

## Community Sponsorship Program Information & FAQs

### What you need to know

Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester are proud to offer the next round of our Community Sponsorship Program. The aim of this program is to enhance local groups and organisations, assist talented individuals and extend special events that assist our community in growing.

The Lockmore Financial Services Limited Board of Directors will assess all requests, and successful applicants will be notified in writing. The decisions of Lockmore Financial Services Limited will be final. We encourage all to gather alternative support, both in-kind and financial.

### Who is eligible?

To be eligible to apply, organisations must:

- Be a local not-for-profit organisation, or an individual auspiced by an incorporated body
- Hold a current bank account with Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester
- Be seeking funds to support the health and wellbeing of the Elmore, Lockington and Rochester region
- Confirm that funding is to remain within their organisation and not be towards another company's larger fundraising program
- Identify realistic, measurable and achievable project goals and outcomes

### How to apply

Please complete the application form available online/in branch and submit via one of the following:

- Email to [admin@lockmore.com.au](mailto:admin@lockmore.com.au)
- Drop into one of our three branches
- Mail to; Lockmore Financial Services Limited, PO Box 108, Elmore, VIC, 3558

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE Wednesday 6 September 2023.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q.** How does Community Banking work?

**A.** Bendigo Bank's Community Banks give a portion of the profits they make back to the communities in which they operate. Decisions on local sponsorships and donations are made by the volunteer board of directors – all of whom are locals. To date, Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester have given back over \$2.82million to our local communities.

**Q.** If my organisation is successful, will we need to promote Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester?

**A.** Our sponsorship activities are based on the assumption that organisations will support the bank that supports them. The more business, referrals and leads you direct to Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester, the more funds the branch has to direct straight back to your organisation and the community.

**Q.** Can I apply on behalf of an organisation?

**A.** Only an authorised representative of an eligible organisation can apply for sponsorship funding. An authorised representative can apply under the auspice of an organisation.

**Q.** If my organisation applied for or received support in the past, can I still apply?

**A.** Yes, all applications will be reviewed on their individual merits.

**Q.** Can my organisation apply for multiple funding for different programs?

**A.** An organisation can apply multiple applications providing they are for different programs/events.

**Q.** Can I submit a longer answer or supporting documentation?

**A.** Where possible, we encourage you to write your answers in the area provided. We are able to accept or review supporting documents as part of any application, as long as it is submitted at the same time as the application.

**Q.** I missed the time or date applications closed. Will you still accept my application?

**A.** Unfortunately no, we are unable to accept any late applications. If you miss the application deadline, we encourage you to apply for funding during the next round.

**Q.** Can we request payment for the funding of employees?

**A.** Funding will not be issued for the payment of staff or people involved in the project.

**Q.** I have submitted my application. What are the next steps?

**A.** Lockmore Financial Services Ltd will be in contact to confirm receipt of your application. The next step is the review of applications, which will start when applications officially close on September 6. Lockmore Financial Services Ltd will then be in contact in late September 2023 to advise of your outcome.

**Q.** When will successful recipients be announced?

**A.** Successful recipients will be announced in September 2023.

**Q.** If my application is unsuccessful will I be able to submit another application?

**A.** Yes, you will be able to submit another application in our next Community Sponsorship Program.