

Northparkes Community Investment Program Guidelines

Northparkes supports projects through their Community Investment Program that contribute to a stronger and more sustainable regional economy.

To ensure our community contributions are able to make the biggest impact we have carefully chosen priority areas that deliver long-term benefits and address the important issues facing communities in the Parkes and Forbes Shires.

These key priority areas include economic development, culture and recreation, education and youth, environment and health.

We would like to hear from your organisation if you have a project that is:

- Aligned with one of our key priority areas
- Medium to large-scale, innovative and of significance to the Parkes and Forbes region
- Suited to funding from more than one partner
- Outcome focused and suited to performance measures
- Able to promote skills development and build community capacity
- Able to work in partnership with Northparkes

We are unlikely to fund:

- Private companies seeking finance for their own business activities
- Individuals wanting to finance endeavours solely for personal gain
- Mainstream government services
- Activities and events that have already occurred
- Recurrent funding expenses

We will not fund:

- Private companies seeking finance for their own business activities
- Proposals targeted for political or religious purposes
- Debt retirement and budget deficits

In your application, you will need to address the following:

Project details:

- A summary of the project
- The aim of the project
- The benefit to the local community
- The nature of the support you are seeking
- How the project reflects one of our key priority areas

Sustainability:

- How the need for the project was identified, including any community consultation, research or previous projects
- How the project provides long term solutions not already available in the Parkes and Forbes Shires
- How the project is sustainable beyond the support of Northparkes

Funding:

- Total project budget
- Funds sought from Northparkes
- Other sources of funding sought, e.g. Government
- The value of any in-kind support

Evaluation and reporting:

- How will you communicate/promote your project to the wider community
- How the project will be a partnership with Northparkes

Application form:

To complete an application form, please visit **Round one is closed. Round two opens September 2024.**

For more information, please contact:

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Please note that your application will be reviewed within one month of the closing date. If your application is successful, you will be required to sign a sponsorship letter and return it to Northparkes. Your funding will be paid within 30 days of Northparkes receiving your sponsorship letter.