

APPLICATION GUIDE

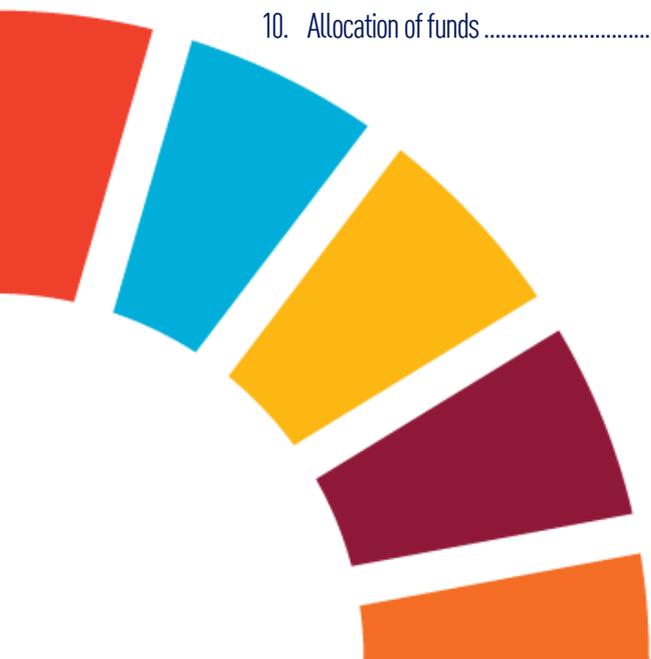
Key Dates 2019

26 August - Applications **OPEN** @9am

20 September - Applications **CLOSE** @5pm

From mid October 2019 - Announcement of successful projects

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1. About the SUEZ community grants

At SUEZ, we believe that, by supporting local activities and growing community participation in social and environmental projects, we can help create a more sustainable future. The SUEZ Community Grants Program is financial assistance that will enable successful grant recipients to make a positive and sustainable contribution to their local community.

The purpose of our grants program is to identify local initiatives that will actively contribute to the sustainable well-being of Australian communities, either socially or environmentally, for the benefit of current residents and generations to come.

Each year, community groups across Australia are invited to apply for grants of up to \$15,000 through the SUEZ Community Grants program. Since 2014, the SUEZ Community Grants program has provided more than \$740,000 to dedicated organisations. From environmental and wildlife organisations to local neighbourhood watch, surf lifesaving and disability groups, we are honoured to be involved with these inspirational organisations.

2. Timeline

Applications for the 2019 round of SUEZ Community Grants open on 26 August and close 20 September at 5pm AEST online on the SUEZ Community Grants website www.suez.com.au/communitygrants. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by mid October 2019.

3. Eligibility

All grant applications are assessed against the eligibility criteria, so it is important that you carefully review this information to give your submission the best chance of success.

SUEZ is committed to working with communities towards a more sustainable future, and we have developed a set of criteria to ensure funding is directed to projects with the greatest potential for impact.

To be eligible for a grant, your organisation and/or project must:

1 - Be located or undertaken in areas in which SUEZ delivers services and/or operates its facilities. Please visit our website to find our locations.

2 - Address at least one of our two key focus areas:

● Play an active role in protecting the environment

SUEZ is committed to protecting the natural environment. This can be achieved by undertaking activities to reduce, reuse and recycle such as reducing single use plastics or food waste, repurposing used or disused items or encouraging purchase of products made from recycled materials, reducing plastic pollution on our beaches, removing or preventing marine litter, protecting the biodiversity.

● Improve the sustainability of the local communities

SUEZ will provide funding to improve the sustainability of communities in and around our operations. This can be achieved by improving environmental awareness, inspiring participation in sustainability activities, supporting recreation, community building, inclusion and contributing to improved human health and well-being.

3 - Demonstrate how your project will contribute to achieving one or more of the following eight United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, each of which are closely aligned with the objectives of the SUEZ Community Grants program:

- SDG 6 Clean water and sanitation
- SDG 7 Affordable and clean energy
- SDG 10 Reducing inequalities
- SDG 11 Sustainable cities and communities
- SDG 12 Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- SDG 13 Climate action
- SDG 14 Life below water
- SDG 15 Life on land

For more information about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, please refer to the SDGs information pack on our website.

To be considered, you must also provide documentation that your organisation or group (or auspice or funding partner if applicable):

- is a legal entity, registered in Australia with current Australian Business Number (ABN).
- is an Australian registered charity or community organisation based in Australia providing
- services and/or delivering projects in Australian communities.
- has the ability or capacity to be maintained as an entity, independently of SUEZ's support.
- agrees that financial assistance provided by SUEZ through the SUEZ Community Grants program must be spent on the approved project within the specified time frame.
- agrees that, upon receiving approval from SUEZ, any financial assistance provided through the SUEZ Community Grants program will be publicly acknowledged.
- has read and agreed to the SUEZ Community Grants Terms and Conditions.

Please note that we will not accept more than one grant application per year for an individual project, but you are welcome to submit applications for multiple separate projects in the same grant round.

4. What projects can be funded?

We aim to support a range of initiatives that align with our core philosophy of creating a sustainable future. You can read more about all our previous supported projects on our website www.suez.com.au/communitygrants. Below are some examples of projects:

- Community gardens
- Water saving initiatives
- Children's playgrounds
- Environmental & Sustainability educational programs
- Disability support
- Repurposed old items
- Recycling
- Food waste reduction
- Renewable energy
- Beach clean ups

In 2018, SUEZ provided funds to help the following successful projects:

- The Australian Foundation for Disability to deliver hands-on learning in healthy, sustainable living to help disadvantaged people living with disabilities access a brighter future.
- A solar power system installed at Cranbourne's Public Hall allows the building to operate off the electricity grid, and to reinvest cost savings into infrastructure and benefits for community users.
- The creation of the Brisbane Tool Library will enable the community members to borrow power tools, camping and sport equipment instead of buying them. This will help to reduce waste going to landfill and offers an opportunity for the community to grow a thriving hub for sharing skills and equipment.
- Campbell Primary School have used a \$15,000 SUEZ Community Grant to transform barren land into a stimulating outdoor play and fitness place for students, encouraging play-based learning in the natural environment.

5. Projects that will not be supported

SUEZ assesses all grant applications on their individual merits and the benefits each project will provide to the community and the environment. However, there are some things we will not fund, including:

- events or activities that may be detrimental to the environment
- individuals
- events associated with gambling or alcohol
- political or military organisations or activities
- religious or sectarian organisations involved in purely religious/sectarian activities, and
- overseas programs and projects, including international goodwill agencies..

6. Submitting an application

Applications are online and information on how to apply will be provided on our website www.suez.com.au/communitygrants.

Applicants will submit their project proposal online using the SmartyGrants platform and will be asked to provide an overview of their project including the benefits to the community and or the environment, funds requested and the details of the organisations supporting the project.

7. Application Assessment Process

Applications will undergo a pre-eligibility check prior to being assessed by a SUEZ representative in the relevant state or territory. This assessment is solely based on the information provided in the application form, and no additional attachments will be reviewed as part of this process.

All applications will be reviewed and assessed by a SUEZ assessment panel comprising both state and national representatives. Applicants and recipients may be directly contacted by SUEZ for the purpose of application validation and due diligence.

Not all applications that meet the selection criteria will necessarily receive a grant. Preference will be given to applications that:

- fully complete the online application form
- strongly support our philosophy of creating a sustainable future, and advance one or more of the Sustainable Development Goals, and
- demonstrate a well-defined project that is sustainable beyond acquittal of the funding.

8. Successful Applications

The SUEZ Community Grants team will notify all successful applicants via telephone or email, followed with a letter of offer confirming the success of the application. The letter of offer will include a SUEZ Community Grants Engagement & Promotion Questionnaire, an Account Details Form and a Tax Invoice.

By signing and completing the documents listed above, SUEZ will provide the funds by EFT to an approved bank account. Funding will not be provided by cheque or cash.

9. Unsuccessful Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application via email or post. We are unable to provide detailed individual feedback on applications. The decision of the national SUEZ Community Grants team is final and no review will be undertaken. Should your application be unsuccessful, we encourage you to apply for future rounds.

10. Allocation of funds

If your application is successful, your grant funding will be provided via electronic funds transfer (EFT). Your letter of offer will include an Account Details form requesting for bank account details and a Tax Invoice.

The provision of funds will take place before the end of November 2019, pending return of the necessary documentation within the required timeframe.

The Application, this Application Guide, SUEZ Community Grants program terms and conditions, the letter of offer, SUEZ Community Grants Engagement & Promotion Questionnaire, Account Details form and Tax Invoice constitute the Funding Agreement you have with SUEZ in relation to the SUEZ Community Grants program.

For more information

Email: Community.grants.anz@suez.com

Website: www.suez.com.au/communitygrants

Register for updates

Click here to apply

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26 August 2019 - 9am to
20 September 2019 - 5pm]