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Q. What type of organisations are eligible to apply for the SUEZ Community Grants Program?

A. Community groups, schools and organisations at the local or national level are eligible to apply. Councils and Local Government Associations are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be an Australian registered charity or community organisation with a current ABN (Australian Business Number) delivering projects in Australian communities and located in the areas where SUEZ operates [click here to find our locations].

Q. Is my project location eligible?

A. Your organisation must be located or offer a project in areas across mainland Australia where SUEZ delivers services and/or operates our facilities. Please visit our website to find our locations.

Q. What projects are eligible?

A. Eligible activities must meet at least one of our two key focus areas below:

- Play an active role in protecting the environment
- Improve the sustainability of local communities

You can read more about all our previous supported projects on our website www.suez.com.au/communitygrants.

Q. Is there anything that won’t be supported?

A. The SUEZ Community Grant program will not support grants for:

- events or activities that may result in environmental harm
- events associated with gambling or alcohol
- political or military organisations or activities
- religious or sectarian organisations involved in purely religious/sectarian activities
- individuals
- overseas programs and projects, including international goodwill agencies.

Q. What are the Sustainability Development Goals?

A. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are that United Nations’ blueprint for achieving a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice. The Goals are interconnected and supported by targets that are to be achieved by 2030.

SUEZ is committed to playing our part in achieving the SDGs, and our entire business strategy supports this. The SUEZ Community Grants Program 2019 is particularly closely aligned with eight of the 17 SDGs, and all applications for funding will be assessed against their contribution to these goals. For more information about the goals, you can download the Sustainable Development Goals information pack from our website.
Q. When will the next round of SUEZ Community Grants applications open?

A. The best way to stay informed of the latest SUEZ Community Grants information is to register for updates [click here]. Applications for 2019 will open 26 August 2019.

Q. How do I apply?

A. All grant applications are completed and submitted online via our website. You will be taken to the SmartyGrants platform. No hard copy submissions will be accepted.

Q. How much can I apply for?

A. You can apply for a grant for any amount between $1,000 and $15,000. Grants are limited to one grant per project per year.

Q. Do I have to be a SUEZ customer to apply?

A. No, you don’t. However, to be eligible to receive a grant, your organisation, school or project must be located within an area where SUEZ delivers services or operates one of our sites of facilities.

Visit the SUEZ website to find out more about our locations or check with your local council if you’re not sure who collects your household or commercial waste.

Q. What projects will be supported?

A. We aim to support a range of environmental initiatives that align with our core philosophy of creating a sustainable future. The program is specifically intended to support organisations located in the communities in which we provide services in recycling and recovery, and operate our facilities, both recycling, recovery and water services.

Each project will be assessed on its merits against the SUEZ Community Grants eligibility criteria. We recommend that you thoroughly review the grant eligibility criteria when deciding whether to apply.

You can find a complete list of all previously supported projects on our website www.suez.com.au/communitygrants.

Preference will be given to projects that do not replicate current programs that already exist in the local community; however, these applications will not be excluded. Projects that complement or expand the capacity of existing programs will be welcomed.

Q. How long does it take to apply and get a decision?

A. Applications close at 5pm AEST on 20 September 2019 and we are aiming to notify all applicants of the outcome of their submission by the end of October 2019. Please be sure to check time differences between states in advance of the submission deadline to avoid disappointment.
Q. What information do I need to fill in an application form?
A. You will need to provide the name, ABN, postal address and website for your organisation and/or auspicing body, and contact details for the individual responsible for the application. You will also be asked to provide a clear description of your project, the location, the local council area and SUEZ facility, key dates, budget and other funding sources, objectives and risks. The application will include detail on who will benefit and demonstrate how your project aligns with the key focus areas and Sustainable Development Goals that form part of the eligibility criteria.

You will also have an opportunity to attach supporting documents such as references, plans, quotes, photos, maps, diagrams, media articles, promotional materials and any other documentation you deem relevant to your application.

Q. When will successful grants be funded?
A. The 2019 round of funding will be distributed in November 2019.

Q. Will a SUEZ Community Grants team member visit my project?
A. Yes. Our team would love to get involved with your project and help you promote your success and extend your community impact.

Q. Will I need to submit an acquittal report?
A. Yes. Any project that is funded by a SUEZ Community Grant will need to provide a full report at the conclusion of the funding period. This will tell us how you spent your grant funding, what the outcomes of your funded activity were and how you publicised SUEZ Australia’s or the SUEZ Community Grants program’s contribution to the funded project.