

FACT SHEET - VEHICLE GIFTS AND LONG-TERM LOANS

1. Who is Eligible/Ineligible to Apply?

Eligible Organisations

Organisations must be non-profit, Territory-based community organisations, which are incorporated. If an organisation is not incorporated, the application must be sponsored by an incorporated body.

Each organisation or sponsor must be either :

- incorporated under the *Associations Act*;
- incorporated with non-profit objectives under *Corporations Act 2001 (Cwlth)*;
- incorporated under the *Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976 (Cwlth)*;
- an organisation with non-profit objectives incorporated by any other Act of the Parliament; or
- an organisation approved by the Minister as exempt from incorporation requirements.

Ineligible Organisations

The following are not eligible to apply for vehicle gifts or long-term loans:

- individuals;
- organisations licensed to sell liquor or operate Electronic Gaming Machines;
- government or semi-government organisations such as hospitals, libraries and councils servicing a total population of greater than 3000;
- public and private educational institutions (primary, secondary and tertiary) and affiliate/auxiliary bodies such as school councils;
- research foundations and trusts;
- organisations that have failed to acquit a previous CBF grant.

2. What is Available?

Vehicles gifted will generally be a 2WD vehicle. 4WD or larger vehicles, such as buses, will only be provided where a 2WD is inappropriate for the intended use. Heavy vehicles are not included in the vehicle gift program.

3. How Many Vehicles Are Available Per Annum?

The number of vehicles available for gifting each year is approximately 15, depending on the current market value.

4. When Are Applications Considered?

Applications for vehicle gifts and loans will be called for and close at the same time as Community Organisation Grants (small grants) and applications will also be considered by the CBF Committee in conjunction with Community Organisation Grants

The following timetable currently applies:

Round 1	2007/08	Applications open	1 July 2007
		Applications close	31 August 2007
Round 2	2007/08	Applications open	1 January 2008
		Applications close	29 February 2008

Ad hoc applications for long-term vehicle loans may be considered outside the above grant rounds.

5. Who Approves Vehicle Gifts and Long-Term Loans?

The CBF Committee will consider all applications and make recommendations to the Treasurer, who is the delegated person to approve vehicle gifts and long-term loans.

6. How long is a Long-Term Loan?

Any period longer than four weeks is considered long-term. For periods shorter than four weeks, applicants should make application to the Department of Corporate and Information Services.

7. Where Do the Vehicles For Gifts and Long-Term Loans Come From?

Vehicles are drawn from surplus vehicles in Government's light vehicle fleet.

8. If Approved, How Does a Vehicle Become Available to an Organisation?

NT Fleet, as the Government's vehicle fleet manager, will determine the distribution of vehicles as they become available. NT Fleet operate in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, and approved vehicles will be distributed from the nearest office. Transport costs to pick up approved vehicles are the responsibility of the organisation.

9. What is the Organisation Responsible For?

Approved organisations bear the responsibility for vehicle running, maintenance and insurance costs of the gifted vehicle. This also applies to long-term loans. In addition, transport costs to pick up approved vehicles from the nearest NT Fleet office are the responsibility of the organisation.

10. Where Can I Get More Information and/or Application Forms?

To obtain more application guidelines, application forms and/or to discuss your application, please contact the Community Benefit Fund Secretariat on:

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