

# Wollar Solar Farm Sponsorship Program Guidelines

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### Project overview

Wollar Solar Farm is located 7km south of Wollar and 55km north-east of Mudgee in NSW. The 280MW project will comprise around 660,000 solar panels.

### Sponsorship Guidelines

Wollar Solar Farm is committed to working with local communities to achieve its future aspirations. We aim to do this by building partnerships and working collaboratively to achieve common goals that make the communities in which we operate a better place to work, live and grow.

Our Sponsorship Program is one of the ways we support organisations and initiatives that benefit our local communities and their future generations. Funding through this program is provided over several funding rounds and the guidelines outlined in this document are designed to help ensure Wollar Solar Farm is providing support in the areas that will deliver the best outcomes for the community.

We encourage sponsorship applications from a wide variety of community-based activities, events, initiatives and projects. We will look to support applications that provide demonstrable outcomes, particularly in areas of economic development, health and fitness, research, youth development, education and training, First Nations, environmental sustainability, or activities that seek to improve the wellbeing and quality of life for the community. Priority will normally be given to not-for-profit organisations geographically within the vicinity of the solar farm.

The assessment criteria for applications and details on how to apply is listed in the below sections.

### Eligibility zone

Funds or in-kind support to community organisations, and/or events will be considered in the Wollar, Mudgee and Gulgong areas. Please refer to the Sponsorship Eligibility Zone map [here](#).

### How to apply

1. **Download** a Sponsorship Application Form
2. **Complete** the application form
3. **Submit** your application to [info@wollarsolar.com.au](mailto:info@wollarsolar.com.au) or post it to Suite 3, Level 21, 1 York Street Sydney, NSW, 2000

### Important note

Applications take time to consider so please send your application as far ahead of your event or project as possible. We may request additional details if we feel more information is needed. Wollar Solar Farm reserves the right to decide, in its sole discretion, whether or not to allocate all or part or any funding to a certain application or funding round.

### Funding rounds

ROUND	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS	NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOME BY	FUNDS AVAILABLE
1	31 August 2023, 5pm AEST	29 September 2023	\$8,000
2	31 January 2024, 5pm AEST	29 February 2024	\$8,000
3	28 June 2024, 5pm AEST	31 July 2024	\$8,000
4	29 November 2024, 5pm AEST	17 January 2025	\$8,000

*Individual sponsorship initiatives should not exceed \$2,500 per application per round.*

### Assessment criteria

While applications do not have to meet all of the following criteria, those that do will be favourably considered. **Applications will be assessed on your ability to demonstrate:**

- articulated objectives, certainty of outcomes, and how the funding will be used within your budget
- details of where any further funding required will be sourced from and the extent to which that funding is confirmed
- that your group or organisation is a not-for-profit organisation and a community stakeholder that has a demonstrable benefit to the local community
- that your event or initiative is focused on one or more of the following areas: economic development, health and fitness, research, youth development, education and training, First Nations, environmental sustainability, or activities that seek to improve the wellbeing and quality of life for the community
- that the initiative or event delivers a broad community benefit to the Mudgee region in the long term and has an aim of benefitting or strengthening the community or incorporates community participation
- your organisational capacity and proven track record to manage funds and initiatives/events
- your organisation or initiative is committed to keeping the Mudgee region clean, green and sustainable
- an opportunity for members of the community to hear about the Wollar Solar Farm

Applications should include:

- a detailed timeline and budget
- completed application form attached to this document, addressing the above criteria
- opportunities for community and Wollar Solar Farm's employee engagement and participation
- opportunities for exposure and/or recognition for Wollar Solar Farm

**Wollar Solar Farm may not consider applications which:**

- solely benefit an individual
- are for events or programs in retrospect or midway through
- are from organisations unable to provide a Tax Invoice under an ABN
- conflict with legislation
- exclude or offend minority community groups
- could present a hazard to the community or environment
- promote gambling, smoking, alcohol or consumption of other addictive substances
- may misrepresent Wollar Solar Farm
- are held outside of the Wollar, Mudgee or Gulgong area boundaries or where the majority of the audience is external to these localities
- support or oppose political or religious organisations (not including charities run by religious groups)
- support or are held by trade unions

Please do not hesitate to discuss the eligibility of your organisation with a team member from Wollar Solar Farm on 1800 700 743.

### Accountability

Successful applicants are required to:

- use the funding for the specified activities outlined in their application. Wollar Solar Farm may request evidence of this, such as receipts
- acknowledge Wollar Solar Farm
- provide initiative/event wrap-up details

Knowing that your initiative/event was completed successfully and hearing about the outcomes you achieved is important to us, therefore we request a simple two-page form to be completed along with any photographs and media clippings. We ask this to be completed and returned within one month of finalising your initiative/event.

### Liability

Successful applicants are wholly responsible for the insurance and professional indemnities required for their initiative/event. Wollar Solar Farm is not liable for any accidents or negligence resulting in a claim or demand

arising from initiatives/events we have sponsored. Volunteers involved in any sponsored activity must be covered by the organiser’s insurance. Organisers may be asked to provide details of insurance cover as part of their sponsorship application. Wollar Solar Farm reserves the right, as a condition of sponsorship, to request further evidence of insurance or use of funds.

For more information contact the Wollar Solar Farm on 1800 700 743 or email [info@wollarsolar.com.au](mailto:info@wollarsolar.com.au).



