

Rural Non-Government Organisations Workforce Access to Education and Training Initiative

A joint project by

Dept of Communities & the Centre for Managed Strategies, Sunshine Coast TAFE

Overview

This project has been developed to assist community organisations delivering human services in rural and remote areas. The project helps with the identification of workforce development needs as well as funding training and education requirements identified as part of this planning process. The project also offers eligible participants funding to assist their access to education and training.

Who can participate

Non-Government Organisations who receive funding for human services delivery and are funded by one or more of the following:

- Department of Child Safety
- Department of Communities
- Department of Housing
- Disability Services Queensland.

Blueprint for the Bush Footprint

The community organisation requesting funding must be located within or providing services to those areas included in the Blueprint for the Bush footprint. The Blueprint for the Bush defines this area as “all that area outside Southeast Queensland including Cape York, Torres Strait, small eastern communities and communities west of the Great Dividing Range”.

The Blueprint for the Bush footprint excludes major regional centres such as Townsville–Thuringowa, Gladstone, Cairns, Rockhampton, Mackay and all of South East Queensland. However a worker may be resident and employed in a major regional centre, but may deliver services to rural or remote areas, in this instance the worker would be eligible.

This program can help eligible organisations in the following ways:

- We provide free workshops for workforce planning & development and can offer some workforce planning consultancy services.
- We assist with fees for TAFE, university or other training provided by accredited providers
- We assist with fees to support training, some examples are:
 - accommodation &/or travel
 - child minding
 - tutoring and supervision of studies
 - backfill
 - funding to support student placements
 - staffing to assist workers to gather evidence for RPL
 - other activities may be applicable

To check your eligibility and register for this program, contact **Chris Stephen**

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