

#### **Grants information session**

Gambling Community Benefit Fund



#### Introduction

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#### Overview of the fund

- Established under Gaming Machine Act 1991
- Administered by the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation in the Department of Justice
- Approximately \$54 million per year split in four rounds
- Closing dates: 28 February, 31 May, 31 August and 30 November
- Apply for between \$500 and \$35,000



#### Overview of the fund

- 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 to the Minister about which applications should be funded



## **Organisation Eligibility**

- Organisations must :
  - Have not-for-profit objectives
  - Be community based
  - Offer a service in Queensland
  - Be registered via the online portal as either a legal entity or sponsored entity



## **Organisation Eligibility**

- Legal entities must
  - Be incorporated or registered by an Act of Parliament
  - Have an active ABN
  - Agree to funding guidelines and the terms and conditions of the grant
- Sponsored entities must:
  - apply through a legal entity
  - Register separately to the legal entity



## **Organisation Eligibility**

- Organisations ineligible for funding
  - Proprietary limited companies are generally ineligible unless owned by an eligible not-forprofit organisation
  - Any organisation that cannot meet the organisation eligibility requirements in the funding guidelines



## **Application Eligibility**

- Application must demonstrate a benefit to Queensland communities
- Cannot apply if you have an open agreement (one not acquitted)
- Pay attention to the items listed as 'ineligible' or 'unlikely' to be funded when submitting an application



## **Application Eligibility**

- 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
  - Alcohol

## **Application Eligibility**

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

#### **Funding priorities**

- Applications are prioritised:
  - Priority 1 Organisation affected by natural disaster
  - Priority 2 Facility improvements or equipment
  - Priority 3 Vehicles (bus, cars, caravans, boats 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.



#### **Funding priorities**

- 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

#### Managing your application

#### If you are approved

- Minister announces successful applications.
- Approval letter emailed to accountable officer.
- Portal is updated with the outcomes check the portal for what was approved.
- Sometimes only part of what was applied for will be funded.
- Grant funds will be deposited within 14 days to the legal entity.

#### Managing your application

- You can login online to vary your grant
  - Variations of the quantity or amount on an approved line item will be automatic
  - Variations to item type or description will require approval – wait for the change to be approved
  - Variations to the acquittal due date under 12 months will be automatically approved
- You can login online to acquit your grant
  - You have 6 months to acquit the grant (except for facility improvements which have 12 months)
  - Attach invoices and provide details of how you spent
    the grant funds to acquit

#### Managing your application

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



# Contact details and Question time

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