

Fortescue Innovation Grants Application 2026

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Eligibility

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Program

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Before You Begin

Thank you for your interest in the [Fortescue Innovation Grants Program](#).

This section of the application form will help you determine your eligibility for the program before proceeding further. Please read it carefully and complete all questions, as this will help ensure you are applying for funding that aligns with the purpose and intent of the program.

If you have any questions about your eligibility or need support with the application process, please contact our team at community@fortescue.com.

About the Fortescue Innovation Grants

The Fortescue Innovation Grants are designed to empower Pilbara-based organisations to deliver bold, practical, and community-led solutions that drive environmental and sustainability outcomes. From smart waste initiatives and circular economy events to community gardens and youth-led climate action, we're supporting the ideas that will shape a greener, more sustainable Pilbara.

For the purpose of this application, the term project may refer to a program, event, activity, or other initiative with a defined objective and outcome.

Before continuing, please ensure you've reviewed the following resources:

[- Fortescue Innovation Grants Program](#)

Important Information

- Only not-for-profit organisations, schools, and incorporated community groups are eligible to apply. Commercial businesses and government agencies (excluding schools) are not eligible.
- Projects must take place within one of the following Pilbara local government areas:
Town of Port Hedland, City of Karratha, Shire of Ashburton, or Shire of East Pilbara.
- The closing date of this round is the 30th of September 2026 at 5pm. No late applications will be accepted.
- Organisations can submit one application at a time per ABN and acknowledge that Fortescue may not necessarily fund the whole (or any) of the requested grant, even if they meet the funding criteria

Funding Available

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Applicants can apply for grants of up to \$25,000 (excluding GST). The funding must be used for direct project costs and align with the program's focus on community-driven environmental innovation.

Funding Limits and Eligible Expenditure

Applicants may request up to \$25,000 (excluding GST) through the Fortescue Innovation Grants Program.

Funding is available to support the delivery of innovative, community-led projects that contribute to environmental sustainability and positive social impact in the Pilbara.

Examples of eligible expenses include:

- Planning and delivery costs directly related to the proposed project, such as marketing and communications, venue or equipment hire, printing, materials, and signage.
- Travel and accommodation for project facilitators, speakers, or technical experts delivering sustainability-focused workshops or activities.
- Community engagement initiatives such as environmental education sessions, youth-led sustainability projects, circular economy events, clean-up campaigns, smart waste management pilots, and local climate action programs.

What Fortescue Innovation Grants Do Not Fund

- Retrospective costs (e.g. projects already delivered or expenses already incurred).
- Core operational costs such as ongoing wages and salaries unrelated to project delivery.
- Alcohol or associated licences.
- Deficit or debt repayment for an organisation.
- General administrative overheads exceeding 10% of total project costs.
- Routine, seasonal, or recurring club activities that do not demonstrate innovation or sustainability outcomes.
- Ceremonial or religious activities that are not inclusive of the broader community.
- Applicants with overdue Fortescue acquittals or outstanding obligations from previous Fortescue funding, excluding 2025

Supporting Information Required

The application form will ask for details and documentation to support your request, which may include:

- Applicant and authorised contact details.
- ABN or incorporation number.
- Auspicing details (if applicable).
- Project overview including key activities, timeline, and location.
- Risk assessment and mitigation strategies.
- Alignment with the Fortescue Innovation Grants program objectives.
- Community benefit, support, and inclusion considerations.

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- Budget (including the amount requested, total project cost, income sources, and detailed expense breakdown).
- Quotes or pricing evidence for any single item or service over \$500.
- Bank details (including proof of account).
- Your approach to recognising Fortescue's contribution if successful.

File Upload Guidelines:

Attachments must be no more than 25MB per file. Files under 5MB are strongly recommended for ease of upload.

Further Information

Visit the Fortescue Innovation Grants Program page for more information: fortescue.com/innovationgrants If you have any questions, contact us at community@fortescue.com.

Applicants: please note

Before completing this application form, you should have read the program guidelines: [Fortescue Innovation Grants Program](#).

Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

If you do contact us throughout the application process, please quote the application number below.

Key Information & Dates

- Applications open 1 September 2026 and close 30 September 2026 at 5pm AWST
- Only incorporated/community organisations (or those with an auspice) are eligible—a single application per organisation per round. Local Government Authorities are not eligible to apply.
- Approved projects must provide a completed Acquittal Report, including photographic consent forms, before applying again.

Application Number

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Confirmation of Eligibility

Before proceeding, please confirm the following:

- you have read and understood the program guidelines
- you are able to demonstrate alignment between your project and the aims of this program
- your organisation is a not-for-profit organisation includes educational institutions (such as schools and kindergartens) and incorporated community groups
- your organisation is incorporated, or is auspiced by an incorporated organisation for the purposes of this application
- your organisation is located in (and/or supplies services to) the Pilbara

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- your organisation is able to demonstrate financial viability
- your organisation does not have outstanding acquittals from any Fortescue grant, including 2024 and earlier rounds. Organisations will need to finalise these before submitting an application.
- your organisation has the appropriate type and level of insurance for the activities that are the subject of this grant
- your organisation is not for commercial business and government agency (excluding schools).

You must confirm that all statements above are true and correct. *

☐ Yes

Organisation Contact Details

* indicates a required field

Privacy Notice

We pledge to respect and uphold your rights to privacy protection under the [Australian Privacy Principles](#) (APPs) as established under the *Privacy Act 1988* and amended by the *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012*. To view our privacy statement, go to fortescue.com/en/privacy

Organisation Details

Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation.

Department/Branch/Faculty

Organisation primary address

Address

Organisation postal address

Address

Organisation primary phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

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Organisation website

Must be a URL.

Primary Contact Details

Primary contact *

Title First Name Last Name

This is the person we will correspond with about this grant.

Position held in organisation *

e.g., Manager, Director or Fundraising Coordinator.

Primary contact primary phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Primary contact office phone number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Primary contact email address *

This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

Secondary Contact Details *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Secondary Contact Details

Secondary Contact *

Title First Name Last Name

Secondary Contact position held in organisation *

Secondary Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Secondary Contact Primary Email *

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Must be an email address.

Organisation Details

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What is your organisation's mission/purpose? *

Council Area *

- ☐ Town of Port Hedland
- ☐ City of Karratha
- ☐ Shire of Ashburton
- ☐ Shire of East Pilbara

Please tick all that apply

What type of not-for-profit organisation are you? *

- ☐ Educational institution (includes pre-schools, schools, universities & higher education providers)
- ☐ Philanthropic organisation
- ☐ Peak body
- ☐ Social enterprise
- ☐ International NGO
- ☐ Professional association
- ☐ Healthcare not-for-profit
- ☐ Community group
- ☐ Political party / lobby group
- ☐ Research body
- ☐ General not-for-profit (i.e. none of the sub-types listed above)
- ☐ Religious or faith-based institution

Please choose the option that best applies to your organisation.

What is your organisation's annual revenue? *

- ☐ Less than \$50,000
- ☐ \$50,000 or more, but less than \$250,000
- ☐ \$250,000 or more, but less than \$1 million
- ☐ \$1 million or more, but less than \$10 million
- ☐ \$10 million or more, but less than \$100 million
- ☐ \$100 million or more

Your revenue includes grants, donations, and other fundraising activities, fees for services, sale of goods, interest, royalties and in-kind donations that have been included in your accounts as 'revenue'. The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) has more detailed information here:

<https://www.acnc.gov.au/tools/topic-guides/revenue>

What is your organisation's legal structure? *

- ☐ Unincorporated association
- ☐ Incorporated association
- ☐ Cooperative
- ☐ Company limited by guarantee
- ☐ Indigenous corporation, association or cooperative

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- ☐ Organisation established through specific legislation
- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Unknown
- ☐ Other:

If your organisation is unincorporated, it must have an auspice organisation.

Does your organisation have an ABN? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicant ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Documents Required

Formal business registration document *

Attach a file:

This should confirm key company details such as the legal entity name, type of organisation, and tax identification number. Examples include an ABN extract (Australia), Certificate of Incorporation (UK), W9 Form (US), or the relevant equivalent in your country of registration.

Independent confirmation of bank account details *

Attach a file:

a. A letter directly from your bank; or b. A bank statement dated within the last six months; or c. A void cheque. Please note: For banks located outside of Australia, the documentation must clearly display the account's IBAN or SWIFT code.

Auspice Information

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Is your organisation auspiced by another organisation for the purpose of this grant? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Unincorporated organisations applying for a grant must be auspiced by an incorporated organisation. If you do not have an auspice you should not apply for this grant.

Auspice Organisation Details

Auspice organisation name *

Organisation Name

Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Auspice primary address

Address

Auspice postal address

Address

Auspice primary phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Auspice email address *

Must be an email address.

Auspice website

Must be a URL.

Primary contact person at auspice organisation *

Title First Name Last Name

We may contact this person to verify that the auspice arrangement is valid and current.

Position held in organisation *

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e.g., Manager, Board Member or Fundraising Coordinator.

Auspice primary contact primary phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Auspice primary contact office phone number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Auspice primary contact email address *

Must be an email address

Please attach a letter from the auspice organisation confirming that the auspice arrangement is valid and current. *

Attach a file:

The letter must be signed by an authorised person (e.g., Manager, CEO or Board Chair) and must include: name, position, signature and date.

Does the auspice organisation have an ABN? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Auspice ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Project Overview

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Project title *

Word count:

Must be no more than 25 words.

Provide a name for your project/program/initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive

Proposed Project Start and End Date

Anticipated start date *

Anticipated end date *

Project Description - provide a clear overview of what you plan to do *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Be descriptive, but succinct. Include a brief summary of who this project is for (i.e. beneficiaries), what you will do (i.e. the activities you will perform), and what effects you expect to result from your activities (outcomes). Go to the SmartyGrants [Answers Bank](#) if you need some ideas about how to frame your response.

Expected Key Outcomes *

3-5 bullet Key Outcomes

How will you measure your success? *

Milestones

What are the major steps / stages (i.e. milestones) involved in delivering your initiative?

Milestone	Start Date	End Date	Notes
One per row. e.g. Planning; recruitment; evaluation. Add more rows if you want to list additional milestones.	Leave blank if date is unknown or not relevant. Must be a date.	Leave blank if date is unknown or not relevant. Must be a date.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

Community Support

Does this initiative have community support? In particular, do the beneficiary and/or geographic communities affected by this project/program support the activities you are proposing? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

Evidence of community support is generally highly regarded as projects with community buy-in tend to be more successful.

What evidence do you have that this project/program has community support? *

Go to the SmartyGrants [Answers Bank](#) if you need some ideas about how to frame your response.

Please upload letters of support (if available/relevant)

Attach a file:

A maximum of 5 files can be attached

Can you please explain why this project/program doesn't have community support?

Also please explain if you are unsure if the project/program has community support

Community & Sustainability Impact

Who will benefit?

☐ Community Groups

☐ Local businesses

☐ Youth

☐ Elders

☐ Other:

Estimated Number of Participants/Reach

Project Outcomes

Please tell us about the outcomes you expect to result from your project. Outcomes are the changes you expect to occur for the beneficiaries (direct, indirect and/or intermediaries) of

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your project. Generally, outcomes can be framed as an increase or decrease in one or more of the following:

- Skills, knowledge, confidence, aspiration, motivation (these are generally immediate or short-term outcomes)
- Actions, behaviour, change in policy (these are generally intermediate or medium-term outcomes)
- Social, financial, environmental, physical conditions (these are generally long-term outcomes)

Immediate outcomes occur directly following an activity (e.g. within 1 month); medium-term outcomes are those that fall between the short and long-term outcomes (e.g. between 1 month and 2 years); and long-term outcomes are those we expect to see years later (e.g. 2, 5, 10 or 50 years after the activity).

Your outcomes	Timeframe	Explanatory notes
What changes do you expect will occur as a result of your project (e.g. Enhanced physical fitness)? Please be brief. One per row.	When do you expect this outcome to emerge?	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

Long-Term Impact

Please tell us how the initiative will contribute to sustainable community development

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Environmental & Risk Considerations

Environmental Benefits - briefly describe how the initiative promotes sustainability e.g. water efficiency, renewable energy use, native vegetation planting

Potential Risks - identify and describe key risks and mitigation strategies

Grant Request Details

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Total Amount Requested *

\$

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application (GST exclusive)? Up to \$25,000

Total Project/Program Cost *

\$

What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?

Project Budget (Income)

Please outline your project income in the budget table below, including details of other income or funding that you have applied for, whether it has been confirmed or not.

Your budget **MUST** balance (TOTAL INCOME AMOUNT = TOTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT)

Income description	Income type	Is this funding confirmed?	Income amount (budgeted)	Notes
			\$	
Provide a clear description for each budget item. Examples of income could include 'council community grant', 'trivia fundraising night', 'company X sponsorship'.	Please select the type of income		Enter the total amount expected to be received. Must be a dollar amount.	Add notes if you need to provide more context

Project Budget (Expenditure)

Please outline your project expenses in the expenditure table below.

For expense items over \$500, quotes will need to be provided in the file upload area below the tables.

Expenditure description	Expenditure type	Expenditure amount (budgeted)	Notes
		\$	
Provide clear descriptions for each budget item. Examples of expenses could include 'onsite power & water for 6 months', 'office supplies', 'part-time staffer x 40 hours'.	Please select the type of expenditure.	Enter the total amount to be expended on this budget item. Must be a dollar amount.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

Budget Totals

Total Income Amount

\$

Total Expenditure Amount

\$

Income - Expenditure

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This number/amount is calculated.

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This number/amount is calculated.

Please attach quotes for those expenditure (cost) items over \$500

Attach a file:

What other inputs will you need in order to successfully carry out this project?

Input	Confirmed?
Non-financial inputs could include staff/volunteers time/expertise, equipment, facilities, pro bono or in-kind contributions, advocacy, and other types of support.	

Project Team & Capacity

Key Project Personnel

Names and roles of all personnel involved in the project

Organisation Capability

Provide details that demonstrate your capability to deliver

Acknowledgement & Promotion

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If your application is successful, how do you intend to acknowledge Fortescue's support?

- ☐ Media Release
- ☐ Signage
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Newsletters
- ☐ Invitations to community events
- ☐ Other:

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If your application is successful it is a requirement that the recipients provide Fortescue with a brief project update. These updates need to be emailed through to community@fortescue.com and completed at six months, nine months and twelve months after receiving the funding, even if the project has not yet been completed *

☐ I agree

Certification and Feedback

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Certification

This section must be completed by an appropriately authorised person on behalf of the applicant organisation (may be different to the contact person listed earlier in this application form).

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made within this application are true and correct, and I understand that if the applicant organisation is approved for this grant, we will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant as outlined in the letter of approval.

I agree *

☐ Yes

Name of authorised person *

Title First Name Last Name

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Must be a senior staff member, trustee or appropriately authorised volunteer

Position *

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Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Phone number *

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Must be an Australian phone number.

We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

Email *

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Must be an email address.

Applicant Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

Please indicate how you found the online application process.

☐ Very easy

☐ Easy

☐ Neutral

☐ Difficult

☐ Very difficult

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How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?

Estimate in minutes i.e. 1 hour = 60

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider.