

Backing our communities: MI Community Grants now open

Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI) is launching its inaugural Community Grants Program, to support local initiatives that make a positive difference across the region.

The annual program will provide financial support for projects that strengthen positive outcomes for education and youth, environmental sustainability, community connection, health and wellbeing, equity and inclusion, or arts, culture and heritage, throughout MI's area of operations. This initiative reflects MI's commitment to supporting thriving, inclusive and resilient communities throughout the region.

MI Chief Executive Officer Phillip Holliday said the program was an important step in formalising MI's support for the communities it is a part of.

"Our communities are the heartbeat of our region, and this program is about backing the people, groups and ideas that make them stronger," Mr Holliday said.

"We know there is incredible work happening at a grassroots level - whether it's supporting young people, caring for the environment, improving health and wellbeing, or celebrating our cultural identity. This program is about helping those ideas grow and turn into action."

Through a tiered grants model, a wide range of projects and organisations will be supported, with \$50,000 available in grants ranging from \$500 up to \$10,000. Grant allocations will be guided by demand, potential impact, and identified community need.

According to Mr Holliday, MI will be looking for projects that are well-planned and community-focused.

"We're looking for initiatives that have a clear purpose, deliver real benefits locally and demonstrate responsible use of funds," he said.

"We especially encourage innovative ideas, inclusive practices and partnerships that bring people together and create lasting positive change."

Registered non-for-profits, charities, school, or community organisations that operate in, or directly benefit communities within, MI's area of operations, are encouraged to apply. Applications are open from 5 May to 30 June.

To view program details and apply, visit www.mirrigration.com.au/company/community/community-grants .

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