UPL OpenAg Men’s Shed Grants Programme Guidelines

OPENS  Wednesday 21 July 2021
CLOSES  Wednesday 1 September 2021

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1. About UPL OpenAg

UPL is a multinational agricultural company that supplies crop protection products (e.g. herbicides, insecticides, specialty fertilizers, seed treatments) and technology to Australian farmers to help them grow crops and produce high quality produce. UPL also operate Pacific Seeds and Hannafords Seed Treatment Trucks which have been working in country Australia for over 50 years.

UPL was established in 1969 and has continuously evolved, innovated and grown. Their Mission is to make every single food product more sustainable.

Their purpose is to create a network for agriculture, activating connections across the world’s agriculture system, powering new levels of sustainable growth – for farmers, producers, customers, partners and societies everywhere. UPL is committed to creating sustainable and robust food systems that can withstand the perils of climate change or other crises, enabling farmers to protect their crops and ensuring food security for billions of people.

2. About the UPL OpenAg Grants Programme

UPL Australia has been looking for a worthwhile community organization to support: one that has strong linkages in the Australian Rural areas where their products are sold and an organization that promotes the health and wellbeing of its members many of whom have been or are still UPL customers.

The UPL Grant programme aims to assist Men’s Sheds in regional areas to improve facilities and amenities for members, increase memberships and engage with their community.

3. Funding Requests

Eligible Men’s Sheds can apply up to a maximum $1000 that can be used to purchase items/services such as:

- **Tools and equipment**

- **Minor improvements to Shed facilities** such as painting, HWS, raised garden beds

- **Improved amenities for members and visitors** such as BBQ; kitchen equipment e.g. coffee maker, microwave, cookware; outdoor seating,

- **Promotional and fundraising items** such as Shed logo shirts and/ or hats to promote the Shed at community and fundraising activities; gazebo, banners, trestle tables, chairs, cold storage containers, BBQ tools
4. **Application Eligibility**
   - Men’s Sheds registered with the Australian Men’s Shed Association
   - The Men’s Shed must be located in a rural area where the population of the town/location is **less than 10,000 people**
   - The Men’s Shed or its sponsor/auspicing body must be a registered legal entity

5. **Submitting your Application**
   - Applications close **Wed 1st Sept 2021**
   - Attach one quote from a supplier for all items/services requested. This can be sourced from the suppliers website
   - Email all application documents to [liz@mensshed.net](mailto:liz@mensshed.net)

6. **What is the Application Evaluation Process?**
   - i. All applications will undergo a Compliance Check
   - ii. Applications will be evaluated by an Evaluation Panel
   - iii. A report of the Recommended Successful Applicants and the level of funding will be provided to the UPL Australia
   - iv. On approval, AMSA will publish the list of successful applicants on the AMSA website.
   - v. All applicants, both successful and unsuccessful, will be notified in writing of the outcome.

7. **Successful Applicants**
   - Successful applicants will be required to sign a Letter of Offer that will detail the funding offer and purpose.
   - AMSA will administer the deposit of grant monies via Direct Deposit
   Please ensure that the banking details provided in your application are checked and correct

8. **Application Timeline**
   - **Open**
     - Wednesday 21 July 2021
   - **Close**
     - Wednesday 1 September
   - **Grants announced**
     - Friday 15 October 2021

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