BOURKE DROUGHT COMMUNITIES FUND 2019 GUIDELINES

Grants for Bourke and District Community Groups for Capital works
Applications CLOSE 5pm, 21st January 2019

On 19 August 2018, the Australian Government announced it would boost the Drought Communities Program by $75 million and provide initial support of $1 million to 60 eligible councils in 2018-19 to support local infrastructure and other projects for communities and businesses who have been impacted by drought.

Bourke Shire Council has set aside $100,000 of the allocated for community groups and organisations to apply for funds of up to;

- Maximum grant amounts for individual groups will be capped at $10,000 grant contribution
- Projects that can demonstrate partnerships, cash and/or in-kind contributions and demonstrate whole of community benefit will be capped at $40,000 grant contribution

Examples might include; sports grounds – new fence; club houses – WHS compliant kitchen or disabled toilets, meeting rooms – painting rooms / purchase of furniture.

The objective of the DCP is to deliver benefits in Declared Council areas, by supporting investment in local infrastructure initiatives. Funding will be targeted at infrastructure projects that provide employment for people whose work opportunities have been impacted by drought; stimulate local community spending; use local resources, businesses and suppliers; and/or provide a long-lasting benefit to communities and the agricultural industries on which they depend.

Desired Outcomes:

- Increased employment in regions by providing work for locals and/or farmers and farm workers / contractors whose employment opportunities have been affected by drought;
- Improved levels of economic activity in regions;
- Increased productivity in regions; and
- Better retention of businesses, services and facilities.

Guidelines are as follows:

- Projects must be completed, project final report and budget returned to Council and funds expended by **31st May 2019**.
- Bourke Shire Council will directly pay suppliers on receipt of invoice – many community organisations are NOT GST registered and this will alleviate the need to pay GST for non-registered organisations.
- Permission in writing must be sought from the owner in the case of any building works that will require a DA.
- Trades, materials and supplies to be purchased from local Bourke Businesses. Exceptions to this is only if a supplier / material is not available locally and the grant organisation will need to apply to Bourke Shire Council for the exception.

Eligible applicants;

- Incorporated bodies with a proven governance structure
- Non-incorporated associations

Ineligible applicants:

- Individuals
- Businesses

Drought Communities Program funding <u>cannot</u> be used for:

- payment of salaries for existing staff or contractors, although projects may be carried out by existing workforces;
- computer software or hardware that is not an integral part of the funded capital project;
- a council's core or business-as-usual operations, which council rates and other government funding usually funds;
- purchases of land, buildings, vehicles or mobile capital equipment (eg trucks and earthmoving equipment);
- expenditure incurred prior to the announcement that the project has been successful in its proposal for funding;
- staging events, exhibiting a display or for filming;
- undertaking studies or investigations; or
- the development of private or commercial ventures, including licensed areas of registered clubs.