Community Grants Program

Guidelines

The Queensland Hydro Community Grants Program provides up to \$10,000 (ex GST) to support initiatives that benefit communities in areas close to the proposed Borumba Pumped Hydro Project.

Initiatives are assessed by our Community Benefits Panel – made up of local community representatives - who help identify community priorities and provide recommendations to Queensland Hydro. This ensures the program is guided by community, for the community.

Funded initiatives must contribute to one or more of the following strategic priority areas:



Community Connection

Bring people together



Tourism and Economy

Boost local business, attract visitors, build industry capability



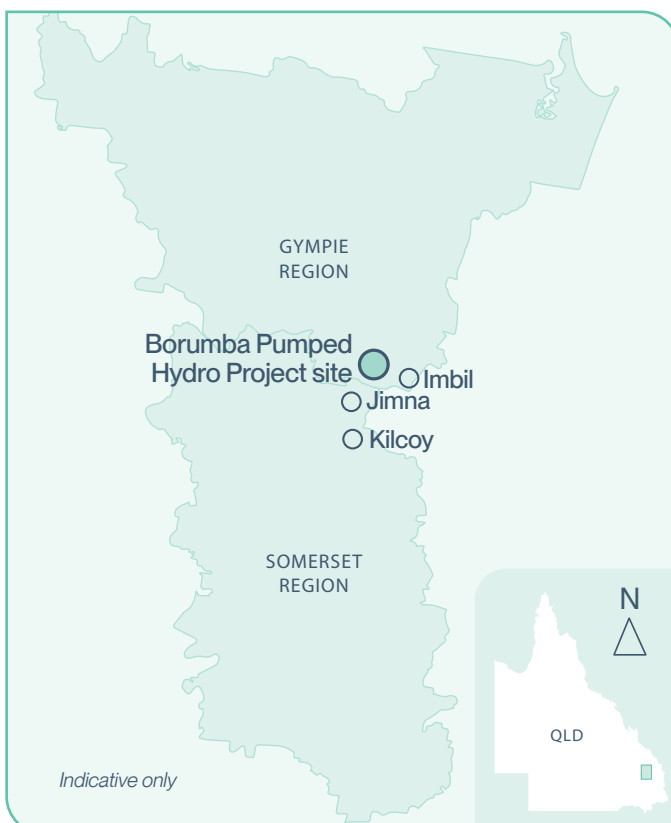
Health and Wellbeing

Promote active, inclusive and safe communities



Environment and Sustainability

Enhance, protect and celebrate the local environment



Priority consideration will be given to initiatives benefiting communities closest to the proposed Project, particularly those in and around Kilcoy and Jimna, and those in Imbil and the surrounding Mary Valley communities.

Eligibility

To receive funding under the Community Grants Program, the organisation must be:

- applying for funds to be used in the Somerset or Gympie Local Government Areas
- a Community trust, Incorporated community association, Not-for-profit, Social enterprise, Charity, or Public Benevolent Institution
- of sound legal and financial standing
- able to deliver their initiative within 12 months of the start date
- aligned with Queensland Hydro values and the Community Benefits Framework.

If applying through an auspice, the auspicings applicants must meet these eligibility requirements.

Ineligibility

The following are not eligible for funding:

- individuals
- a for-profit organisation, including business
- a government departments, statutory body or Government Owned Corporations (except for schools)
- social clubs
- a political organisation, such as a registered political party
- a political, religious or socially-divisive group or initiative
- a labour or trade union organisation
- organisations not aligned with Queensland Hydro's values
- initiatives that have already occurred or started
- initiatives requesting ongoing administrative costs
- events, including fundraisers, performances, conferences, symposia and sports competitions
- organisations that have previously received a grant from Queensland Hydro and have not completed the required acquittal process.

Assessment criteria

The Community Benefits Panel will assess all eligible applications against the criteria listed below.

Criteria	What will be considered
Strategic Fit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How well the initiative aligns with one or more of the program outcome areas.
Community Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature, scale and duration of benefits for the community • How the initiative responds to community needs or priorities
Benefit to Borumba Project Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The level of benefit the initiative provides to communities near the proposed Borumba Project • Priority consideration will be given to communities closest to the Project, particularly those in and around Kilcoy, Jimna, Imbil and the surrounding Mary Valley.
Deliverability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How well the initiative is planned • What the funding will be used for (preference for clearly defined costs or components) • The organisation's capacity to successfully deliver the initiative within 12 months

Each criterion is scored from 0 (does not meet) to 5 (excellent).

Panel members will consider the strength and clarity of your responses, as well as supporting evidence.


Application process

- 1 Apply**
Complete and submit your application via SmartyGrants.
- 2 Eligibility Check**
An independent assessor undertakes due diligence to confirm your initiative meets program criteria.
- 3 Assessment**
The Community Benefits Panel reviews and scores all eligible applications against the assessment criteria.
- 4 Decision**
Queensland Hydro reviews the assessment outcomes and confirms successful applicants.
- 5 Funding Agreement**
Sign agreement outlining terms and conditions.
- 6 Delivery**
Deliver your initiative.
- 7 Acquittal**
Submit a completion report with photos and evidence of outcomes.

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