

GRANT INFORMATION

Central Queensland Rural Health Connected Communities within Banana Shire Grants

Central Queensland Rural Health is a not-for-profit organisation that works tirelessly to ensure communities of Central Queensland have access to a range of medical, allied health and primary health care services and pathways, especially clients who are high risk, disadvantaged and have special needs.

We understand the importance of positive community wellbeing and social connectedness and know that resilient communities are those in which residents are connected, feel comfortable and have support, especially during times of hardship, natural disasters, and other challenging situations.

Banana Shire communities have endured significant challenges with drought and the impacts of Covid 19 in the past couple of years, so CQRH is pleased to be able to offer grants to not-for-profit organisations within the Banana Shire to run activities, events or host initiatives that foster connected communities and build resilience among residents and their communities.

The CQRH Connected Communities within Banana Shire Grant pool is funded by the Department of Health via a 2023/24 Tackling Regional Adversity through Connected Communities (TRACC) Grant and administered by Central Queensland Rural Health (ABN 71 448 628 931) as part of the 2023 Mental Health Week national awareness initiative.

Funding will be awarded to several organisations across the Banana Shire's diverse footprint and priority will be given to communities which can show a commitment to working cooperatively to provide events, activities and initiatives that enhance community connectedness and resilience.

Funding will be awarded in four sections, described below:

1. Community connection

Activities and initiatives that create or enhance people's sense of belonging and social connectedness to others within the community who share a common location interest, cause or experience. Community connection activities help reduce social isolation and build relationships to promote community resilience and support networks.

2. Improving wellbeing of participants

Activities and initiatives that help promote good physical and mental health, happiness and comfort for residents. It is more than promoting the absence of disease and illness, but creating a sense of wellness and positivity in individuals so they are resilient during challenging times and are active community participants.

3. Promote volunteering within clubs or community

These activities and initiatives directly promote volunteering within clubs or community. Volunteers are essential for resilient and active communities, so these activities must focus on benefitting the wider community.

4. Improve community wellbeing

Activities and initiatives that improve community involvement and support to build resilience and help people tackle challenges and opportunities as they arise. Priority will be given to activities which promote one or more of the following: Being active; continuous learning; community giving; connecting with others; and community safety.

Central Queensland Rural Health is also supporting a series of community wellbeing expos in 2024 in Biloela, Moura and Theodore from the same Department of Health funding pool, so priority for these CQRH Connected Communities Grants within Banana Shire Grants will be given to outlying communities. However, all applications will be considered on merit against the grant criteria to ensure that the goals and objectives of the funding are met, and community connectedness within the Shire remains the key priority.

FUNDING GUIDELINES

- Open to registered not-for-profit organisations based within the Banana Shire.
- Grants of up to \$3000 for an individual event will be considered and organisations that show they are making a contribution will be seen more favourably than those which do not.
- Existing projects will not be eligible.
- CQRH encourages all organisations to apply regardless of their size.
- Proposals that are collaborative and/or share knowledge with the broader sector are encouraged.
- Organisations must provide an ABN and Certificate of Currency with insurance up to \$20 million for events/activities.
- CQRH reserves the right to award funds across all or some categories, if initiatives warrant such action.
- Grant applications that closely meet the funding criteria will be given preference for funding.
- CQRH reserves the right to award the funding as it deems most appropriate to meet the Department of Health's TRACC initiative.

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Name of Grant	CQRH Connected Communities within Banana Shire - Round 2
Applications Open	9am, 15 January 2024
Applications Close	5pm, Thursday, 29 February 2024
Funded activities must be held	Between Friday, 1 March and Monday, 3 June 2024
Funding amount	Grants of up to \$3000 for not-for-profit organisations based within the Banana Shire of Central Queensland
Funding provided by	Central Queensland Rural Health as part of the Department of Health Tackling Regional Adversity through Connected Communities (TRACC) Grants Program
Grant Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Connection• Improving Wellbeing of Participants

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Volunteering within Clubs or Community • Improve Community Wellbeing
Announcement of successful applications	All applicants will be notified of the status of their application by COB Friday, 8 March 2024

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. CQRH reserves the right to allocate funds in line with the goals and objectives of the Department of Health's 2023/24 Tackling Regional Adversity through Connected Communities (TRACC) Grants Program goals and objectives.
2. CQRH will provide funds up to and including a maximum of \$3000 per initiative, but the goal is to provide as many organisations with funding as possible so organisations that can show a shared commitment to the initiative of activity will be considered favourably.
3. Only registered not-for-profit organisations based within the Banana Shire are eligible to apply for this funding.
4. Existing projects will not be eligible.
5. Events must be held between Friday, 1 March and Monday, 3 June 2024, with acquittal by 5pm, Friday, 28 June 2024.
6. CQRH encourages all organisations to apply regardless of their size.
7. Proposals that are collaborative and/or share knowledge with the broader sector are encouraged.
8. Organisations must provide an ABN and Certificate of Currency with insurance up to \$20 million for events/activities.
9. Funding will not be ongoing and successful organisations will receive a one-off grant payment.
10. CQRH will only consider applications from organisations that have used the Central Queensland Rural Health Connected Communities within Banana Shire Grants Application Form and have acknowledged they have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions.
11. CQRH reserves the right to award funds across all or some categories, if initiatives warrant such action.
12. Successful funding recipients agree to complete the grant acquittal form with photographs within four weeks of finalising the event or initiative to CQRH.
13. Successful funding recipients agree to return unspent funding to CQRH within four weeks of acquittal.
14. Successful funding recipients agree to acknowledge the TRACC Grants funding at their event or initiative or when promoting their event or initiative. The specifics will be provided by CQRH to grant recipients.
15. CQRH will not provide funding for:
 - i. Production of DVDs or promotional material;
 - ii. Camps;
 - iii. The purchase and maintenance of vehicles;
 - iv. Capital grants for the construction or refurbishment of buildings, unless it can be shown that such work will directly create community connectedness;
 - v. Auspicing – the organisation applying must be the one that will run the program or project;
 - vi. Applications for projects that have previously been declined by CQRH; and
 - vii. Organisations that have not successfully acquitted previous grants from CQRH.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Read the funding guidelines and category criteria and ensure your organisation and initiative complies.
2. Complete and sign the Application Form. Hint: Please ensure your application provides sufficient information to show how it meets the criteria for the category (or categories) to which you apply.
3. Check you have included supporting documentation (especially a Certificate of Currency of Insurance).
4. Ensure key contact details are included in the event we need to contact you for more information or communicate with you about the status of your application.
5. Submit the form to admin@cqrdgp.com.au by 5pm, Thursday, 29 February 2024.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

CQRH Connected Communities within Banana Shire Information Fact Sheet (this document)

CQRH Connected Communities within Banana Shire Application Form - download from our website at www.cqruralhealth.com.au

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