



MAJOR TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECT GRANTS

The Trust is interested in being a pro-active collaborator in funding significant projects that will have a direct positive impact on the economic and/or social wellbeing of the region.

These Major Transformational Project grants will only happen from time to time and are likely to be for significant regional projects that will have intergenerational impact and wide benefit.

The Trust will be welcoming [expressions of interest](#) at any time and a call for more in-depth applications will be made in December with a decision to be made the following February when funding allows.

Who can apply for funding?

Almost any organisation can apply for funding provided:

1. Trustees have indicated funds are available for distribution to a major community project and have called for applications.
2. It is located in, or can demonstrate benefit to, the Trust's traditional [area](#).
3. It is a 'not for profit' organisation.
4. The project fits with the Trust's stated [strategic priorities](#), particularly if it demonstrates economic and/or social benefit to the region.

Application Process and Key Criteria

Initial expressions of Interest (a brief, word limited application form) can be made at any time. The Expressions of Interest that best fit the Trust criteria will then be invited to provide more detailed information to the Trust in December, with a decision to be made in February (if funds allow).

The Expression of Interest form is designed for one project only. If your organisation has a second project it would like considered for this fund, please complete another form and indicate which project you would like to take priority. (The Trust will only consider a maximum of two Expressions of Interest per year from any one organisation.)

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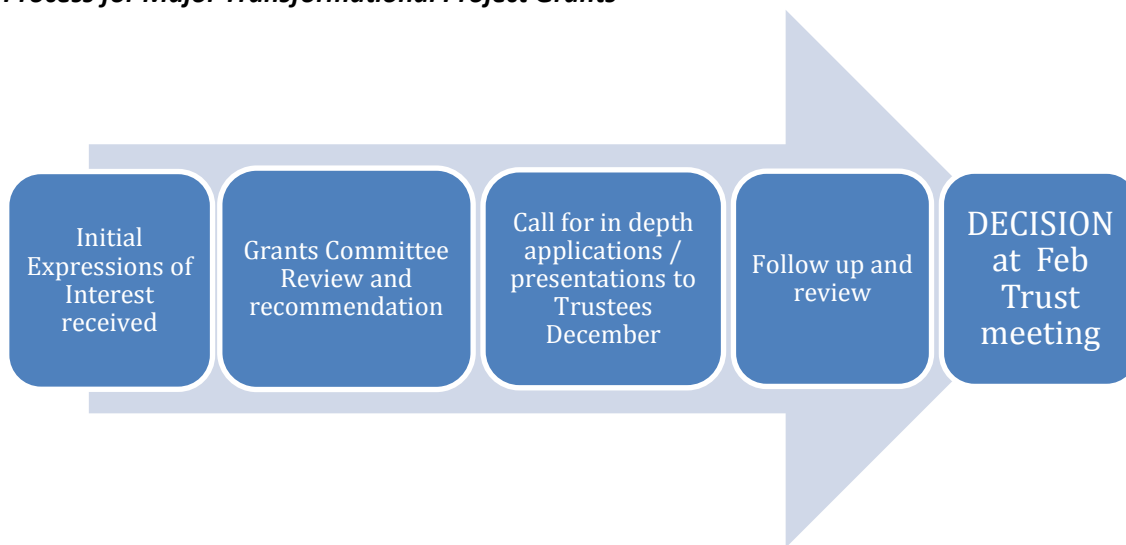
In assessing applications, the Trust will refer to its strategic focus areas. With this in mind, it will consider aspects such as:

- Economic and/or social benefit to the region and fit with other Trust strategic focus areas
- Wide community reach/impact
- Projects must create a long term benefit for the community/region, and be able to be utilised by future generations
- There should be an ability to demonstrate that the Trust's contribution can be used to leverage additional support
- Projects (or the phase proposed to be funded by the Trust) must have a time-line for completion of up to 24 months from the date of application

The Trust may use its discretion to determine which projects are included or excluded under these criteria.

The approval and provision of funding (whether in whole or in part) is at the sole discretion of the Trust, and the Trust reserves the right to require the applicant to enter into a further agreement with the Trust before providing any approved funding.

Process for Major Transformational Project Grants



The Trust will not fund:

- Individuals or commercial organisations
- Projects that have already been completed
- Operational costs or salaries
- Loan repayments or guarantee assistance to applicants
- Projects that may create a conflict of interest for the Trust or WEL Networks Ltd
- Travel
- Projects that target Central/Local Government's core areas of responsibility, eg, Local Government (roads, water, drainage and refuse, etc), Central Government (education/health sector salaries, capital projects, etc)
- Lobby groups, eg, ratepayer / resident groups
- Organisations with an outstanding accountability report for previous funding received
- Organisations with a stand-down period in force

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General

1. The grant is to be used within 24 months of the applicant receiving advice from the Trust that their application has been successful. If the grant is not used within 24 months the Trust reserves the right to withdraw the grant. However, the Trust may at its discretion extend this time period or approve a change of purpose provided that such request is received from the applicant in sufficient time for the Trust to consider it (for example, no less than two months prior to the expiry of the term or any change of purpose being contemplated) .
2. The application must be for a stand-alone project that can be clearly identified. Funding for specified stages of a project may be considered but they must be clearly identifiable.
3. If your circumstances or the project changes, or your project does not proceed, **you must repay the money to the Trust**. Alternatively you can apply for a change of purpose as outlined in paragraph 1 above. Do not use the funding for any other purpose than as described in the Trust's confirmation letter.
4. The funding is intended only to assist your organisation. You cannot pass on your funding to another organisation.
5. The Trust reserves the right to audit/investigate whether a grant has been used appropriately and in accordance with the approved purpose.
6. Information provided to the Trust in an application for a grant is not confidential unless specified, and the Trust reserves the right to consult and seek verification of information provided.
7. The Trust retains the right at its discretion to recover the grant monies if the applicant has not met the conditions of the grant.
8. Funds may not be released immediately upon Trust approval as some conditions may be imposed on the grant. The funds will be released as agreed between the Trust and the applicant.

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