

The Ausbuild Community Fund (Moreton Bay) Grant Program | Guideline¹

About The Ausbuild Community Fund (Moreton Bay) Grant Program

Ausbuild Pty Ltd ABN 76 464 427 (**Ausbuild**) launched its local community grant program in early 2022 in the Moreton Bay region, known as The Sanctuary Community Fund. The community-building grant program provided \$100,000 over two funding rounds to local sports, community clubs, projects and charities across Warner, Eatons Hill, Albany Creek, Bray Park and Strathpine, being areas that directly surround Ausbuild's Warner master planned community, The Sanctuary.

Fourteen community initiatives benefited from the two rounds of funding, which provided much needed resources for school facilities, equipment and uniforms for community clubs, and a program for vulnerable young mothers.

In 2023, Ausbuild renewed and extended the grant program to include in the whole of the Moreton Bay Local Government Area. With this expansion to benefit all of the Moreton Bay community, the program was re-launched as the Ausbuild Community Fund (Moreton Bay) Grant Program (**Program**). This expanded grant program will be continued by Ausbuild in 2024.

The purpose of the Program is for Ausbuild to provide financial assistance in the form of a grant from the Ausbuild Community Fund (Moreton Bay) (**ACF (Moreton Bay)**) to local entities interested in responding to local challenges or opportunities through an initiative, project or activity (**Initiative**) that strengthens social connections, contributes to sustainable growth, community capability and capacity, and supports the long-term health and wellbeing of the region and its people.

The ACF (Moreton Bay) will be distributed through the Program that will provide grant funding of up to \$100,000 in 2024. There will be two funding rounds with the first opening in April 2024. This will be followed by a second round in late 2024. The ACF (Moreton Bay) will accept grant applications for funding of between \$500 and \$25,000.

Ausbuild will administer the program and select grant recipients at its discretion, with funding recommendations from The Ausbuild Community Fund (Moreton Bay) Review Panel (**Review Panel**).

The Review Panel consists of members from The Sanctuary Community Reference Group (**CRG**) in Warner and members of the Moreton Bay community, and forms part of Ausbuild's commitment to meaningful engagement and open, transparent communication with the whole of the Moreton Bay community.

Aim and objectives of the Program

As one of Australia's fastest growing regions, Moreton Bay is expecting its population to soar over the next 20 years. City of Moreton Bay Council estimates that by 2041, Moreton Bay will be a \$40 billion economy, delivering 100,000 new job opportunities across 45,000 businesses to accommodate an estimated 700,000 residents².

¹ This Guideline is to be read in conjunction with The Ausbuild Community Fund Grant Program Terms and Conditions (2024). All capitalised terms within this Guideline have the same defined meaning as those terms in The Ausbuild Community Fund Grant Program Terms and Conditions (2024).

² [Investmoretonbay.com.au](https://investmoretonbay.com.au)

As a leading community developer, Ausbuild is committed to responsible place-making and actively contributes to healthy communities. The ACF (Moreton Bay) is part of Ausbuild's overarching community development program that aims to create opportunities for the Moreton Bay community to thrive, enhance the natural environment, and contribute to positive legacy-making.

The aim of the Program is to:

- maximise the delivery of local projects or programs that support the region's sustainable growth;
- foster happy, healthy and connected communities by supporting the wellbeing of the region's current and future residents; and
- protect and enhance the local natural environment.

The key objectives of the Program are to support:

1. Regional growth
 - An Applicant should demonstrate how their Initiative responds to the region's sustainable growth.
2. Happy, healthy and connected communities
 - An Applicant should demonstrate how their Initiative contributes to the health and wellbeing of current and future residents.
3. Protect and enhance the environment
 - An Applicant should demonstrate how their Initiative protects the local natural environment.

What types of activities might be funded?

A Successful Applicant will propose an Initiative that demonstrates a well-planned, welcoming, accessible program or project that supports positive community building across the Moreton Bay Local Government Area.

Funding Criteria

Contribution to a healthy community

A grant application should demonstrate how the Initiative contributes to the pillars of a healthy community including:

- Sport and recreation;
- Health and wellbeing;
- Environment and sustainability;
- Infrastructure;
- Diversity and inclusiveness.

Examples

Examples of a desirable Initiative include (but are not limited to):

- New or upgraded facilities;
- New equipment or supplies;
- New or expanded services or programs;
- Community events, training or workshops.

Other determining factors

These factors will also contribute to the assessment of a grant application:

- Other contributions (financially or in kind) towards the Initiative to be funded by the grant.
- Geographical location of the organisation and benefit provided by the Initiative to the suburb in which it is located or to the Moreton Bay region more broadly.
- Target group or stakeholders being assisted by the Initiative to be funded by the grant.

What will not be funded?

- An Initiative that does not align with the aims of the ACF (Moreton Bay) or the Program.
- The purchase (in part or in full) of land.
- Funding for individuals (Example: the cost of sporting trips for members).
- Equipment or materials purchased for personal use or gain or for a business purpose not associated with an Initiative that aligns with the aims of the ACF (Moreton Bay) or the Program.
- Requests for retrospective funding where projects or services have already commenced.
- Operational costs (Example: salaries or sponsorships, electricity, water, asset maintenance, or other utilities, travel).
- Routine or cyclical maintenance works.
- Projects or services that do not meet relevant Australian standards or are unlawful under an Australian Law.
- Repair of facilities damaged by vandalism, fire or other natural disasters where the damage can be covered by insurance.
- The purchase of alcohol.
- Fees for services (including grant writing or project management fees).
- Gifts or prizes.

Who can apply?

Organisations that include schools, community groups, and not-for-profits³ that propose to deliver an Initiative in one or more suburbs within the Moreton Bay Local Government Area (**Applicant**).

An Applicant does not need to have a physical premises or office located in the Moreton Bay Local Government Area, but the grant application must be for an Initiative delivered within one or more suburbs in the Moreton Bay Local Government Area.

Funding Rounds

The Program is anticipated to comprise the following two funding rounds⁴:

Round 4

- Grant applications open and advertising commences – Wednesday 17 April 2024 (9:00am AEST)
- Grant applications close – Friday 20 May 2024 (11:59pm AEST)
- Judging and verification by Ausbuild and recommendations made by the Review Panel – Wednesday 29 May 2024 (5:00pm AEST)

³ Registered with an ABN or if no ABN is registered, the organisation must have a funding partner that has an ABN to auspice the grant application.

⁴ Timeframes are indicative and may be subject to change.

- Grants awarded by Ausbuild – by Wednesday 5 June 2024.

Round 5

- Grant applications open and advertising commences – Wednesday 11 September 2024 (9:00am AEST)
- Grant applications close – Friday 25 October 2024 (11:59pm AEST)
- Judging and verification by Ausbuild and recommendations made by the Review Panel – Wednesday 6 November 2024 (5:00pm AEST)
- Grants awarded by Ausbuild – Wednesday 13 November 2024.

How to apply for a grant

Grants will be administered by Ausbuild, using the Smarty Grants online platform.

An Applicant will need to complete their grant application online at:

<https://ausbuild.smartygrants.com.au/>

How a grant application will be assessed

A grant application will be assessed by Ausbuild, using funding recommendations made by the Review Panel and will be judged against the following selection criteria:

1. Ability to contribute to the aims and objectives of the Program.
2. Demonstrated need for the Initiative and anticipated community or industry benefit.
3. Extent to which the budget is comprehensive, realistic and provides value for money.
4. Capacity to undertake all aspects of the Initiative, including evaluating and documenting the results.
5. Extent to which alternative and complementary funding sources have been explored and secured.
6. Ability to sustain the Initiative or its outcomes after the grant funding ceases.

Supporting Information

A grant application will need to be supported by the following information:

- Quotes / cost estimates.
- Letter of reference / support (if applicable).
- Most recent annual report and / or statements of financial position and financial performance.
- Electronic letter from Funding Partner (if applicable).

Conditions of Funding

A Successful Applicant will enter into a formal funding agreement with Ausbuild that will specify funding obligations, timeframes, terms and conditions to carry out the Initiative and acquit the grant monies.

Generally, a grant will need to be fully acquitted and an online Acquittal Form submitted within the following timeframes:

- A grant with a total value of \$5,000 or less, is to be fully acquitted within six (6) months of the date on which the grant was provided to the Successful Applicant by

Ausbuild and an online Acquittal Form submitted to Ausbuild within twenty-one (21) days of final expenditure;

- A grant with a total value of \$5,000 or more, is to be fully acquitted within twelve (12) months of the date on which the grant was provided to the Successful Applicant by Ausbuild, with online Milestone Reports to be submitted to Ausbuild every three (3) months from the date on which the grant was provided to the Successful Applicant by Ausbuild until the date of acquittal and a final online Acquittal Form submitted to Ausbuild within twenty-one (21) days of final expenditure.

Grants that are not fully acquitted within the above timeframes and in accordance with the funding agreement with Ausbuild, may need to be paid back wholly or in part to the ACF (Moreton Bay).

Acknowledging Ausbuild's contribution

A Successful Applicant needs to acknowledge the support of Ausbuild in the delivery of the Initiative through the ACF (Moreton Bay) by logo presentation on any Initiative-related publications, media releases, promotional material and (if appropriate) placement of a permanent Ausbuild endorsed sign or plaque at the Initiative upon completion.

Ausbuild is to be given the opportunity to participate in any formal activity associated with the progress or completion of an Initiative, including any official opening or launch. A sufficient notice period of approximately four to six weeks should be provided to Ausbuild to allow for appropriate representation.

Further information

For further information about the Program or the ACF (Moreton Bay), please review ***The Ausbuild Community Fund (Moreton Bay) Grant Program Terms and Conditions 2024 v1*** and ***The Ausbuild Community Fund (Moreton Bay) Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions*** documents, both of which are available at <https://www.ausbuild.com.au/grants>

If you still don't have an answer to your question, please email admin@matchsticks.com.au
We will respond to your enquiry within 2 working days.