

Community Investment Program

At Southern Ports, we value our role as a trusted community partner in our regions.

We proudly support our communities through our Community Investment Program, partnerships and by supporting local businesses.

Southern Ports supports a variety of community projects and initiatives that focus on the following areas, education, maritime, sustainability community events and infrastructure, and those that support the Traditional Custodians of the region.

Creating strong regions

Our Community Investment Program has a strong focus on our three regions and the areas will deliver enduring value to our communities.

Our Regions	Goldfields-Esperance Great Southern South West
Our Criteria	Maritime projects that have a focus on the marine environment, being a marine based activity, infrastructure or educational program
	Sustainable environment projects which demonstrate sustainable solutions to the protection, management and enhancement of the environment.
	Education projects and initiatives for youth and mature aged students.
	Community infrastructure Projects which provide long-term benefits to the local community with the development of infrastructure and improvement of resources.
	Community events community events, sporting programs and art projects that encourage community involvement
	Indigenous relations projects and events that respect the Traditional Owners of the land, value cultural heritage and increase community focus within the indigenous community.

Funding Rounds

Southern Ports has three funding rounds per year that are determined on an annual basis. This information is released in May each year and can be found on our website.

Application Guidelines

To be considered for Community Investment Program sponsorship, it is important that you take the time to read the guidelines below.

Successful applications assessed based on the responses provided in the application form and those which closely align with Southern Ports Community Investment Program criteria.

Who can apply?

Applications will be considered from the following organisations who hold an ABN*:

- Not-for-profit organisations
- Incorporated community organisations
- Not-for-profit educational institutions
- Local government authorities

Applications will **NOT** be considered from:

- Applicants whose projects, programs, events or activities conflict, or are perceived to be in conflict, with Southern Ports organisational values.
- Commercial businesses.
- Individuals / Sole Traders.
- Applicants who enter competition with other related clubs, organisations or groups in the same region, such as is often the case with sporting clubs. Southern Ports will consider applications from an overarching Association.

**Applicants without an ABN can apply under the auspice of another organisation.*

What is excluded?

Support will **NOT** be given for:

- Political activities.
- Religious activities.
- Operating costs such as day-to-day administrative expenses incurred by the Applicant including but not limited to office rental, insurance, wages/salaries or professional fees, such as facilitators, graphic designers, website developers etc.
- Commercial or planning documentation such as feasibility studies, business plans, marketing and advertising plans, cost benefit analysis and economic impact studies.
- Advertising costs including production, printing and media costs

Southern Ports does not:

- accept gratuitous favours as a result of this application
- provide donations
- accept free invitations or gifts linked to a sponsored event (with any items received being returned to the applicant).

How to apply

To apply for sponsorship, please complete the Application Form and submit it with any supporting documentation that will help our committee assess your request.

Applications and supporting documents can be emailed to communityinvestment@southernports.com.au and must be received prior to the round closing.

Processed applications

All applicants will be contacted in writing by Southern Ports once the application is received.

If your organisation's application is successful, you will need to submit a liability disclaimer form (provided to you by Southern Ports) and a tax invoice prior to receiving payment.

Please note: funds allocated by Southern Ports must be used specifically for the project outlined in the application form and are payable to the applicant only and are not transferable to another party.

Any unspent funds not used to complete the project are required to be repaid to Southern Ports.

Sponsorship acknowledgement

All successful applicants will be asked to acknowledge Southern Ports contribution in an appropriate way.

Contact

If you require any further information or assistance with completing the sponsorship application form, please contact the Sponsorship Coordinator by phone, 9072 3332 or email communityinvestment@southernports.com.au