BELL BAY ALUMINIUM
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Bell Bay Aluminium (BBA) annually offers grants of up to $3000 for community organisations based in Tasmania to help fund projects across the state that will have a significant positive impact on local communities.
Bell Bay Aluminium is part of the Rio Tinto Group, a global leader in aluminium. The smelter began operating in 1955 and holds a unique place in Tasmanian and Australian history as the first aluminium smelter in the Southern Hemisphere.

Situated on the Tamar River in Tasmania’s north, approximately 5km south of George Town and 50km north of Launceston, the smelter operates 24 hours a day every day of the year, producing around 190,000 tonnes of aluminium each year.

BBA has a major influence on the economic wellbeing of Northern Tasmania, creating wealth for community through employment, export revenue, payment of government taxes and charges, direct investment through strategic community programs and partnerships, and the purchase of goods and services from Tasmanian businesses and suppliers.

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Our annual Community Grants Program aims to provide financial support to organisations that positively support the Tasmanian community in key social, environmental and economic focus areas. Identification of key focus areas ensures that funds have an impact where needed most.

Grants are available up to a maximum value of $3,000 each.
FUNDING FOCUS AREAS

Our annual Community Grants Program focuses investment across key areas informed by socioeconomic data and community plans that align with BBA’s values and objectives.

Applicants select from the following areas that most closely align with their organisation’s project, purpose, values, objectives and ethos.

Applicants may select as many focus areas as are relevant, and are required to explain how their organisation meets the eligibility criteria under each area they select.

EDUCATION

A focus on education, contribution to education and/or, improvement in education. Some examples include:

• Improved access to education,
• Supports and improves diverse forms of learning,
• Fosters inclusive education practices,
• Improves learning and education outcomes.

CULTURE & HERITAGE

A focus on elevating and respecting culture and history. Some examples include:

• Supports the promotion, respect and education of the culture and history of palawa populations,
• Supports the promotion, preservation and education of culturally and historically significant artefacts, architecture, events, locations.

ENVIRONMENT

A focus on environment and positive contribution to environmental causes. Some examples include:

• Improved environmental practices and outcomes,
• Supports preservation of native flora and fauna,
• Significant focus on environmental sustainability,
• Supports the circular economy.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

A focus on the health and wellbeing of persons in the community. Some examples include:

• Improved health and wellbeing of community members,
• Improved community health outcomes,
• Mental health initiatives and mental health awareness in the community.

INCLUSION & DIVERSITY

A focus on ensuring that diverse groups and individuals are included, supported and safe in our communities. Some examples include:

• Reducing inequality,
• Increasing community participation amongst diverse groups,
• Increasing gender diversity.

ECONOMIC

A focus on improvement to economic outcomes for community, diversification of economy in local communities or supports the economic wellbeing of vulnerable or at risk groups. Some examples include:

• Improving economic indicators in the community,
• Skills development for the community’s future needs,
• Improving employability, building capacity.
CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO:

• Not for profits
• Charities
• Sporting clubs
• Community service organisations
• Cultural groups

FUNDING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED TO:

• Individuals
• Commercial or private business
• Pursuits that financially benefit an individual or group of individuals
• Political groups or projects that benefit a political party
• Fundraising campaigns or appeals
• Ongoing labour costs rather than for a defined project

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant organisation and the project must be based in Tasmania, align with BBA’s values and objectives and align with one or more of the key funding focus areas.
HOW TO APPLY

Complete an application at https://bbacomgrants.grantplatform.com

*Only online applications will be accepted.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

• Applicants should ensure they provide all requested information in their application.
• Late applications will not be accepted.
• Approval of a grant does not commit BBA to any future financial assistance to the organisation.
• If there is a third party involved, for example, a sponsor, the applicant remains responsible for all parties to abide by the terms and conditions of the grant.
• BBA shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever which is suffered (including but not limited to indirect or consequential loss) or for any personal injury suffered or sustained in connection with funded projects.
• Once a grant has been awarded, any shortfall required for the completion of the project needs to be covered by the organisation or other funding sources.
• BBA collects applicants’ personal information in order to conduct and administer the community grant program. If the information requested is not provided, the applicant may not participate in the program.
• By submitting the application, each applicant agrees that BBA may use this information for any media, promotion, marketing and/or publicity purposes without further reference, payment or other compensation to the applicant.
• The project must have good prospects of successful implementation within 12 months.
HOW APPLICATIONS ARE ASSESSED

All applications in relation to the final decision are reviewed and assessed by a panel of BBA employees against the eligibility criteria and the following assessment criteria:

• The project’s ability to have a significant positive impact on local communities.

• The viability of the project. Viability considers clarity of project, allocation of funding, whether the project will have adequate funding to reach completion (including BBA community grant funds and alternate funding sources), and realistic timeframes with good prospects of the implementation within 12 months.

Satisfaction of the eligibility and assessment criteria and compliance with the application process does not guarantee the provision of a grant to any applicant. The assessment panel reserves the right in its absolute discretion to choose the successful applicants. The panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Applicants will not be disadvantaged or advantaged where potential conflicts of interest exist between an assessment panel member and an applicant. This is managed through Rio Tinto’s Business Integrity Standard.

WHAT HAPPENS IF AN APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL?

BBA may choose to award grants to successful applicants either in full, or in part.

The grant must be used within 12 months from payment and for the purpose for which it has been provided.

If an organisation is unable to fulfil this requirement the funds must be returned to BBA.

A short report and photographs of the completed project must be provided to BBA within 12 months of the receipt of the grant. Photographs are to be made available for use by BBA.

WHAT HAPPENS IF AN APPLICATION IS NOT SUCCESSFUL?

Applicants who are not successful will be notified via email within two weeks of assessment taking place.
FIND OUT MORE

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