



The Plains Renewable Energy Park

Sponsorship Program Guidelines

These guidelines and terms and conditions are to assist those applying for funding under The Plains Renewable Energy Park Community Sponsorship Program and Sustainability Sponsorship Program (the **Program**) administered by ENGIE.

1. About ENGIE

Operating across 31 countries, ENGIE designs, builds, operates and maintains its renewable energy developments. We're changing through leveraging our global experience and ENGIE's ambition to achieve net zero carbon by 2045.

Inspired by its purpose ("raison d'être"), ENGIE reconciles economic performance with a positive impact on people and the planet, building on its key businesses (gas, renewable energy, services) to offer competitive solutions to its customers.

In Australia, ENGIE ANZ has 1,100 MW of low-carbon generation capacity and about 3,000 MW of renewable energy under development.

Our retail business, Simply Energy, has more than 700,000 customer accounts. ENGIE's trading arm, Global Energy Management and Sales (GEMS) provides long-energy supply agreements, energy trading, risk management and asset management services to business customers across the ENGIE ANZ portfolio.

ENGIE's Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project is progressing the delivery of a safe and stable site after the closure of the mine and power station in 2017.

Thanks for joining ENGIE, on our journey as we head towards our net zero target by 2045.



2. Program aims and objectives

The Program aims to:

- Empower communities to identify local needs, and the autonomy to support initiatives that address local needs and gaps in the community;
- Encourage sustainability and enhance the local environment;
- Raise awareness and education with the local community on environmental issues and initiatives;
- Support communities to promote and preserve local culture, environment and attractions; and
- Assist the local community to improve socio-economic conditions and access to services.

3. Engie's Community Programs and Program Criteria

Community Sponsorship Program

The Community Sponsorship Program will provide a total of \$40,000 in available funding to locally run events or community initiatives. Funding allocations will be one-off cash contributions, capped at a maximum of \$5,000 per recipient.

All funding applications must satisfy one of the following criteria:

- Enhance or promote tourism, arts or culture in the local community;
- Promote sustainability or enhance the local environment;
- Contribute to or improve education and training in the local community; or
- Contribute to or improve socio-economic conditions or local need in the community.

In order to satisfy one of the criteria above, the project, event or initiative must directly benefit the local community by:

- Improving the wellbeing of citizens;
- Enhancing existing programs or initiatives;
- Increasing or improving community access to services;
- Promoting or preserving local culture, environment or attractions; or
- Encouraging visitors to the area.

Sustainability Sponsorship Program

The Sustainability Sponsorship Program will provide a total of \$50,000 in available funding to locally run projects and initiatives. Funding allocations will be one-off cash contributions, capped at a maximum of \$10,000 per recipient.

All funding applications must satisfy one of the following criteria:

- **Habitat enhancement and extension:** Projects may include weed control, regeneration and revegetation, stock exclusion / controlled grazing fencing, tree planting, erosion control and environmental infrastructure (e.g. interpretive trail, signage).



- **Riparian restoration:** Projects that enhance or expand river or wetland areas and may include environmental weed removal, erosion control, tree planting, bank stabilisation, stock exclusion or water quality monitoring.
- **Species recovery:** Projects that target flora and fauna species with specific initiatives.
- **Environmental awareness:** Projects and initiatives that promote environmental and conservation messages. Campaigns should aim to raise awareness and educate the community about environmental issues such as specific fauna or flora species, general conservation, climate change initiatives and ecological sustainability.
- **Conservation of environmental areas of cultural significance:** Projects within this category may seek to restore or protect culturally significant resources such as indigenous sites, trees or other natural features that have significant value to the community.

In order to satisfy one of the categories above, the project or initiative must directly benefit the local community by:

- Contributing towards positive environmental outcomes;
- Enhancing existing programs or initiatives;
- Increasing or improving community access to green spaces;
- Promoting or educating the local community about environmental issues; or
- Encouraging community involvement environmental initiatives.

4. Program Eligibility

Eligible projects and applicants

To be eligible for funding under the Program, any proposed project, event or initiative must:

- Align with the Program's [aims and objectives](#);
- Directly benefit the local community in at least one of the Program criteria under either the [Community Sponsorship Program](#) or the [Sustainability Sponsorship Program](#);
- Be accompanied by detailed and accurate [project, budget and management plans](#) at the date of application; and
- Be located within or provide a direct benefit to the community within a 20km radius of the proposed Plains Renewable Energy Park.

Eligible applicants, in most cases, will be not-for-profit (**NFP**) organisations. NFP organisations are “*an organisation that is not operating for the profit or gain of its individual members*”. More information on NFP organisations can be found on the Australian Taxation Office's website: [Not-for-profit organisations | Australian Taxation Office \(ato.gov.au\)](#).

Organisations that do not yet have an ABN can apply, but additional paperwork may be required if their proposed project, event or initiative is successful.

If an applicant is not eligible but wishes to apply for funding, it may consider partnering with an eligible NFP organisation and work in partnership to deliver the project, event or initiative. This arrangement is



known as auspicing. If the applicant intends use of an auspicing arrangement, it should be clearly identified in the application form.

If you require more information on whether your organisation or community group is eligible for funding under the Program, please contact the ENGIE team on 1800 845 067 or theplainsenergypark.au@engie.com.

5. Applications and Notification

All applications must be submitted via the Application Form available on the ENGIE website at: <https://theplainsenergypark.com.au/engie/the-plains/community>. One application per project, event or initiative is permitted.

All applications for funding must be submitted by 11.59pm, May 31, 2024. Applications will be assessed and successful applicants notified by June 30, 2024.

In addition to information required in the Application Form, applicants must also provide:

- **Project, event or initiative Plan:** applications should provide a clear and concise description of the project, event or initiative and its respective objectives. The plan should include a timeline that describes key milestones, dates and deliverables together with an explanation on how the project, event or initiative will be completed within the permitted timeframe.
- **Project, event or initiative Budget:** applications should provide a clear and concise description of the project, event or initiative's budget that accurately reflects the scope and scale of the project, event or initiative. The budget should include pricing of at least two quotes for the goods / services to be utilised for the project, event or initiative.
- **Project, event or initiative Delivery and Management Plan:** applications should provide a clear and concise description of the project, event or initiative's delivery plan which sets out details on who will oversee the project, event or initiative. This delivery plan should also include any collaboration that has occurred with the local community and any other cooperation that may be required with third parties (. *eg local municipal councils for permits or any necessary approvals, community groups etc*).

Successful applicants can only receive funding once during The Plains Renewable Energy Park 2024 Community Sponsorship Program. The funding must be used for the approved project, event or initiative within 12-months of official notification of an award of funding under the Program.

6. General Terms and Conditions

All applications and any award of funding shall be subject to the Program's Terms and Conditions. Please ensure you have read and understood the Terms and Conditions prior to submission of the Application Form for funding under the Program.

The successful applicant agrees to be bound by any Sponsorship Agreement or other documentation that may be required by Engie from time to time.

7. Further Information



For further information about The Plains Renewable Energy Park sponsorship programs, please contact the ENGIE team on 1800 845 067 or theplainsenergypark.au@engie.com, or visit <https://theplainsenergypark.com.au/engie/the-plains/community>.