

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME



Funding & Application Guidelines

Overview

Launched in 2016, the Steamships Community Grants Program (CGP) champions the incredible work of Papua New Guinean civil society organizations that are driving positive change across the country.

Through targeted support, the CGP helps fuel impactful projects in health, education, social welfare, sports diplomacy, and the environment - empowering communities, inspiring local solutions, and helping build a brighter, stronger PNG.

These guidelines will assist you to complete your application correctly so that your nominated project has a better chance of being selected.

Funding Focus

Our funding focus is on **health, education, sports diplomacy, social welfare and environment**. We encourage organizations to apply for projects in line with these focus areas:

Health	Activities that focus on combatting communicable diseases (those that can be spread from person to person such as TB, measles, or malaria) and non-communicable diseases (those that cannot be spread such as cancer or diabetes) These diseases represent the top ten causes of death in Papua New Guinea.
Education	Activities with a focus on a) increasing literacy and b) improving the quality of education. These areas are major challenges in PNG and are of high priority for communities and the government. Literacy and access to quality education are also essential in improving every aspect of a person's or communities' well-being.
Social Wellbeing	With a focus on a) women's empowerment and b) supporting the most marginalized people in PNG, especially the disabled and children. The focus on women recognizes the fact that when women and girls are safe, healthy, educated, employed, and empowered to contribute to all aspects of life, communities, and nations flourish. For Steamships, supporting women builds a larger and more diverse pool of talent and strengthens the productivity of the workforce. Ensuring a focus on the most vulnerable demonstrates that Steamships is a proud member of the PNG community and is committed to assisting those who would otherwise fall between the cracks.

Sports diplomacy	Sports diplomacy, supports projects that use sport as a platform to build positive community relationships, promote inclusion, and empower young people. Sports initiatives can strengthen social cohesion, create safe and healthy spaces for engagement, and reflect Steamships' commitment to long-term community development.
Environment	Focusing on community awareness, conservation and education to enhance community understanding of environmental issues and management. Encouraging efforts to protect the environment and change attitudes towards creating clean, healthy and sustainable environments.

Funding limitations

The following activities are not supported through this program:

- Individual needs such as school fees/lunch money etc.
- Contributing to a fundraising drive for an individual
- School trips, seminars, conferences, festivals or one day events
- Projects or activities outside of Papua New Guinea
- Church programmes such as crusades, camps etc.
- Political groups or parties
- Prizes, gifts or cash giveaways such as raffles etc.
- Activities of unsafe or illegal nature including anything breaching local laws
- Retrospective funding i.e., projects already started, reimbursement for completed activities

Who is eligible to apply

This checklist is provided for you to ensure that your organization meets the following criteria prior to applying.

Eligibility checklist:

- Registered with PNG Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) and provide copies of certificates
- Must be operating in Papua New Guinea
- Be in operation for at least 3 years or more
- Must have an annual report and provide financial report for last financial year
- Must have an updated organization profile outlining organizational structure and key programmes
- Must have a valid bank account

If you do not tick all the requirements of the checklist, your application will not be considered.

How to apply for the Grant

You can only apply if you have passed the eligibility checklist.

- Obtain an application form by downloading from the Steamships website or requesting via email community@steamships.com.pg
- Complete the application form by answering all questions
- Attach all required supporting documentation
- Submit your application to community@steamships.com.pg

Grant Application Screening Process

- After your completed application has been submitted, you will receive an email notifying you that your application has been received
- Applications will be reviewed by the Corporate Affairs Team. If additional documentation or clarity is required, the Team will contact you to provide
- Shortlisted applicants will be presented to the CGP Committee
- The CGP Committee will meet to decide on the outcome and successful applicants will be notified via email.
- Successful grant recipients will be announced in March 2026.

Should you require more information, please email community@steamships.com.pg