

Blacktown Energy Initiative Funding Grant

Questions and Answers

A Q&A summary from the briefing held on Monday 7 November 2016

1. **Q** The funding criteria asks for demonstrated collaboration between partners and organisations such as local councils or businesses. Is it necessary to demonstrate these partnerships from the outset or can this occur during the process of undertaking the project?

A As these partnerships can take time to develop, it is enough to demonstrate partnership during the process. However, there must be some level of collaboration incorporated into the project.

2. **Q** There may not be enough time to initiate the necessary level of collaboration required in the application before the application is due. How could this be addressed?

A Western Sydney Community Forum are happy to assist in brokering conversations to help applicants build partnerships. We are aware that you need time to do this and with permission are able to share details of organisations interested in building partnerships.

3. **Q** The funding criteria asks for applicants to detail co-investment opportunities. Is it necessary to demonstrate this from the outset or can this be something that the project sets to achieve?

A Yes, this can be something the project sets to achieve. As the co-investment opportunities, could involve large investment, for example a power hub, it does not have to occur over the six to eight months of the project process. However, ensure that you include anything that will strengthen the key criteria in your application

4. **Q** Is the funding panel envisaging five separate energy projects worth \$10,000 each or one energy project worth the entire \$50,000?

A The funding panel has no preference. The community could come together and show diverse outcomes through one large project. The funding panel is open to a large initiative of that nature. However, a number of smaller projects may also be granted.

5. **Q** The project will be undertaken over a six to eight-month timeframe. What is expected to be achieved by May 2017?

A You have to demonstrate project planning capabilities. This may be, for instance, that the engagement strategies have been achieved.

6. **Q** What portion of the grant must be spent by May 2017?

A The full amount must be spent by 30 May 2017.

7. **Q** What is the plan post 30 May 2017 when the project ends?

A It is envisaged that the project will carry on the initiatives it has undertaken, build on the outcomes achieved and look for further opportunities. It is uncertain at this stage whether there will be continued funding next year. However Western Sydney Community Forum will develop a leadership group to help facilitate continued collaboration.

8. **Q** Can the project be situated in surrounding LGA's including Parramatta.

A Yes, the project can be based in the broader Western Sydney area, which includes Parramatta.

9. **Q** Who retains the intellectual property created from the project?

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