

ATCO COMMUNITIES FUND 2024

GUIDELINES

ATCO acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and in the spirit of reconciliation, we commit to working together for our shared future.

INTRODUCTION

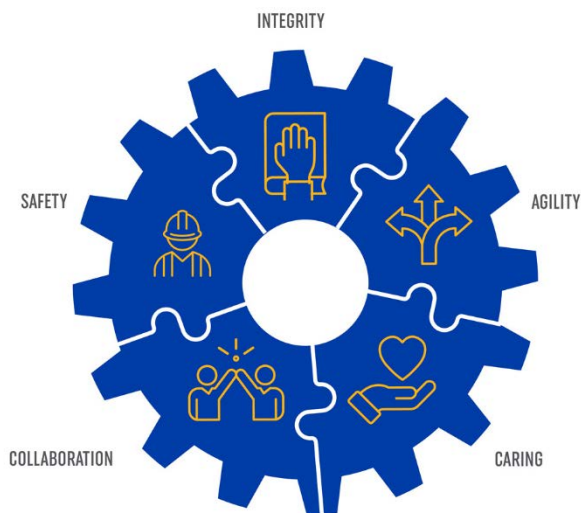
We know that when communities thrive, everyone benefits, which is why we are committed to supporting and empowering individuals, groups, and organisations where we live, work and operate.

Since 2018, our annual ATCO Communities Fund has supported over 80 community projects and initiatives across Australia with sponsorships of up to \$10,000.

ATCO'S CORE VALUES

We strive to live by the following values:

SAFETY: Safety is the first consideration in everything we do. We hold a shared belief that safety must direct all our day-to-day priorities and decisions, and we are accountable for understanding and following the health and safety requirements for any work we undertake.



INTEGRITY: We are honest, ethical and treat others with fairness, dignity and respect. We make good decisions, take personal ownership of tasks, are responsible for our actions and deliver on our commitments.

AGILITY: We are creative, innovative and take a measured approach to opportunities and risk, balanced with a long term perspective. We stay relevant, reward action and learn from failure.

CARING: We care about our customers, our employees and their families, our communities and the environment. We seek to understand and care enough to challenge each other.

COLLABORATION: We work together, share ideas, recognize the contribution of others and learn from our failures and successes. We are clear about our intentions and communicate openly especially when problems or issues arise. We value and encourage diversity and different perspectives. We work together to build strong networks.

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Aligning with ATCO’s focus on initiatives and projects that foster Healthy, Sustainable and Prosperous Communities and our commitment to Reconciliation, please see our criteria below:

 <p>Healthy</p> <p>Projects or initiatives that promote sustainable, healthy choices such as community vegetable gardens, delivery of/or access to healthy lifestyle programs and education</p>	 <p>Sustainable</p> <p>Initiatives that assist in making community events more sustainable such as the use of biodegradable containers or the promotion of recycling (returnr, go2cup etc). Up to \$1000</p>	 <p>Prosperous</p> <p>Projects or initiatives that address energy security, support renewable energy and greener more sustainable communities.</p>
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Aligning with our commitment to reconciliation and increased economic opportunity of Indigenous people for CF24 we have an additional focus:

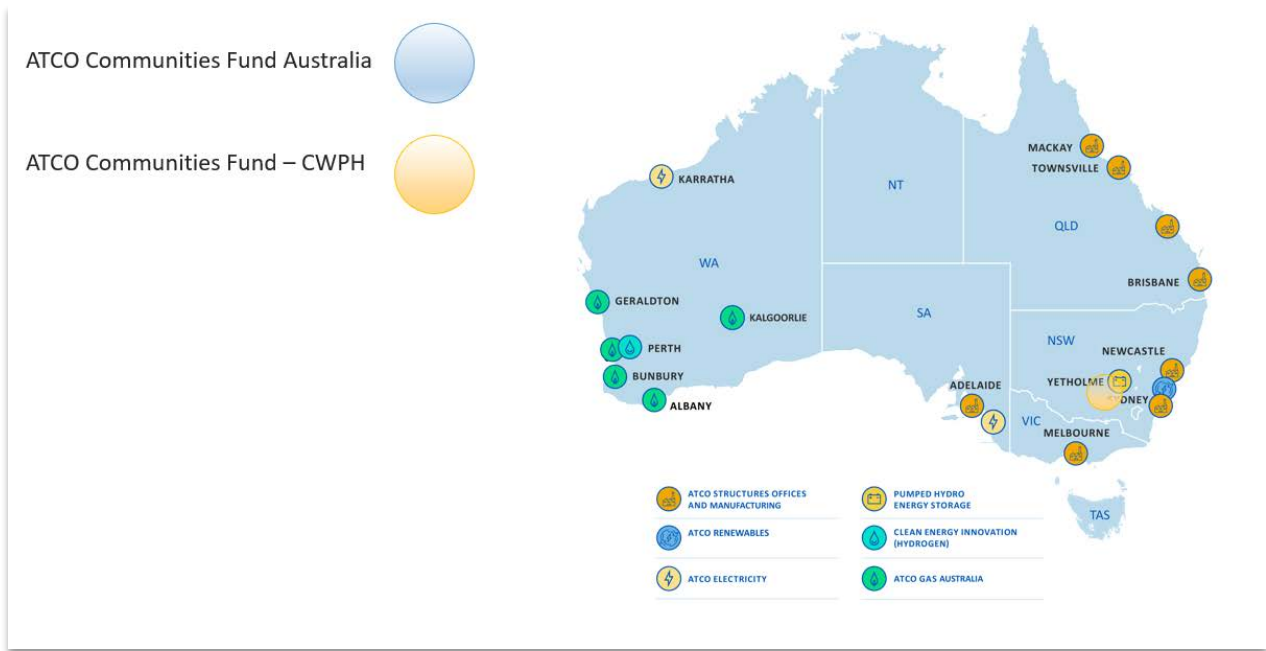
Reconciliation 'for the benefit of Indigenous communities'

Reconciliation is not a standalone criterion but underpins all three (Healthy, Sustainable and Prosperous). If you believe your project or initiative is for the benefit of Indigenous communities, please note this in your application.

Your group will need to determine, prior to submitting your application, which criteria you believe your project or initiative aligns with.

*You will note that for the 'Sustainable' criteria, funding is only available up to \$1000.

ATCO IN AUSTRALIA



For the ATCO Communities Fund 2024 we will be holding two concurrent funding rounds:

- ATCO Communities Fund Australia, and
- ATCO Communities Fund Central West Pumped Hydro (CWP)

The map above outlines ATCO’s areas of operation.

ATCO Communities Fund Australia

Groups/organisations from across Australia are eligible to apply, however priority will be given to those groups with projects and initiatives within the local area in which ATCO is developing, constructing, or operating projects.

ATCO Communities Fund CWP

For ATCO Communities Fund CWP, projects and initiatives must be in the Bathurst, Lithgow or Oberon Local Government Areas.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, groups must be incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act or be auspiced by an incorporated organisation.

- Only one application per organisation per year.

Ineligible

Applications from the following applicants will not be supported:

- Requests from individuals and individual sports teams.
- Churches or religious organisations, unless offering broad, non-denominational community services.
- Political or partisan organisations and events.
- Requests that benefit an individual person, family or sole trader.
- Student unions or organisations.
- Applications from private enterprises or profitable ventures.

Organisations who have received the ATCO Communities Fund for more than two years in the past five calendar years.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

During the application process you will be asked whether you believe there be to any potential Conflict of Interest in receiving funding from ATCO for your project or initiative. This could include a 'Government Official'** involved in your organisation. This may not preclude your organisation from funding; however we may seek further clarification.

**The definition of a 'Government Official' is:

- An official or employee of any government, or any agency, ministry or department (at any level) – including local government.
- A political party or any official of a political party, including candidates for political office, and,
- An immediate family member (that is, a spouse, dependent child, parent or household member) of any of the above.

APPLICATION PROCESS

If your project meets the eligibility criteria and conditions set out in these Guidelines, please visit <https://ATCO.smartygrants.com.au/> and follow the prompts to register and begin your application.

IMPORTANT DATES

Applications open	22 November 2023
Applications close	15 December 2023
Successful applicants notified	January 2024
Unsuccessful applicants notified	January 2024
ATCO Communities Fund paid	January/February 2024

CONTACT

If you have any questions or would like further information:

- Please email community.australia@atco.com for the Australia wide Communities Fund.
- Please email centralwesthydro@atco.com or drop in and see us in person at our office in Bathurst at 1-52 Keppel St for the ATCO Communities Fund CWP.

CONDITIONS OF FUNDING

- Only applications using SmartyGrants will be accepted. Applications must be received by the closing date.
- Successful applicants will be required to enter a contract with ATCO and the funding must be spent in accordance with the original application and the contract.
- Successful applications will be required to provide regular progress updates.
- ATCO reserves the right to request audited financial statements from the applicant (for any project or activity) at any time.
- ATCO reserves the right to request written evidence from the property owner confirming their approval for the project (if the work involves a property that the organisation does not own) or evidence of sponsor organisation approval.