

Yanco Delta Wind Farm Community Investment Fund

Applicant guidelines

The Yanco Delta Wind Farm (YDWF) Community Investment Fund is one of the key components of the Project's shared benefits program.

The Fund will invest in projects and initiatives that strengthen community wellbeing, celebrate culture, support local capability and enhance environmental outcomes.

Priorities, inclusions and eligibility have been shaped through ongoing engagement with communities and local councils, and informed by insights from regional strategies, local planning documents and community feedback.

The Fund will support a blend of sponsorships, small grants, and project funding. This flexible approach ensures support for both immediate local needs and long-term regional opportunities.

Levels of support

The Fund will accept applications of up to \$10,000 for events and activities that align to one or more of the community investment priorities.

If the request is over \$5,000, documentation such as letters of support or quotations for services or materials are required to support your application.

Who can apply?

Applicants based in both the Murrumbidgee and Edward River local government areas (LGAs) are encouraged to apply.

Projects and partnerships that will benefit residents in the Murrumbidgee and Edward River LGAs, but are located outside the LGA, may also be considered for funding.

Eligible applicants and partners include:

- Community groups or associations and registered not for profit organisations
- Local government
- Social enterprises
- Registered Training Organisations and universities
- Local Aboriginal Land Councils and registered Traditional Owner bodies
- Schools, via Parents and Citizens Associations
- Regional business and economic development organisations.



Investment priorities

Origin's community investment targets four strategy areas to support sustainable, self-sufficient communities. Examples of outcomes across these four strategy areas include:



Community wellbeing

- Create a safe, vibrant, inclusive community
- Improve safety and amenity of public spaces
- Enhanced connectivity via active recreation and transport links and community transport services
- Increased access to local health services, in particular mental health programs
- Affordable housing and programs to reduce energy costs
- Community facility solar installation and equipment upgrades
- Support for local sporting and cultural events



Community resilience

- Community resilience to social and economic change, including changes resulting from the YDWF construction
- Projects that increase volunteering capacity and skills
- Strengthen understanding and preservation of Aboriginal culture
- Enhance community cohesion and identity via creative arts, cultural events and festivals
- The provision of activities, education and career pathways that help retain young people in local communities



Economic development

- Programs that bring economic benefits to local communities
- Transitional training programs, towards jobs in the renewable energy sector
- Support innovation, diversification and capacity building for local business enterprises and supply chains
- Indigenous enterprise programs
- Increase tourism by raising Murrumbidgee and Edward River LGA's profile as a desirable visitor destination



Environmental protection and outdoor amenity

- Participation in environmental protection in either or both Murrumbidgee and Edward River LGAs
- Strengthen communities' capacity to contribute to environmental conservation and rehabilitation in particular in areas surrounding the Project footprint
- Protect and improve catchment, waterway and estuarine health
- Activities and education to increase environmental sustainability and lower carbon emissions
- Contributing to environmental research

How applications will be assessed

Eligible applications will be reviewed and approved by an Origin assessment panel. Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. contribution to at least one of the four key strategy areas
2. creation of a positive, long term, community, environmental or economic legacy
3. degree to which the application addresses the social impacts and opportunities for the community
4. enables equity and inclusion, and/or offers broader community benefits
5. presents a sustainable investment without lasting dependency
6. demonstrates value for money
7. identification of appropriate outcome and impact indicators to measure affected change

The assessment and notification process will take approximately six weeks from the closing date dependent upon the number of applications.

Ineligible activities

- sponsorship of individual teams and/ or participants in an event
- political organisations or campaigns
- organisations or activities that conflict with Origin's diversity and equality ethos
- individuals, groups or organisations for private endeavours or commercial ventures
- an organisation's ongoing maintenance or operational cost, including salaries
- activities which encourage the irresponsible use of alcohol, tobacco products and gambling
- activities which are exclusively funded by government

- activities which provide direct financial benefit to Origin employee or contractors, or their immediate families
- activities where there is an unmitigated risk to animal welfare or where there are no animal welfare guidelines available from an Origin approved advisory body in relation to the activity
- funding for projects that are already underway or completed

Any potential conflict of interest, such as applications from clubs or supporting groups of which Origin employees or their families are members, must be declare.

Recipient obligations

If successful in your application, you will be required to:

1. Provide a tax invoice for funds to be paid.
2. Use the funds solely for the approved activity within any agreed time frames, not exceeding 12 months from receipt of payment.
3. Provide an update on the completion and outcome of the activity or event.
4. Acknowledge Origin's support in accordance with your application.
5. Assume all commercial responsibilities including public risk and/ or any other appropriate insurance protection.

Please note successful applicants must undertake an approval and supplier set up process which will determine timing of payment.

How to apply

Complete the Yanco Delta Wind Farm Community Investment Fund online application form by the advertised closing date via: yancodelta.com.au

If you have any questions or need assistance making an application, reach out to the Yanco Delta Wind Farm Community Team via email powerdevelopmentprojects@origin.com.au or call 1800 677 315.