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Waterloo Wind Farm Community Grants Program now open

Local groups looking to deliver grassroots community projects are invited to apply for funding through the 2019 Waterloo Wind Farm Community Grants Program.

Now in its sixth year, the grants program has already donated over \$150,000 to support local community initiatives across the Mid North region.

Waterloo Wind Farm's Community Engagement Manager Hannah Willson said she was extremely proud of the impact the grants program has had so far:

"Since launching the program in 2014, we have supported over 50 diverse projects – everything from upgrades to local sporting facilities, to environmental projects, defibrillators and chicken coops – and it's incredible to see these projects delivering real benefits to the community.

"This year a further \$30,000 funding is available to support local initiatives that aim to inspire community pride, enhance the region's environment or contribute to the local economy.

"Applications are reviewed by members our Community Liaison Group, so we have a strong local focus and make sure that grants are awarded to those projects that best reflect the interests and priorities of the region," said Ms Willson.

Last year's recipients included the Clare Men's Shed, the Rhynie Improvement Scheme and the Robertstown netball court upgrade, as well as the purchase of eleven defibrillators for community venues in the Mid North.

"Grant funding for the Clare Men's Shed enabled the purchase of an extractor to provide clean air and ensure a safe and comfortable environment where men can work on their own projects or contribute to community projects. Perhaps more importantly, the Men's Shed also has a strong focus on men's health and wellbeing and creates opportunities for men to talk and connect with other men in the community."

For more information about the Community Grants Program and an application form visit: www.waterloowindfarm.com.au

Applications close on Tuesday 23 April 2019.

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