



COMMUNITIES FUND GUIDELINES 2025

AUSTRALIA

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1. INTRODUCTION

ATCO has a long history of helping make a difference to a diverse group of partners and organisations to positively impact the local community. You can count on us for far more than just exceptional service and innovative infrastructure solutions. You can also depend on us to be a good neighbour and an active member of the communities where we work and live. Throughout our global operations and here in Australia, we provide volunteers, expertise, gifts-in-kind and financial support to the organisations and groups that help communities thrive.

ATCO is a customer-focused company that develops delivers flexible, innovative, sustainable, and affordable energy and infrastructure solutions. In Australia for over 60 years, ATCO builds, owns and operates a range of energy infrastructure assets - supporting residential, business and commercial consumers.

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 90 community projects and initiatives across Australia with sponsorships of up to \$10,000.

2. ATCO COMMUNITIES FUND

ATCO was built on the foundations of community, family and innovation. The ATCO Communities Fund was established to support local not for profit and community groups with funding for projects and initiatives that will take place during the following (2025) calendar year.

By partnering with a large range of community organisations, participating in and sponsoring community events and activities, we believe we can help create a long-lasting positive impact in the communities in which we live, work and operate.

2.1 Key Focus Areas

To ensure alignment to business priorities, we have outlined our key focus areas for the ATCO Communities Fund, these include:

- **Healthy:** Projects or initiatives that promote sustainable, healthy choices such as community vegetable gardens, delivery of/or access to healthy lifestyle programs and education.
- **Sustainable:** Projects or initiatives that support the sustainable future of our local communities. In addition, initiatives that assist in making community events more sustainable such as the use of biodegradable containers or the promotion of recycling.
- **Prosperous:** Projects or initiatives that address energy security, support renewable energy and greener, more sustainable communities. For example, installation of energy efficient technology.

Aligning with our commitment to reconciliation and increased economic opportunity of Indigenous people, we also have an additional focus:

- **Reconciliation:** For the benefit of Indigenous communities

Reconciliation is not a stand-alone criterion but underpins all three (Healthy, Sustainable and Prosperous). We suggest that if community groups believe their project or initiative is for the benefit of Indigenous communities, to please note this in their application.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Applications for the ATCO Communities Fund are invited from across Australia, however applications from areas where ATCO works and operates will be highly regarded. In addition, 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 is permitted.

Applications from the following applicants will not be supported:

- Requests from individuals and individual sports teams are not supported.
- 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 will not be eligible to apply.

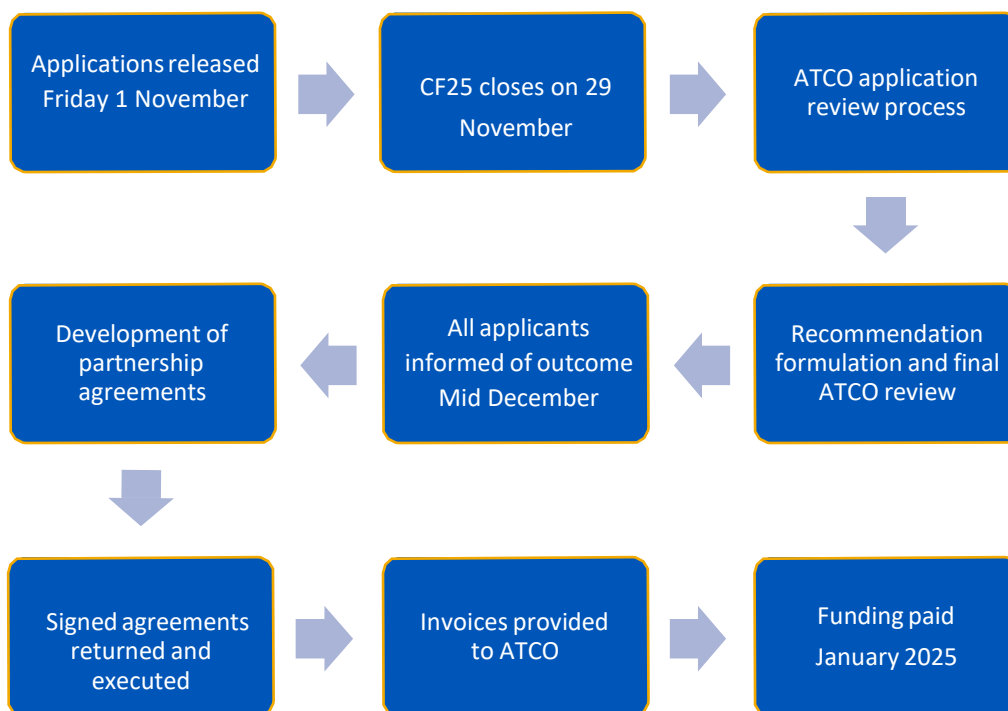
3.1 Allocation of funding

Funding of up to \$10,000 can be requested, but smaller amounts are encouraged. Applicants that can demonstrate broad community support will be highly regarded.

3.2 Funding round

Applications for the 2025 Communities Fund will open on Friday 1 November and will remain open until Friday, 22 November. **Our Communities Fund is specifically for project taking place during the 2025 calendar year.**

Please find outlined below an overview of the process relating to our Communities Fund including estimated timings:



4. ATCO COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TEAM

For further details or to answer any questions you may have relating to our 2025 ATCO Communities Fund, please contact our Community Investment team on:

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During our ATCO Communities Fund peak periods our Community Investment team receive a high volume of enquiries. Our team will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible and look forward to speaking with you shortly.