

Our Reference: 239664 : Lisa Hamlyn

Your Reference:

9 August 2023

Dear Landholder

**RE: Application – Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Subsidy Program – Round 7**

Council has allocated \$250,000 in their 2023/2024 budget for a further Exclusion Fence Subsidy Program.

The amount of subsidy to be provided under this scheme is \$3,000 per kilometre and the scheme will be administered in a similar manner as previous Subsidy Programs, noting that there are amendments to the scope of Mandatory Requirements.

Unsuccessful applications submitted to Council under previous Subsidy Programs will be required to be **resubmitted** to be considered as part of this process.

The Exclusion Fencing Subsidy Program – Round 7 will involve the following steps:

1. Council inviting applications from rural landholders that are eligible and can meet the mandatory requirements (that is the purpose of this letter and application form).
2. Council assessing the applications; and
3. Council and successful landholders signing a contract confirming their acceptance of the offer and the conditions associated with the offer.

The **Mandatory Requirements** of the Subsidy Program are:

1. That all works must be completed by 31 May 2024.
2. That all fencing must be constructed to the minimum standards recommended for wild dog exclusion fencing (refer to **Attachment A** for details).
3. That the funds from Council be used to pay wages, suppliers and contractors based locally within Quilpie Shire.
4. That all materials must be purchased locally within Quilpie Shire.
5. The fences are located within Quilpie Shire and are boundary fences. Exceptions will be considered if deemed to be a strategic fence line.
6. That GPS coordinates of all fences be provided to Council.
7. That any fence across a stock route must be in a direct line across the route, have gates installed and be approved by Council prior to construction.

8. Where a fence aligns with a Main Roads corridor, funding should be sought from Department of Transport and Main Roads.
9. Internal fencing must be clearly identified in the application along with a valid argument as to how the internal fencing will be advantageous to any existing exclusion fencing and the Shire Exclusion Fencing Program objective. Minor deviations from a surveyed boundary fence will be acceptable if required due to creeks, water courses etc.
10. Successful applicants will be required to provide feedback to Council in regard to the benefit that exclusion fencing has had on the economic sustainability and growth of their agricultural business.

The following criteria will be used to assess applications:

1. The fencing will promote the production of wool, sheep and goat meat with preference given to properties already carrying sheep and goats.
2. The fencing will be in a strategic location to assist with the control and eradication of wild dogs.
3. The fencing will assist in increasing sheep, wool and goat production within the Shire.
4. Joint applications between adjoining property owners are considered desirable.

A subsidy of \$2,500 per kilometre will be paid to the landholder at the completion of agreed sections of fence and after the production of documentation satisfactory to Council in relation to the payment of wages and invoices. A final payment of \$500 per kilometre will be made after a completion inspection has been undertaken by Council and subject to all contractual conditions being fulfilled, including provision of GPS coordinates.

**Please note that the provision of paid invoices demonstrating local procurement of goods and services is a mandatory condition of the subsidy payment.**

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a contract with Council committing them to meeting all requirements of the subsidy scheme.

Enclosed with this letter is an Application Form should you be interested in making an application under the scheme.

**Applications close on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

Council will be applying for further funding under various grant programs as and when they become available. Unsuccessful applications under this program will be prioritised and approved if further funding is sourced.

If you have any questions or queries relating to the application process, please contact Director of Corporate & Community Services via contact details below:

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Yours faithfully

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