

Digicel Foundation

LEADERSHIP FOR CHANGE COMMUNITY GRANTS



PROGRAM FUNDING GUIDELINES

We invite you to collaborate with us in our efforts to leave no one behind!

OVERVIEW

The Patron of Digicel Foundation and Chairman of Digicel Group, Denis O'Brien, believes that where Digicel grows as business so too must the communities that it operates in grow. Digicel PNG Foundation has invested over K149 million into projects in all the 89 Districts of PNG since our launch in 2008.

In our Strategic Plan 2019-2022 we have a goal of creating a connected, educated, safe and healthy PNG. Our mission is to work in partnership with others to deliver vital infrastructure and social programs to connect Papua New Guineans and their communities to opportunities for sustainable development.

Our strategy focuses on three objectives:

1. Improve the lives of people in rural - urban communities through quality health and education programs;
2. Strengthen innovative partnerships and communications for change;
3. Build a smart and sustainable organization;

AIM OF COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The program aims to support local organizations with community grants of up to K50, 000 to deliver projects that provide local solutions to local problems. As an organization, Digicel Foundation PNG looks for partner organizations that work in line with our development priorities. We provide support to our partners through grants and capacity building. We then work together to monitor and evaluate the success of our programs and projects and provide a platform to share our collective story of change.

OUR FUNDING FOCUS

We prioritize funding for projects and programs, which are in line with our development outcomes, outlined in our results framework, in our Strategic Plan. The focus areas for organizations to apply for funding include:

1. Education and Literacy

Projects that help to improve the educational outcomes for disadvantaged communities. Proposals can include support for community libraries, literacy programs for children and adults, support for resource centres, inclusive education for people living with disabilities, innovative ways to unlock digital learning, support for STEM education in schools, teacher training etc.

2. Health

Projects that help communities improve health outcomes. This can range from health awareness to service delivery projects. Particular focus is given to projects that address maternal mortality, community based rehabilitation for people living with disabilities, water sanitation hygiene (WASH) Programs, Feminine Hygiene projects etc.

3. Peace Building

Projects that assist anti-violence advocates and human rights defenders in communities and increases access to services for victims of violence. These projects can include assistance to safe houses, peace-building initiatives through sports, conflict resolution training. Particular focus will be given to projects that emphasis working with men on violence prevention programs in line with the Men of Honour Campaign run by Digicel Foundation.

4. Leadership and Sustainable Livelihoods

Projects that assist with civic engagement and leadership development. Projects can include leadership skills training, civic engagement, strengthening local governance, sustainable livelihoods, nutrition and agricultural projects.

CRITERIA FOR FUNDING

Basic eligibility criteria for program funding:

- Organisations must be not-for-profit and have all statutory documentation in place
For example; IPA certification, Constitution, Tax Identification Number etc.
- Organisations must serve the majority of people in their respective communities;
- Organisations must have and display the leadership, financial management, experience, expertise and capacity to effectively carry out the proposed program activities;
- Program proposals must support Digicel Foundation goals;

FUNDING LIMITATIONS

The Community Grants Program does not provide funding for the following:

- Individual needs such as scholarships, etc.
- Endowment funds or funds directed towards deficit reduction or operating reserves;
- Trips, conferences, seminars, festivals, one day events (unless they are a part of an approved program activity);
- Church programs that have no direct link to our key development priorities.

IN KIND CONTRIBUTION

In order to encourage community ownership and participation, the Foundation encourages applicants to include in the grant-funding proposal, their contribution to the projects, whether in cash or kind. This investment may take the form of finance, capital or “sweat equity” in the form of labour.

HOW TO APPLY FOR PROJECT / FUNDING

1. Obtain the appropriate funding application form for your request. You can download forms from our website www.digicelpngfoundation.org or request for forms by emailing digicelpngfoundation@digicelgroup.com. Hard Copies with necessary signatures must be sent as support of on-line applications.
2. Complete the funding application form by answering all the questions

3. Once you have completed the application form and attached all supporting documents, you must submit your application to Digicel PNG Foundation
4. Applications can be submitted in the following ways:
 - Mail your application to Digicel PNG Foundation, P.O. Box 1618, Port Moresby, NCD or;
 - Hand deliver your applications to the Digicel Office at Kennedy Road, Gordons.
 - Email: digicelpngfoundation@digicelgroup.com or;
 - Deliver to the nearest Digicel Regional/Provincial Office – they will scan the documents and email to our office in POM
5. Deadline for applications is *5:00pm – Friday, 30 September 2022*
6. Successful applicants will be announced on *Wednesday, 09 November 2022*

THE APPLICATION SCREENING PROCESS

- Project Applications
- After you have completed and submitted the funding application, you will receive an email or phone call notifying you that your application has been received.
- Applications are selected depending on targets and operational plan for that financial year and are subject to approval from the Board of the Digicel Foundation.
- Should you not receive any feedback on your application by *31 January 2023*, please consider your application as unsuccessful.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us on 7222 2601 or email digicelpngfoundation@digicelgroup.com.