



Expression of Interest (EOI) for two (2) Independent Community Representatives on the Local Economic Development Support Fund Policy Assessment Panel.

INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Provide a short summary of your demonstrated business experience
2. Confirm your commitment to review applications according to the Policy
3. Confirm your commitment to attend meetings and respond to emails within a reasonable period.

Please provide this information by 5pm Friday 20 August.

Email: council@gisc.nsw.gov.au

To: General Manager, Glen Innes Severn Council

Attention: Margot Davis

POLICY PURPOSE

The purpose of **Local Economic Development Support Fund Policy (The Policy)** is to consolidate relevant policies, guidelines, and operational allocations for third-party organisations into one (1) policy. The Policy provides business and community access to financial support.

The Policy ensures that the criteria for funding supports local economic outcomes in alignment with the **Economic Development Strategy 2020-2040 and Action Plan 2020-2025 (GIHEDS&AP)**.

POLICY OUTCOMES

Glen Innes Severn Council is committed to supporting the local community to foster positive local economic outcomes.

Council believes that the whole community should be able to access council financial support that will deliver a positive Return on Investment (ROI) — financial or societal as a driver to improve socio-economic prosperity and wellbeing.

Funding will be aligned to, complimentary to and supportive of driving or delivering the vision, principles, strategy or actions of the Glen Innes Highlands Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan (GIHEDS&AP).

POLICY STATEMENT

The Policy establishes Council's position regarding providing third-party financial support to enable and support positive local socio-economic outcomes.

The Policy is aligned to the adopted GIHEDS&AP and provides the criteria to assess applications through the **Local Economic Development Support Fund Scorecard**

(LEDSF-SC) and a **Local Economic Development Support Fund Panel (LEDSF-P)** whom review and make recommendations to Council.

ASSESSMENT PANEL

Applications will be assessed by the LEDSF-P comprising of two (2) Councilors, the General Manager, the Director of Development Planning & Regulatory Services, the Manager of Economic Development and two (2) independent community representatives with demonstrated business knowledge. The term of the independent community representatives will be for two (2) years.

Council will nominate the 2 (two) Councilors commencing from September 2021 as part of the annual Delegates on Committees Report. Council will, as part of the report, endorse the recommended independent community representatives following an E01 process conducted by Council's Director Development, Planning and Regulatory Services.

ASSESSMENT SCORE CARD

Applications are to be submitted with the application form and will be initially assessed through **LEDSF-SC**. The initial assessment will be completed by the Manager of Economic Development and reviewed by the Director Development, Planning & Regulatory Services.

A score of less than 26% will be rejected and not be referred to the LEDSF-P for consideration. A score of 18% or above 26% will be referred to the LEDSF-P for consideration.

The LEDSF-P will undertake a review of the accepted applications to determine the project application eligibility and requested project funding value in context to the number of overall applications and the total available funding available.

The panel agree by consensus the final recommendation to be presented to Council.

The panel will review applications once a year in August.

For further information on the Policy go to: <https://www.gisc.nsw.gov.au/economic-development/economic-development/grants-funding-opportunities>