Grants information session

Gambling Community Benefit Fund



Introduction

- Overview of the fund
- Steps in the process
- New grants portal
- Registration
- Apply for your grant
- Managing your grant
- Tips and tricks



- Gambling Community Benefit Fund
- Established under Gaming Machine Act 1991
- Administered by the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation in the Department of Justice
- Community Benefit Funds Unit supports the Gambling Community Benefit Committee

- Gambling Community Benefit Committee
 - Independent community and industry representatives
 - Meet in four regions of Queensland each year
 - Consider all eligible applications each round
 - Make recommendations about which applications should be funded



- Approximately \$53 million per year split in four rounds
- Apply for between \$500 and \$35,000 (excluding GST)
- Closing dates: 28 February, 31 May, 31 August and 30 November
- One application per round from legal or sponsored organisations
- Funding is competitive: ~600 out of ~1400 are funded

- Steps in the process:
 - Read the current funding guidelines
 - Register your organisation
 - bank account verified before grant is paid
 - Apply for funding on the portal
 - Checks for eligibility by CBFU (organisation and application)
 - Applications are prioritised
 - Minister approves applications recommended for funding by the Committee and announces successful applicants



New grants portal

- A new user-friendly online grants portal was launched in November 2016
- Access the portal from most devices and operating systems
- Use your unique organisation number or name and password to login
- Register, apply, check applications and acquit all online

New grants portal

• Watch this video to give you an overview of the portal...



- Organisations must :
 - Have not for profit objectives
 - Be community based
 - Offer a service in Queensland
- Register as either a legal or sponsored entity
 - Legal responsibility for the grant and be able to enter into a contract by law
 - Sponsor authorised by a legal entity to apply for the grant

- Legal entities must
 - Be incorporated or registered by an Act of Parliament
 - Have an active ABN
 - Have a bank account in the name of the entity
 - A bank verification form must be stamped by your bank showing the correct details and provided before any funds can be paid
 - Agree to the terms and conditions
 - Accept legal responsibility for the grant (including for any entity sponsored)

- Sponsored entities must :
 - apply through a legal entity with authority
 - Register separately to the legal entity
- Proprietary limited companies are generally ineligible unless owned by an eligible not-for-profit organisation



• Watch this video to give you an overview of how to register...

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- Apply using the portal
- Application must demonstrate a benefit to Queensland communities
- Not eligible with an open agreement (one not acquitted)

- Apply for anything except ineligible items
- Applications are prioritised:
 - Priority 1 Organisation affected by natural disaster
 - Priority 2 Facility improvements or equipment
 - Priority 3 Vehicles: bus, cars, caravans, boats, trailers, tractors, motorbikes etc.
 - Priority 4 Community events, training, workshops, programs and festivals
 - Priority 5 organisations that received GCBF funding of \$15,000 or more in the last 2 years

- Ineligible items
 - Items purchased before the grant is approved
 - Grant writer and project management fees
 - Repayment of debts
 - Overseas travel
 - Goods or services that benefit an individual
 - Funding for staff or a social event
 - Gifts



- Unlikely to be funded items
 - Salaries and wages
 - Rent and lease costs
 - Administration expenses
 - Consumable items
 - Uniforms
 - Catering
 - In house training
 - Sponsorship

- Determining factors
 - Financial position and age of organisation
 - Value for money of the grant
 - Contributions toward project
 - Ability to generate income
 - Benefits to more than one organisation
 - Geographic location and benefit to region
 - Target group being assisted
 - Government priorities

• Watch this video to give you an overview of how to apply...



- If you are not approved, review the reason and consider reapplying next round
- If you are approved
 - Minister announces successful applications
 - Money goes into accounts
 - Portal is updated with the outcomes check the portal for what was approved
 - Sometimes only part of what was applied for will be funded

- You can vary your grant on the portal
 - Some variations are automatic
 - If you want to vary the purpose you may need approval – wait for the change to be approved
- You can extend your date to acquit on the portal
- Acquit your grant in 6 months except for facility improvements which have 12 months
 - Attach invoices and provide details of how you spent the grant funds

• Watch this video to give you an overview of how to manage your grant...

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- Funds may have to be returned if:
 - organisation is found ineligible after approval
 - funds were not all spent on the approved purpose
 - misleading information was provided on the registration or application
 - funds were misspent



Tips and tricks

- Portal sign in page
 - Passwords can be easily updated but can't be changed by you
 - Accountable officer can be emailed a new password
 - Call CBFU for help if your accountable officer has changed

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Tips and tricks

 When logging in select your organisation name before you add your password



Tips and tricks

- If you've saved your application in draft make sure you hit 'submit' before the close date or it will not be eligible
- Upload your bank verification form before your grant can be paid



Contact details and Question time

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Questions....

