

AGL Camden Gas Project Community Support Fund

Guidelines



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Application Kit: Guidelines and Forms

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About AGL

AGL is committed to helping shape a sustainable energy future for Australia. We operate the country's largest electricity generation portfolio, we're its largest ASX-listed investor in renewable energy, and we have more than 3.5 million customer accounts. Proudly Australian, with more than 180 years of experience, we have a responsibility to provide sustainable, secure and affordable energy for our customers. Our aim is to prosper in a carbon-constrained world and build customer advocacy as our industry transforms. That's why we have committed to exiting our coal-fired generation by 2050 and why we will continue to develop innovative solutions for our customers.

About AGL Camden Gas Project

AGL's Camden Gas Project has been in operation since 2001 and safely supplies around 5% of NSW's gas needs. The Project has 144 wells, 86 of which are currently in production. The Project also includes the Rosalind Gas Plant in Menangle where natural gas is collected via low pressure underground gathering lines, compressed, dried, transmitted into the greater Sydney natural gas network and made ready to use for households and businesses.

In February 2016, AGL announced that it will progressively decommission wells and rehabilitate sites at the Camden Gas Project prior to stopping production in 2023.

The Project produces natural gas from coal seams throughout the Macarthur region of New South Wales. The field is located around 65 kilometres south-west of Sydney and operates within the Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly local government areas.

About the Community Support Fund

Through our involvement in and support of local community initiatives, projects and events, AGL aims to deliver community wide benefits, encourage innovation in and support for issues of community significance, and build and maintain strong relationships throughout the communities in which we operate.

The Community Support Fund forms part of AGL's commitment to support the communities where we have project activities.

Support can be provided through sponsorships, donations and grants for projects that will benefit the community and align with AGL's values.

AGL's values

Care in every action

Every decision we make and action we take is done so with an understanding of its impact to our colleagues, customers and communities.

We empathise with other people's perspectives, so we can act in a way which shows consideration and care, creating outcomes that benefits as many people as possible

We are responsible for safety, wellbeing, sustainability and our environment – and are committed to showing this in everything we do.

Integrity always

At AGL we express our ideas openly and with sincerity – so that integrity is inherent in everything we say and do.

It's through integrity that trust is built, partnerships are formed, and progress is made – and that carries through to the way we work and act for our customers and communities as well.

Better together

We recognise the power of collaboration. Of people sharing their skills, experiences and unique perspectives with their teams.

We know that we go further for AGL, our customers and our communities when we go there together. Breaking down barriers, building relationships and bringing our own ideas along for the journey.

Deliver your best

Great work happens every day at AGL – and everyone has the ability to deliver results.

We strive to go above and beyond and exceed our customers' expectations, maintaining the highest standard in everything we do.

And when challenges happen, we stay resilient – using setbacks as an opportunity to move forward, improve and evolve.

Shape tomorrow

Great things happen when you have the courage to approach them differently. It's what's inspired us in the past – and it's why we're still open to new opportunities today.

By working together to ask new questions and turn new ways of thinking and doing, we do more to improve the lives of our customers and communities – transforming the way Australians produce, share and consume energy into the future.

AGL Community Investment Priorities

Social Welfare	Environment	Local Economic Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental health Homelessness Domestic violence Drug & alcohol abuse Support for the elderly and vulnerable School programs/early childhood learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal rescue and protection Biodiversity Protection of coasts, wetlands and waterways Salinity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Festivals and events for tourism Local sporting clubs Support for long-term unemployed Agricultural support (e.g., water reticulation) Economic diversification (Job growth and new business attractions)

AGL will also rally around **emergency relief** efforts to support local communities, including for bushfires, droughts and floods

Previous Community Support and Partnerships

AGL is proud of our long association with several local groups in the Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly region.

As part of our grants program, we partner with a variety of organisations such as:

- We Are Community and Turbans 4 Australia to help support people in need by providing blankets, meals and essential hygiene items to the homeless
- The Macarthur Aviary Bird Club to help build bird nesting boxes across the Macarthur region
- Douglas Park Little Athletics to provide sporting equipment
- Campbelltown Community Preschool to provide support for speech pathology services
- Youth Solutions to provide learning tools such as Drive Safe animations.

Application process

	Applications open	Applications close	Applications assessed	Applicants notified	Funding issued
Funding Round 2021 Round 2	1 April 2021	29 April 2021	6 May 2021	13 May 2021	June 2021

How to apply

- Read the application guidelines
- Complete the application form
- Please sign and submit your completed application form to:
 - Email: AGLCommunity@agl.com.au or
 - Fill out and submit the form online at www.agl.com.au/Camden
 - Print the completed form and post it to:

Marina Draper
Community Relations Manager
AGL Energy
Level 24, 200 George Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Important information about your application

- An organisation can submit more than one application providing that what is being applied for is different. We suggest that each community group, sporting club or local school submit a consolidated application that is signed off by the club president or school principal to ensure that all funding requirements are considered in the one eligible application.
- Organisations will be required to submit photos as part of the acquittal process. It is a condition of your application that any images provided can be used by AGL to explain and promote the Community Support Fund.
- AGL cannot assist you in filling out the form. However, the local AGL Community Relations Manager can assist you to understand the application process and requirements. For questions, please contact Catherine Mooney, Senior Manager, Stakeholder Relations on 0437 384 890 or email cmooney@agl.com.au.
- AGL can request further information if required.

Application criteria and guidelines

Successful Community Support Fund recipients should meet the following criteria:

1. Be a legal entity, registered in Australia with a current ABN.
2. Be a registered charity, not-for-profit, educational institution or organisation with a demonstrated governance structure.
3. Deliver an event, program or initiative that provides benefits to the communities in which we operate.
4. Have in place a current public liability insurance policy.

Groups that do not fit the above criteria can apply for funding through an auspice arrangement. An auspice agreement is an agreement where the organisation (the 'Principal Organisation') agrees to apply for funding on behalf of a second organisation (the 'Auspiced Organisation'). The Principal Organisation then receives, holds and administers the funding for the Auspiced Organisation.

AGL invests in projects that:

- Align to our four community priorities of **social welfare, environment and local economic development**.
- Support our purpose of **Progress for Life**, and our values of **Care in every action; Integrity always; Better together; Deliver your best; and Shape tomorrow**.
- Align to AGL's **strategy**.
- Are **transparent in reporting**.

AGL will prioritise grants to locally run projects, initiatives or events that:

- That provide opportunities for **employee engagement** e.g. through volunteering.
- That build **local capability and capacity**, to achieve sustainable impact; and/or long-term benefits (over one-off events)
- Where AGL can support **better outcomes than via a purely financial contribution** (e.g., use of land near assets, support with technical expertise, etc).
- Where there are **opportunities to leverage associated funds** (e.g., through partnerships with other local businesses, alignment with other AGL spend).
- For which **alternative forms of funding are unavailable** or difficult to access.

AGL will generally not support:

- Organisations or activities that expose AGL to **health and safety, environmental, financial or reputational risk**
- Organisations or activities where the planned activities could be potentially **hazardous** (exception for emergency services)
- Organisations or activities that are **inconsistent with AGL's values**
- Organisations or activities that are **not lawful**
- **Political organisations or political campaigns**
- Where the project is considered to be the **sole responsibility of the Local, State or Federal Government**
- **Commercial entities**
- **Individuals** for personal benefit, including the support of travel, study or fundraising
- Projects or **groups located outside of the communities** that we operate in
- Activities that benefit direct or indirect **competitors of AGL**

- Activities that could be perceived as **divisive or discriminate** based on religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, etc.
- Activities which encourage the irresponsible use of **alcohol or gambling**
- Activities or programs that may **breach AGL's Code of Conduct** or regulatory, licensing or any other statutory commitments or obligations

Funds granted to successful applicants must be spent on the approved project within the agreed timeframe.

AGL reserves the right to make exceptions to these criteria.

AGL is not obliged to provide feedback about unsuccessful applications.

Application process timeline

All applications will be reviewed and assessed before a final decision is made.

Applications will be assessed based on the information provided in the application. The following process will be used in assessing applications:

- Applications will initially be assessed to ensure the eligibility criteria has been met and further information can be requested if required.
- Applications will be given a merit ranking on how well the application demonstrates the delivery of an event, program or initiative that provides benefits to the Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly regions.

Not every application that meets the assessment criteria will necessarily receive a grant.

Applicants may be contacted by AGL directly for the purpose of validating any aspect of the applicant's application.

The assessment process will begin once applications close.

These guidelines may be reviewed and amended at any time.

AGL reserves the right to make exceptions to this application process.

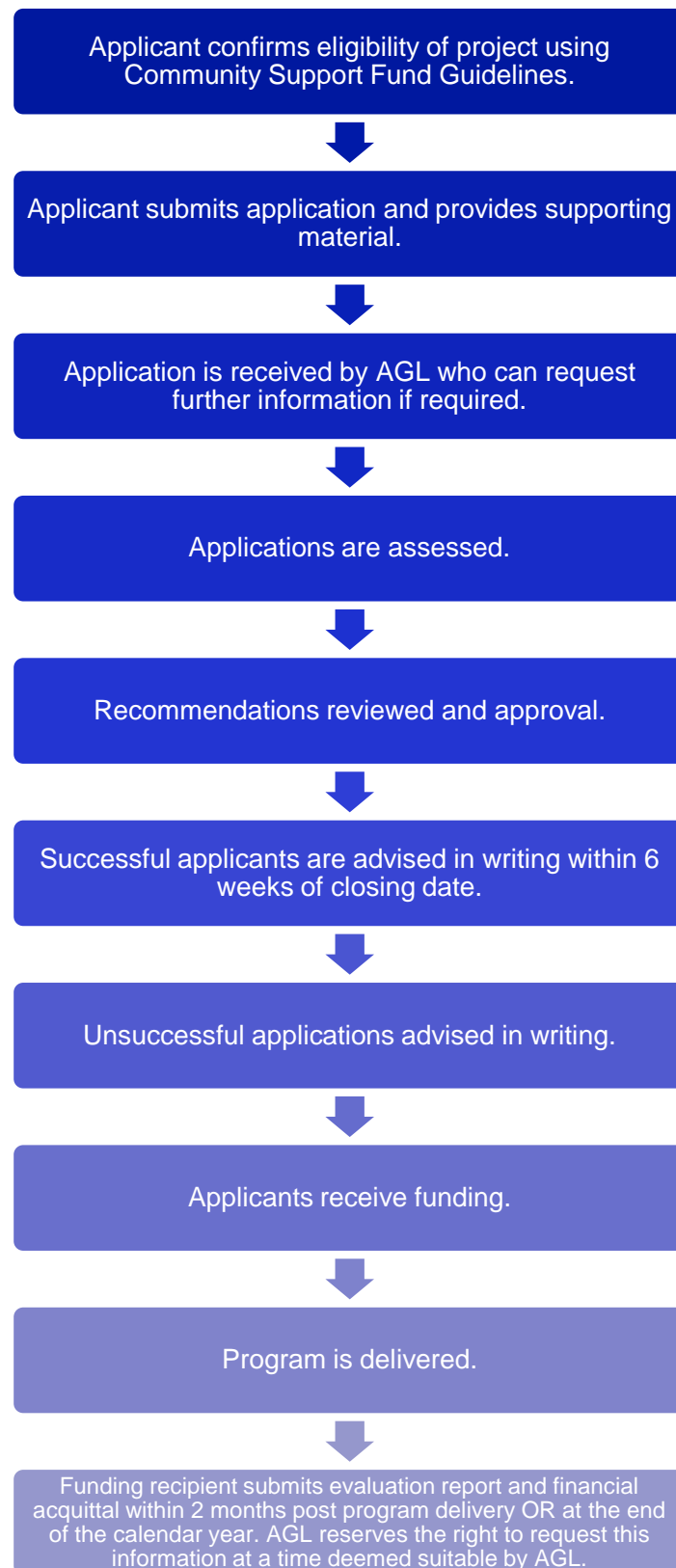
All decisions made by AGL are final.

Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will receive a notification from AGL regarding the success of their application.

Unsuccessful Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants will receive a notification from AGL confirming the outcome of the application. AGL is not obliged to provide feedback about unsuccessful applications, however requests for feedback can be made by emailing AGLCommunity@agl.com.au. AGL encourages all unsuccessful applicants to apply for future rounds and to source other forms of support from other funding bodies.



Awarding grant funding and acquittal process

Awarding grant funding

All successful applicants will receive approved funding by electronic transfer.

Payment will only be addressed to the nominated organisation.

A remittance will be emailed to the contact person identified on the application form.

Any grant from the Community Support Fund includes any applicable GST

Use of funding

Any funding provided by the Community Support Fund must be spent on the approved project within the agreed timeframe.

If at any time the stated purpose and use of the funds cannot be completed in the manner described in the application, the recipient must advise AGL at AGLCommunity@agl.com.au. Funds are non-transferable.

Privacy and confidentiality

By completing the application form, the applicant and recipient agree to information being used by AGL for the purposes of assessing the application and if successful, providing a grant.

By completing the application form, applicants consent to AGL disclosing details of successful applicant's projects and the amounts granted to each successful applicant.

Evaluation and acquittal process

Recipients are encouraged to submit an evaluation report to AGL within two months of program completion OR at the end of the calendar year. AGL reserves the right to request this information at a time deemed suitable by AGL.

The evaluation report should include:

- A report on program activity.
- Benefits and beneficiaries.
- Evidence of the use of funds granted for the program (e.g. invoices).
- Copies of photos and promotional materials where possible.

It is the responsibility of the organisation to maintain a complete set of records for acquittal purposes.

Recipients are required to submit photos and or video as part of the acquittal process. It is a condition of your application that any images provided can be used by AGL to promote the Community Support Fund (including local media).

Recipients failing to complete the acquittal report will not be eligible to participate in future Community Support Fund funding rounds.

AGL reserves the right to request the return of any unspent funds as part of the acquittal process.

AGL reserves the right to undertake quality assurance checks on all implementing partners to ensure funding is spent in accordance with the Funding Agreement.