

Guidelines for funding

Arrow Energy is committed to helping build a brighter future for the communities in which we operate.

Arrow's Brighter Futures program offers the opportunity for eligible groups to apply for financial support for activities that make a positive contribution to communities in our Surat Gas Project footprint, located in the Western Downs Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council Areas.

The following areas have been identified as being important to both our communities and to our values.

Promote health, safety and wellbeing

Supporting healthier and safer communities, including welfare and wellbeing services.

Encourage active communities

Boosting participation in community sporting and recreational activities with positive community benefits.

Support community connection

Supporting community connection and promoting a vibrant social environment through events and activities.

Foster learning and educational opportunities

Increasing access to educational and learning opportunities, including early learning.

Care for our environment

Protecting our natural environment to help create a more sustainable future.

Partner with First Nations

Supporting activities and projects delivered by First Nations Traditional Owner Groups with whom Arrow has a formal agreement.

About Brighter Futures

There are two types of funding categories available under Brighter Futures – grants and sponsorships.

Community Grants

- Our Brighter Futures grants program provides community organisations, educational facilities, not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, and charities with the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$5,000.
- Applications open Monday 3 June 2024 and close Friday 12 July 2024.

Sponsorships

- Our Brighter Futures sponsorship program provides sponsorship of community events and initiatives.
- Funding applications can be made at any time throughout 2024, and sponsorship is considered at Arrow's discretion.

Arrow will consider supporting:

- Events, initiatives, projects that are delivered in the Surat Gas Project footprint in the Western Downs Regional Council or Toowoomba Regional Council local government areas.
- Applications which demonstrate how the activity will benefit the community within Arrow's Surat Gas Project footprint.
- Applications that support one or more of the priority areas:
 - Wellbeing, health, and safety
 - Sport and recreation
 - Community events and activities
 - Skills and education
 - Environment
 - First Nations
- Initiatives that:
 - Build skills and capacity in the local communities.
 - Bring communities together and support local businesses.
 - Deliver ongoing benefits to communities after the initiative is complete.
- Activities that will occur in the future.

Arrow will not support:

- Applicants whose ethical behaviour is not aligned with Arrow Energy's values (respect, lead, integrate, solve and own).
- The applicant has a conflict of interest which may involve personal benefit from the funding.
- Operating expenses such as electricity, lease/rent payments, telephone, etc. that are part of the organisation's ongoing and ordinary expenses.
- Air travel and accommodation for individuals or groups.
- Projects which are considered to be the core responsibility of government.
- Projects solely focused on capital works or large equipment requiring ongoing maintenance.
- Private business, political or religious activities.
- Events that are inconsistent with the RSPCA's position on animal welfare.
- Activities/events that have already been held (e.g. retrospective funding requests).
- Requests for services the organisation already provides through other funding arrangements.
- Activities that are not delivered in and/or benefit communities in the Western Downs or Toowoomba Regional Council areas.
- Political contributions, business memberships and requests from religious organisations for religious purposes.
- On-going running costs including insurance, employee salaries or overheads.
- Untied cash donations including prize money.

How to apply

An application form can be downloaded at <https://www.arrowenergy.com.au/community/social-investment/brighter-futures>

For more information, contact the Brighter Futures team on **1800 038 856** or email brighterfutures@arrowenergy.com.au

Conditions of funding

- Only applications using the standard application form will be accepted.
- Applications for Brighter Futures grants must be received by the closing date. No late applications will be considered.
- Successful applicants will be required to enter into an agreement with Arrow Energy and the funding must be spent in accordance with the original application and the agreement. A sample of the agreement can be provided upon request.
- Arrow Energy reserves the right to request audited financial statements from the applicant (for any project or activity) at any time.
- Arrow Energy reserves the right to request written evidence from the property owner confirming their approval for the project (if the work involves a property that the organisation does not own).

We collect information regarding Committee / Board members of your organisation. Providing this information, including the involvement of any Government Official, will assist us to assess your application in a timely manner. Having a Government Official involved in your organisation does not preclude you from funding, however, we will need to undertake some extra steps to seek approval, in line with our Code of Conduct and any other applicable internal policies and procedures.

The definition of a 'Government Official' is any:

- a official or employee of any government, or any agency, ministry or department (at any level) – including local government;
- person acting in an official capacity for a government regardless of rank or position, including a judicial officer;
- official or employee of a company wholly or partially controlled by a government;
- a political party or any official of a political party, including candidates for political office; and
- immediate family member (that is, a spouse, dependent child, parent or household member) of any of the above.

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