

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS PROGRAM POLICY

1 Purpose

The forestry industry in Australia plays a central role in building and maintaining the financial strength of local communities through its business activities and by making contributions that support the development of small projects which build communities' capacity.

Gunns Limited (Gunns) wishes to assist organisations that contribute to the well-being of our Australian communities. This includes charity groups, sporting groups, educational and community groups. In particular, we are committed to making a difference to regional and rural based communities where our businesses operate and to those who have suffered misfortune or disadvantage in life.

Active involvement with Gunns and clear alignment with Gunns' strategic objectives are essential in order for an application for assistance to be considered. Opportunities to develop partnerships to enhance the environment and social well-being are particularly welcome.

Gunns may also contribute to international disaster funds as they arise to ensure our global neighbours' that suffer misfortune are taken care of. The need for this will be assessed on a case by case basis.

2 Eligibility

Gunns provides sponsorship in the form of financial support and company resources for registered community groups, charities and other organisations that are working to eliminate disadvantage and provide a better quality of life in our communities. The categories of projects that qualify for the '**Gunns Community Assistance Grants Program**' are:

- business development programs
- environmental programs
- cultural and heritage programs
- health and education programs
- training and employment programs
- community benefit programs
- sport and recreation programs

Any group or individual that runs activities under these programs may apply for financial or resource based assistance (Gunns' products or staff resources).

3 Process

Financial support is restricted to one application per group or individual per year. The Community Assistance Grants program will be advertised in March and September on the Gunns' website, in Gunns premises throughout Australia and in relevant newspapers. Applicants will have two weeks following notification of the program to submit an application.

Applicants will be invited to submit a proposal demonstrating the benefits of their activities to the community. Applicants will also need to demonstrate how the activity will contribute goodwill to Gunns. Previous experience in running successful community based groups/projects will be an advantage.

The sum allocated to each successful applicant will be subject to Gunns' business performance that year. Gunns management team will allocate a sum of money for the Community Assistance Program which will be divided up amongst the successful applicants according to the level of assistance requested and the merit of the application in terms of benefit to the community.

A Gunns Sponsorship Committee will be formed to assess each application. Applicants will be assessed according to availability of funds and their ability to meet the eligibility criteria.


Applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria will be eliminated and informed as soon as is practicable. Applicants who do meet the criteria may be contacted to provide further information or clarification on their application.

Successful applicants will be notified in writing of the level of support granted. All successful applicants will be listed on the Gunns Corporate Website and will appear in an advertisement placed in relevant newspapers.

4 Revision History

This document is identified as '**Community Assistance Grants Program Policy**'. A new version will be issued whenever significant changes occur.

Version	Changes	Date
V1.0	Original	May 2010
V2.0	Amendments	July 2010

Author:	Frances Duffy
Authorisation:	Greg L'Estrange
Signature:	
Date to be Revised:	January 2012