

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**



### **WHAT IS THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT?**

The Economic Development Grant invests in locally driven projects that contribute to economic development, delivering economic benefits within the Shire of Dandaragan.

Delivered by the Shire of Dandaragan, it is an annual competitive grants program. Grants of \$5,000 and up to \$30,000 are available for individual projects delivered in the Shire of Dandaragan.

### **WHAT CAN AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT BE USED FOR?**

The Economic Development Grant provides funding to support locally driven projects that will contribute to economic growth in the Shire of Dandaragan.

Economic benefits created by projects may include increased jobs and sustainable workforce solutions, increased tourist visitation, productivity enhancements, business skills and building the capability of business, as well as stimulating new investment and industry growth, value adding, intensification and diversification of primary production.

The grant guidelines outline what funds can be applied to. Further clarification can be sought from the Economic Development Manager at the Shire of Dandaragan.

### **HOW CAN I APPLY?**

If you are considering writing an application, please read the grant guidelines first. The guidelines are available from the Shire of Dandaragan's website: [www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au](http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au). Applicants are encouraged to contact the Shire of Dandaragan's Manager Customer and Community Services to discuss project eligibility, or any questions about lodging a grant application on phone (08) 9652 0800 or email [mccs@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:mccs@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)

### **DO I HAVE TO BE BASED IN THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN TO APPLY?**

The Economic Development Grant is targeted at providing financial assistance to businesses and organisations based within the Shire of Dandaragan.

However, organisations outside the Shire may apply, but will need to demonstrate that significant economic benefit will be delivered within the Shire of Dandaragan, and they will need to show their commitment to local decision-making, procurement, and planning.

### **HOW MUCH FUNDING CAN I APPLY FOR?**

Applicants can request funding of \$5,000 up to \$40,000. Applicants must contribute 50% or more

of the total project cost.

### **CAN MY ORGANISATION APPLY FOR FULL PROJECT FUNDING?**

As outlined in the Economic Development Grant Guidelines, a minimum of 50% cash contribution is required from the applicant. Applicants are encouraged to leverage funding opportunities from multiple sources, where possible.

### **WHAT IS THE CLOSING DATE?**

Applications for the Economic Development Grant are invited annually, opening on 1 March and closing on the 30 April at 5pm AWST.

Grant applications must be submitted by:

- hand delivery to Reception at the Shire of Dandaragan, 69 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay during weekday business hours, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- email to [council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)
- mail service, postmarked no less than five working days prior to the closing date,

### **WHAT IF I AM NOT REGISTERED FOR GST?**

Applicants can still apply for a grant if they are not registered for GST concessions. Unregistered grant applicants must provide in their budget the amount of the grant **inclusive** of all project costs **including GST**.

If you are not registered for GST concessions and need further clarification, please contact the Manager Customer and Community Services prior to submitting your application.

### **WHAT ARE 'PROJECT OUTCOMES'?**

Outcomes refer to the intended economic benefits that are expected as a result of delivering the project with the grant funding. The outcomes you provide in your application should be realistic as if successful, you will be expected to measure and report your project success against these.

The below table may be a useful tool to help applicants map the expected project outcomes and benefits for inclusion in the grant application.

**Example of an Outcomes Table**

<b>Grants Objective</b>	<b>Expected Outcome or Benefit</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>How will this be measured?</b>	<b>Target</b>
Increased Sustainable Jobs	<i>Example: Number of new jobs created / retained (Full Time equivalent). created (type of job i.e. direct / indirect, during construction phase only)</i>	<i>Example: After 1 year, or during project phase only (i.e. construction jobs).</i>	<i>Example: Number of new FTE employed, per the staff records system</i>	<i>Example: 3 FTE</i>
Increased Productivity	<i>Example: 5% increase in production</i>	<i>Example: Within one year of installing infrastructure</i>	<i>Example: Sales and revenue figures, derived from the monthly income and expenditure reports.</i>	<i>Example: 5% increase from x to y</i>
Expanding or Diversifying Industry	<i>Example: New canning line introduced.</i>	<i>Example: Upon installation of equipment</i>	<i>Example: Commissioning of new equipment and new markets secured per formal business records</i>	<i>Example: 2 new clients taking 500 tonnes product pa, 1000 tonnes product sourced from region</i>
Developing Skills or Capabilities	<i>Example: Skills training and job matching provided to 100 participants</i>	<i>Example: Within 12 months of commencement</i>	<i>Example: Number of participants through program and secured positions, per training course enrolment records and employment records.</i>	<i>Example: 80 secured positions within 12 months</i>
Attracting New Investment to the Shire	<i>Example: Securing a new investor / investment for a project</i>	<i>Example: Within the life cycle of the project</i>	<i>Example: Total value of investment, per financial records and legal agreement.</i>	<i>Example: Dollar value of required investment</i>

**These are examples. You will need to consider outcomes relevant to your project.**

## **HOW ARE APPLICATIONS ASSESSED AND HOW SOON AFTER APPLYING WILL I KNOW IF I AM SUCCESSFUL OR NOT?**

Staff from the Shire of Dandaragan will undertake a rigorous review of all applications, prior to them being presented to the Council for review and selection. Applicants should allow two months from the closing date for the competitive selection process. This should be considered by applicants during project planning.

The selection criteria and decision-making process used to assess applications are outlined in the Grant Guidelines.

## **HOW MANY APPLICATIONS WILL BE AWARDED WITH A GRANT?**

There is no set number of successful applications. There may be one, or there may be more. However, there are limited grant funds of \$30,000 available per year.

## **IF I AM UNSUCCESSFUL THIS ROUND, CAN I APPLY AGAIN WHEN THE NEXT ROUND OPENS?**

Yes. Unsuccessful applicants can contact the Shire of Dandaragan to discuss the outcome of the selection process and how the application might be amended for consideration in a future grant round.

## **WHEN IS THE NEXT ROUND?**

The Economic Development Grant will be offered by the Shire of Dandaragan on an annual basis. The next grant round will open on 1 March and close on 30 April, for expenditure in the following financial year.

The Grant will be advertised by direct email invitation to businesses that have lodged a prior EOI with the Shire. In addition, the Economic Development Grant will be advertised on the Shire of Dandaragan website, in the monthly Shire Matters newsletter, community newsletters, and via posts on the Shire's Facebook page.

## **STILL HAVE A QUESTION?**

Contact the Shire of Dandaragan's Manager Customer and Community Services on 9652 0800, or email [mccs@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:mccs@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)

Good luck with your application!