



## Community Grants Program

### Fosterville Gold Mine & Stawell Gold Mines.

Northgate Corporation respects the environments and communities in which it works and encourages all employees to become involved in their local community.

The Community Grants Program provides grants to individuals or community groups for projects or activities that benefit the communities surrounding the mines at Fosterville and Stawell.

The **Fosterville Gold Mine Community Grants Program** covers the areas of Axedale, Goornong and the City of Greater Bendigo. (Within the boundaries of the City of Greater Bendigo – see attached map) and the **Stawell Gold Mines Community Grants Program** includes the area covered by the Northern Grampians Shire Council. (see map attached)

The aim of these grants is to enhance the overall social, educational, recreational and environmental aspects of the communities in which we operate.

Environmental projects must consider the current regulations of relevant land managers and government authorities when preparing an application. Projects involving revegetation must submit a list of plant species.

Grants will be made to projects or activities under one of the following areas:

**Educational**

**Environment**

**Recreation**

**General**

#### *HOW TO APPLY:*

The Community Grants Program periodically invites applications for financial support from a wide range of community groups and individuals.

Applications must be made in writing on the official Community Grants Program Application Form. Applications should be made to either the **Fosterville Gold Mine Community Grants Program** or to the **Stawell Gold Mines Community Grants Program**. These programs are run separately from the individual mine sites.

Additional supporting material may be attached to your application.

#### *CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION*

- A detailed budget and schedule of works must be submitted with the application.
- The project must demonstrate forward planning, be well organized, and include ongoing support from the group.
- Applications for retrospective funding will not be considered.
- Any unspent grants must be returned to the Program at the end of the grant period unless prior approval has been sought.
- Offer of grant by the Program in no way implies any ongoing funding commitment or obligation.
- No information will be divulged regarding progress of applications prior to grant announcements.
- The Administrators and/or Company personnel will be entitled to view a grant project at any time.

### *SPECIAL CONDITIONS:*

The following criteria will be applied when evaluating the eligibility of grant applications.

#### **All applicants/applications must**

- not be for commercial purposes;
- include direct benefits to the community
- be able to demonstrate their own contribution in the form of funds, services or in kind support.
- be based in our local community – Boundary of the City of Greater Bendigo for the Fosterville Community Grants and within the city of Stawell for the Stawell Gold Mines Grants.
- agree to expend grant monies only in accordance with the successful project application.
- obtain all Planning, Building Permits and any other authorizations including public liability insurance
- acknowledge the contribution of the Fosterville or Stawell Gold Mines Community Program in all media and promotional material regarding the project. A copy of the Company's logo can be provided for your usage.
- Complete the project within 1 calendar year. Extensions may be granted in consultation with the administrators/Company.
- Limit application for grant to \$2,000, per application.

### *ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT: Reporting*

- A short report identifying how grant funds have been expended is due no later than 60 days after the completion of the project. (photos could make up part of this report)
- Relevant financial records detailing project expenditure
- Supply copies of any publicity materials or media coverage. Assistance with acknowledgement of funding will be given (eg. help with press releases and Company logo etc).

### *LIMITATIONS OF GRANTS*

The Grants Program will not consider funding applications from:

- Individuals not linked to a community based project
- Political organisations or campaigns
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- Projects which, in the opinion of the Administrators/Company, are the responsibility of Federal, State or Local Government
- Appeals on behalf of auxiliaries or foundations undertaking capital appeals of a general nature

**Funding is approved at the discretion of the Company/Administrators.**

Where support is declined the Company/Administrators do not normally advise the reasons for individual decisions.

Application forms can also be downloaded from the Company web page

[www.northgateminerals.com](http://www.northgateminerals.com)

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