

Questions and Answers for Boco Rock Community information session

1 Where can we find the applications online?

On Council's website <http://www.snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au/>

Click on the banner that says



Or

In the ribbon/ header of our home page click on 'Community' in orange text
On the left hand side click on 'Community Development'
On the left hand side click on 'Awards, Donations and Grants'
On the left hand side click on 'Boco Rock Community Enhancement Fund'

Or

Direct link to the page is;

www.snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au/761/Boco-Rock-Community-Enhancement-Fund

The application guidelines and form will be at the very bottom of the page. You can complete the form online and email at council@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au.

Or

You can collect a hard copy of the form from our offices located in Bombala and Cooma.

Once the document is completed, you can return the forms via;

Email: council@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au

Post: Snowy Monaro Regional Council, PO Box 714, Cooma NSW 2632

Hand deliver: To our Bombala or Cooma customer service offices

Please ensure that every question is answered in the document. If you feel a criteria is not applicable, please write "not applicable".

2 When do the applications close?

Applications will close at 5.00 PM on Monday 12 July 2021.

3 Who can apply for funding?

Funding is restricted to the former Cooma Monaro and former Bombala local government areas per the condition of the development approval.

Community enhancement measures may include (but are not necessarily limited to) improvements to community infrastructure and services, sustainability initiatives and opportunities for local economic and tourist development.

The Boco Rock Community Enhancement Fund Committee would like to remind you that we strongly encourage those who are thinking of applying, to put forward their application. The more the local communities in the former Bombala and Cooma-Monaro Shires benefit, the more likely your funding is to be approved. If you feel your event / project will do this, we encourage you to apply. Decisions are my solely by the discretion of the Committee Members.

4 Why are the funds restricted to former Cooma Monaro Shire and Bombala shire?

The conditions on DA are very specific, that the Community Development Funds will be expended in the former Cooma-Monaro Shire and Bombala Shire.

5 How will I know if the funds have been granted?

An email will be sent to all the applicants informing them the status of the funding application (whether successful or unsuccessful) within two weeks of the Committee determining the funds.

6 When will the funding be approved by the Committee?

The funding will be determined by the Committee on Wednesday 1 September 2021.

7 Who will be assessing the applications and determining the funds?

The Boco Rock Community Enhancement Fund Committee will be assessing and approving the funds.

8 Who are the members of the Committee?

The Committee comprises the following members:

The Mayor

Chief Executive Officer

1 Boco Rock representative

1 Councillor representing the former Cooma Monaro Shire

1 Councillor representing the former Bombala Shire

2 Community Representatives from the former Cooma Monaro Shire

2 Community Representatives from the former Bombala Shire

9 What are acquittals?

Acquitting grant funding means accurately reporting on the funded activities and the expenditure of Boco Rock funds. These reports are required one month after the event/project.

has been completed, providing information on the success and any feedback along with financial information. Acquittals are a formal condition of funding.

- 10. What if I am no longer a resident of either of the former Bombala or Cooma-Monaro Shires, but am still connected to one of the communities and have an idea that will benefit either the former Bombala or Cooma-Monaro LGAs?**

That is an acceptable application, as long as the project takes place within the community areas defined in the DA agreement. This would be taken into account when discussing the application, however, if it benefits the community it would be on the list to be considered.

- 11. How much is the total fund pool?** The estimated funds we have available are as follows:

Bombala Shire	\$104,668.00
Cooma-Monaro Shire	\$96,211.00

- 12. Is there a time frame between funding and being granted and expended? The planned event is to be held on 31 December 2020.**

You are required to provide the acquittal within one month after the completion of your event/project. You are required to provide the Committee a quarterly progress report / update, in the event the project takes longer than three months to complete.

- 13. What is the maximum amount of funding you can apply for?**

There is no limit for funding requests. You can apply for full funding or can apply for co-funding for the event/ project. The decision on funding will be determined by the Committee. You need ensure quote/s are provided with your application as per guidelines.

- 14. If the event is postponed until next financial year due to COVID-19, do the funds need to be returned immediately and a second application submitted for the following year or can the funds be carried over?**

The decision on unspent funds (FY 19-20), due to bushfires or COVID-19 will be made by the Boco Rock Community Enhancement Fund Committee.

- 15. If you are an individual and not part of an organisation, can you still apply for funding if it is a project that will benefit the community?**

Yes, as long as the project is aimed to benefit the community and you have the ability to successfully organise and carry out the project.

- 16. If the funding being requested is an annual award that will be presented for the next 5 years, can we apply for funding?**

Yes, you can. Should you be applying for grant money that will be used across more than one year, you are required to provide a schedule in your application form. Should funding be granted for a project that will run longer than 12 months, you are required to report to the Committee with a progress report on a quarterly basis.

In the case of this award and you were to be granted funding across 5 years, you would need to ensure that you acquit each year within one month of the award being presented.

17. If we cannot source items locally for our event, can we outsource to other regions, or does the funding granted have to be spent locally?

It has been confirmed by the Sub Committee that funding does not have to be spent within the local community. However, to help support your application it is advisable that you show the Committee you have attempted to locally source the items (by providing quotes / email chains). The more the local community benefits from your project / event, the better chance your application has for being approved.

18. If we have any more questions after tonight, what do we do?

Contact the Governance Administration Support on 1300 345 345.