WHEATBELT CONNECT COMMUNITY GRANTS (WCCG)
PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Shire of Mukinbudin, in partnership with the Wheatbelt Connect project, is proud to establish this one-off community support funding pool. This targeted program aims to empower local community groups, celebrate local culture, and fund grass-roots initiatives that deliver lasting benefits across our region.

1. Core Funding Parameters

- **Total Funding Pool:** $6,015 ex GST total pool allocation.
- **Individual Funding Range:** Grants are available from a minimum of $250 up to a maximum of $2,000 per initiative to spread benefits widely.
- **Target Key Beneficiaries:** Priority will be given to initiatives that support young people, community wellbeing, local small businesses, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people particularly when delivered by or in partnership with local not-for-profit organisations.

2. Critical Timeline & Dates

- **Applications Open:** 7 September 2026
- **Applications Close:** 9 October 2026
- **Panel Review Period:** 10 October 2026 to 20 October 2026
- **Notification of Outcomes:** 21 October 2026
- **Project Completion Deadline:** 28 February 2027 (All initiatives must be finalised and fully delivered)

3. Wheatbelt Connect Community Grant 2026 Submission & Compliance Rules

- Submission Options: Submit completed application forms using one of the following methods:
  - **Email:** Send to admin@mukinbudin.wa.gov.au with the subject line format WCCG 2026 with Your Organisation Name.
  - **Hand Delivery:** Deliver in person to the Shire Administration Office at 15 Maddock St, Mukinbudin WA 6479.
  - **Postal Mail:** Post to PO Box 67, Mukinbudin WA 6479.

- Mandatory Acknowledgement: Unless approval is obtained via the Shire of Mukinbudin, funded groups must actively acknowledge Wheatbelt Connect and Shire of Mukinbudin on all promotional marketing material, public signs and social media announcements and, were relevant, display co-branding.
- Minor Photo Consent: If your project involves photographing minors under eighteen, you must obtain and securely keep written consent from a parent or legal guardian before submitting any images to the Shire of Mukinbudin.

- Funding Exclusions: Funds cannot be used as political donations, religious activities, promoting gambling and/or alcohol, individuals participating in activities, funding for medical treatment, direct and indirect fundraising activities, travel costs, retrospective project costs, cover recurring staff wages or operational utility bills and any activity that could be deemed inherently dangerous or risky to the health and wellbeing of anyone associated with the initiative.

APPLICATION FORM

Section A: Applicant & Organisation Overview

Field Description	Applicant Input Details
Full Legal Organisation Name	
Incorporation Number / ABN	
Primary Contact Person Name & Title	
Contact Email Address	
Contact Phone Number	

Section B: Project Specifics & Strategic Alignment

Core Requirement	Project Details
Project Title / Initiative Name	
Requested Funding Amount ($)	$
Planned Start & Completion Dates	Start Date: Completion Date: (Must be before 28 February 2027)
Exact Project Location / Venue	
Brief Initiative Description & Core Objectives	Describe what you will do and what your initiative intends to achieve:
Key Outcomes Expected	Explain how this project aligns with community well-being:

Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Estimated total participants:
Key Target Beneficiary Focus (Check all that apply)	[ ] Young People [ ] Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples [ ] Local Small Businesses [ ] Broader Community Groups

Section C: Branding & Stakeholder Engagement

Engagement Type	Proposed Opportunities
Wheatbelt Connect Branding Opportunities	Detail how you will feature co-branding (e.g., banners, flyers, social tags):
Acknowledgement of Shire of Mukinbudin sponsorship It is a requirement of funding approval that the words "Sponsored by the Shire of Mukinbudin and Wheatbelt Connect" and the Shire's logo be displayed at /on your project/event.	✓ ***Please tick the boxes below to indicate the ways you will be able to acknowledge Shire of Mukinbudin sponsorship:*** Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter posts – please share with, and tag Shire of Mukinbudin page. Display Shire of Mukinbudin and Wheatbelt Connect Logo: on your website and posters, in all advertisements, on event signage, programs and flyers. Verbal announcements at event. Other (please describe).
Wheatbelt Connect Engagement & Invitations	Detail any staff engagement or Wheatbelt Connect ceremony attendance opportunities:

Section D: Mandatory Attachments Checklist

Please ensure you include and verify the following items when submitting your application form in person:

- **[ ] Detailed Itemised Budget:** Provide a clear table showing how each grant dollar will be spent.
- **[ ] Supplier Financial Quotes:** At least one formal commercial quote for any single item purchase exceeding $250.

Section E: Applicant Sign-off & Declaration

By signing below, I certify that I have authority to submit this form. All information is true, and we agree to deliver this project by February 2027 and hand in full acquittal within 30 days of completion.

Authorised Signature	Date Signed
Signature: _____ **Name:** **Position:**	Date: _____ / _____ / 2026