

Barkly Regional Deal

New Barkly grants program supports locally-led projects in communities and homelands

As the Barkly Regional Deal evolves, a new community grants program is being rolled out across the Barkly.

The Barkly Regional Deal's Local Community Projects Fund is a program offering small, medium and large grants for community-led projects in the Barkly's remote communities and homelands.

The grant program is about supporting projects in the regions remote areas and increasing local participation in community development.

Darryl Tiger Fitz, who represents Patta Aboriginal Corporation on the Barkly Regional Deal's Interim Governance Table is enthusiastic about the program and has a message for "all you mob" about the funds.

"The Community Grants Program is an opportunity for all communities big and small to access funds for projects that provide a benefit to your community" he says, encouraging people to "get involved now".

The new grants program is an avenue to fund key communities and homelands projects, and other projects that align with local priorities and aspirations.

The grant program is jointly funded by the Australian Government, the Northern Territory Government and the Barkly Regional Council. It is one of the 28 initiatives under the Barkly Regional Deal, the first pilot regional deal in Australia, which brings a new place-based approach to regional development.

The Barkly Regional Deal emphasises respectful, informed and inclusive engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, in recognition of First Nations peoples' ongoing connection to country as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land.

Barkly Regional Deal Grant guidelines and application forms are available online at www.barklyregionaldeal.com.au/resources or in hard copy through the Barkly Backbone info@barklybackbone.com.au