

GUIDELINES

1. Goldfields-Esperance Community Trust (GECT) funding is aimed at not-for profit community groups/organisations or outstanding individuals seeking funding for specific initiatives or projects.
 2. Applicants/organisations must live or be based in the Goldfields-Esperance region.
 3. Funding will be based on a maximum of \$2,000 per grant for organisations and outstanding individual grants of up to \$500. At the Board's discretion, higher grants may be approved for projects that would be of major benefit to the community.
 4. Successful applicants of funding must spend the grant amount within 12 months of receipt of the monies.
 5. Applicants must demonstrate the degree of benefit to the community.
 6. Applicants must undertake to give due recognition to the Goldfields-Esperance Community Trust for its contribution to their activities. This must include displaying the GECT logo, or state in writing that the Trust has assisted with the funding of the Project.
 7. Applicants must be willing to be promoted by the GECT in its marketing material or news/social media.
 8. If appropriate, the Grantee must keep and maintain adequate insurance (including public liability insurance) for the activities carried out by the grantee in relation to the project against any claims for loss or damage to property, and injury or death to persons.
 9. Grants provided under GECT funding must only be spent on the project/initiative specified in the application.
 10. Any changes to the project that would result in funding being expended, other than as detailed in the application, must receive prior written approval from the GECT.
 11. If the situation arises where the event, project, activity or attendance does not occur, the monies shall be reimbursed to the GECT in full.
 12. Any unspent funds must be returned to the GECT.
 13. Individuals / teams / groups/ organisations can only receive one grant from the GECT each financial year.
 14. All decisions on the eligibility of the applications are at the sole discretion of the GECT Board. The GECT's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into in relation to the decision process or the outcome.
 15. An Accountability Report must be provided on the form provided by the GECT within 60 days of the completion of the project and include:
 - a financial report of budgeted and actual expenditure;
 - evidence of grant funds being spent;
 - any photographic evidence; and
 - recognition of the GECT's contribution.
- Failure to provide an accountability report may render the applicant ineligible for future funding.
- An outstanding individual applicant must:**
- have achieved or demonstrate recognition in their field of endeavour at a State, National or International level. Recognition at a regional level may be considered in special circumstances;
 - provide a letter of support from the Association or organisation relevant to their field of endeavour;
 - provide the names and contact details of two referees, outside the organisation;
 - undertake to give due recognition to the GECT for its contribution to their activities;
 - agree to complete a specified evaluation report - failure to do so may render the person ineligible for future funding.
- GECT funding will not be provided for:**
- retrospective funding requests (ie funding will not be provided for projects that have already commenced or have been completed);
 - funding requests from State Government or Federal Agencies or political organisations;
 - athletes or performers who receive payment of any kind for their participation in the event or activity;
 - individuals who have nominated themselves to participate in an event or activity;
 - commercial enterprises;
 - general fundraising appeals.
- If you are an organisation, you may not be successful in your application if:**
- you cannot provide audited accounts if requested;
 - you are primarily dependent on government funding or it is a project eligible for government funding.