

About the Program

The OneSteel Community Support Program invests in initiatives that create positive social, economic, and community outcomes across the regions in which we operate, including Whyalla, Iron Knob and Ardrossan.

Through this program, OneSteel partners with local community groups, not-for-profit organisations, clubs and community leaders to support projects, programs and events that strengthen community wellbeing, encourage participation, and contribute to thriving, resilient communities.

We recognise the important role community organisations play in creating opportunities for connection, inclusion and growth, and we are committed to supporting initiatives that deliver meaningful and lasting local impact.

Funding Priorities

Funding is available for programs, projects and events that align with one or more of the following focus areas:

- Community Wellbeing
- Education and Learning
- Indigenous
- Community Events and Participation
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Youth Development, Sport and Arts

Funding Rounds

The Community Support Program operates through two funding rounds each financial year:

Round 1 - Opens: 1 August - Closes: 31 August

Round 2 - Opens: 1 February - Closes: 28 February

Financial applications submitted outside these periods will not be considered. Applications requesting in-kind support can be applied for at any time using the online application form.

How to Apply

To be eligible for consideration:

- Applications must be submitted via the online application form available on the OneSteel website.
- Applications must be completed and submitted by an authorised representative of the organisation.
- Letters of request, sponsorship proposals or applications submitted outside the online process will not be accepted.
- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

All applications will be assessed against the published assessment criteria. Following assessment, recommendations will be provided to OneSteel's Managing Directors for final approval.

Assessment Process

Once a funding round has closed:

1. Applicants will receive confirmation that their application has been received.
2. Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and alignment with program objectives.
3. Eligible applications will be assessed against the assessment criteria.
4. Funding recommendations will be considered by OneSteel's Managing Directors.
5. All applicants will be notified of the outcome in writing within two weeks of a final decision being made.

Due to the competitive nature of the program, submission of an application does not guarantee funding.

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed on their ability to demonstrate:

- Clear community benefit and positive local impact.
- Alignment with one or more Community Support Program focus areas.
- Opportunities to strengthen participation, inclusion or community wellbeing.
- Value for money and effective use of funding.
- Organisational capacity to successfully deliver the proposed project, program or event.
- Measurable outcomes and benefits for the community.

Preference may be given to initiatives that demonstrate broad community reach, create sustainable benefits, or leverage additional support through partnerships, volunteering or co-investment.

Ineligible Funding Requests

Funding will generally not be provided for:

- Gift vouchers, gifts, prizes, trophies or donations.
- Airfares, travel expenses or accommodation.
- General operating expenses, including rent, insurance, utilities or council rates.
- The purchase or lease of vehicles, trailers or related accessories.
- Individual uniforms, footwear or personal sporting equipment.
- Projects or activities that have already commenced or been completed.
- Employee wages, salaries, contractor fees or other ongoing staffing costs associated with the normal operation of the organisation.

Terms and Conditions

- Organisations may submit one application per financial year.
- Funding cannot be provided retrospectively for activities that have already commenced or concluded.
- Approved projects, programs and events must be delivered within 12 months of receiving funding.
- Any significant changes to an approved project, including scope or delivery, must be approved in writing by the Community & Stakeholder Team.
- Recipients must acknowledge OneSteel's support where appropriate and opportunities exist.
- A Post Project/Event Report must be submitted within six weeks of project completion or event delivery.
- Organisations with outstanding reporting requirements will not be eligible for future funding until reporting obligations have been met.
- OneSteel reserves the right to request additional information at any stage of the application or reporting process.

Further Information

- For further information about the Community Support Program, eligibility requirements, or the application process, please contact the Community & Stakeholder Team:
communitysupport@onesteelmanufacturing.com.au