

Our Place, Our Future — resourcing rural capacity

What is the funding for?

Our Place, Our Future initiative aims to assist members of rural and remote communities to increase their capacity to build more socially, culturally, and economically sustainable communities.

There are two categories of funding available through Our Place, Our Future:

- **Planning and engagement:** To assist local communities to work together to identify, develop, coordinate and prioritise local strategies and plans that may lead to longer-term initiatives
- **Project implementation:** To action existing community plans and priorities that improve the sustainability of communities through social, cultural, environmental and/or economic development initiatives.

Who can apply?

- Rural and remote communities in the Blueprint for the Bush target area — that is, communities outside South-East Queensland, excluding the major regional centres.
- The initiative encourages collaborations between stakeholders. The applicant organisation could include local governments and community organisations.

How much funding is available?

The Queensland Government has committed \$7.42 million over the next three years for Our Place, Our Future.

- **Planning and engagement:** Funding of up to \$20,000 is available.
- **Project implementation:** There is no set limit on funding under this category; however, projects will need to leverage other funds or in-kind support. Applications seeking 100 per cent funding from this category will not be considered.

When do applications close?

The next funding rounds in 2008 close on the following dates:

• Monday 2 June 2008, 4pm	• Monday 1 September 2008, 4pm
• Monday 24 November 2008, 4pm	

New rounds for 2009 will be announced progressively.

Where can you get more information?

The funding information paper and application form are available on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation website at www.dlgsr.qld.gov.au or by contacting your nearest Rural Communities Officer for help in developing your project concept and funding application. Contact details are available from the department's website and the funding information paper.