



Dundonnell Wind Farm Education Fund Application Guidelines

Objectives of the Dundonnell Wind Farm (DDWF) Education Fund

The aim of the DDWF Education Fund is to support individuals and/or small, non-profitable organisations in and around the DDWF area by providing funding towards education.

Tilt Renewables has committed to providing \$15,000 annually for the life of the Project, commencing at the commercial operations date of the Dundonnell Wind Farm.

According to research undertaken at the time of the development of the Dundonnell Wind Farm's Benefit Sharing Plan, the opportunities available to regional teenagers and adults to gain a tertiary or TAFE education are far more limited than those living in the city or a major town. This remains the case today.

The Education Fund aims to:

- Assist regional applicants seeking an education, whether it be school, tertiary, TAFE or other registered training program
- Provide financial assistance via the fund to support disadvantaged people (all ages) with covering the costs of tutoring / a course / training
- Provide a benefit to the successful applicant and their family, as well as to the local region through training skilled and educated professionals to work

The outcome must be that the funds have supported an individual/s, a program or not-for-profit organisation in achieving an educational benefit.

The Education Fund is to be administered by the DDWF Community Fund Committee – made up of six civic-minded community members who have a good understanding of the region's demographics; its socio-economic challenges and where additional support may be required.

Tilt Renewables has faith in the local knowledge of the community members to deliberate on the allocation of the funds. All decisions of the Committee are final.

Selection Criteria

Requests for funding will be assessed against the following criteria – those that best meet these will have the greatest chance of success. Tilt Renewables reserves the right to request further information in considering applications or proposals.

Your application should:

- Clearly outline the educational benefit to the individual/s
- Identify the specific need/s for the funds being requested
- Demonstrate how the funding will alleviate pressure on an individual or the community (if applicable)
- Explain how the funds will contribute to the long-term socio-economic sustainability of the local community
- Identify the specific groups in the community that will benefit (e.g. seniors, youth, indigenous people, jobseekers, people with a disability)
- Provide evidence that the funding is needed
- Have a clear, realistic, and feasible timeline for spending of the funds



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- Provide at least two quotes or catalogue prices which clearly demonstrate the scope of goods and/or services required to deliver and complete the project (should the funding be going towards educational resources)
- Provide a list of any potential or alternative funding sources (i.e. council funding, private philanthropy, member contributions, other fundraising). If the application is for part-funding, explain other sources of funding
- Detail who will oversee and manage the delivery of the funds
- Detail how you will evaluate the success of the funding

Who can apply for funding?

Individuals, charitable or non-profitable organisations are eligible to apply for funds from the DDWF Education Fund. Applications must relate to an identified individual or community need in the surrounding wind farm area. Groups/individuals must have made a significant effort to contribute to the project/need themselves. They must demonstrate how the funding will benefit the broader community directly or in-directly within their application.

The area covered by the DDWF Education Fund will be an approximate boundary line, roughly out to 30km, covering the following townships:

- Darlington
- Derrinallum
- Dundonnell
- Lake Bolac
- Nerrin Nerrin
- Pura Pura
- Streatham
- Vite Vite
- Woorndoo

All applications must be submitted using the DDWF Education Fund 'Application for Support' form, which is available via the [Project webpage](#) or directly by contacting the Committee: DDWFcommunityfund@tiltrenewables.com

The application period is open from 1st September through to 30th November each year. Please ensure your application is submitted prior to the 30th of November cut-off date. Application decisions will be made in December each year – a specific date will be communicated around this time.

Applications will **not** be considered from any of the following:

- Commercial or profit orientated organisations or individuals
- Projects with a religious or political purpose
- Rents, running or overhead costs
- Conference organisation
- Completed or started projects
- Projects and initiatives that are the sole responsibility of the Federal, State or Local Government

Specifically, projects that seek to deliver or replace core government department services – such as the delivery of school building upgrades or core school services – are not eligible.



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The maximum typical grant from the Fund is \$15,000 however in special circumstances the Committee may decide to provide a greater level of assistance, should there be additional funds available in the Committee's 'ad-hoc' funding pool.

Each organisation or individual will be limited to one successful application per year.

Application requirements and considerations

- Applications will be considered from all age groups (individuals – those old enough to further or undertake education / training activities)
- Applications will also be considered from not-for-profit organisations seeking additional funding support for a particular educational program (partnership)
- Applications must be targeted at local applicants (within a ~30km radius of DDWF, or applicants associated with Emma House within South West Victoria)
- There can be no double dipping of funds from the Salt Creek Wind Farm *Lend a Hand Fund*, the Salt Creek Scholarship or the DDWF Community Fund, unless otherwise considered under special circumstances, and both funds must put a case forward for this
- The funds will not be able to be used to cover childcare or after-school care costs or private tuition related to an extracurricular activity
- The funds could be used to cover the costs of tutoring for students who are disadvantaged, have learning difficulties or need special assistance
 - *This would need to be a partnership delivery model through a registered learning program*
- Special consideration will be given to applications that demonstrate how the education funding will encourage people to remain or return to the area
- As part of Tilt Renewables' investment in Emma House and Women's Housing (Safe Housing Program partner), special consideration will be given to women and/or their children escaping family violence by way of empowering them through a program of their choice at a nearby school, university or a TAFE
- Special consideration will also be given to applications that demonstrate a partnership delivery model through working with local indigenous organisations, social justice or empowerment programs

Applications will **not** be accepted by organisations or individuals that have previously received funding and:

- Did not deliver the project as described in the original application
- Did not supply a Report Back Form and adequate proof of expenditure within the agreed timeframe as required
- Did not return funds to DDWF Community Fund Committee where the funding was not implemented as agreed (*this does not apply to successful applicants who return funds where the actual cost of their project fell below their proposed project costs*)

The Education Fund will not support projects that seek to:

- Deliver or support educational or training services that are a core government responsibility
- Deliver works and upgrades that would normally be funded by Government or from a School Building Fund
 - Core government responsibilities include the delivery of education and development services to children, young people and adults. For example: an application that seeks funding to complete part of a classroom or building at a state school, or the



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replacement of chairs and desks would not be eligible to apply, as these expenses are considered the responsibility of government.

Facilities or resources that are shared with the community may be eligible to apply.

Filling out the Application for Support Form

Fill out the parts of the program or course costs, equipment (if any), and fill out for any grants you have received, applied or applying for, and your financial contributions.

Where labour is being provided as free of charge, provide detail on what guarantee the Applicant has from the volunteer/s in completing the agreed to work. In the event that voluntary labour is withdrawn, how will the Applicant ensure the project is still successfully completed?

Supply the financial breakdown along with the associated accounts payable information for the course or program listed on the application form. The payment from DDWF Education Fund will either be a direct payment made out in favour of the company or companies supplying the goods or services to the value of the funding amount that was approved by the Committee. Or it will be made out to the individual or organisation leading the delivery of the education course or program.

It will be the Applicant's responsibility to pay all accounts in full, as per the funding amount requested in the application, and to report back once the program or course is complete or funding has been spent.

Successful applicants

All successful applicants to the Education Fund are required to acknowledge the granting of funds by at least one of the following means:

- Acknowledgement in annual accounts/reports
- Acknowledgement in publicity material, such as a newsletter
- Involvement in promotion of the DDWF Community Fund to the media, if appropriate

Successful applicants are required to complete their course/program or allocate the funding within the timeframe specified on their application form.

Reporting Back

Every successful application will be required to complete a Report Back form upon completion of their course or initiative. The Report Back form asks you to demonstrate how you have followed these guidelines.

Where funding is not demonstrated to be spent, the funds must be returned to the Community Fund Committee's ad-hoc funding pool for spending on other projects.

The Report Back form can be found on the applicable section on the Dundonnell Wind Farm project webpage.

**For more information, please contact the DDWF Community Fund Committee Chair by emailing: DDWFcommunityfund@tiltrenewables.com
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