

FUNDING GUIDELINES

LEADERSHIP FOR CHANGE: Community Grants Program

We invite you to partner with us in our efforts to leave no one behind!

Overview

The Patron of Digicel Foundation and Chairman of Digicel Group, Denis O'Brien, believes that where Digicel as a business grows, its communities must grow too. The establishment of the Digicel Foundation's in Jamaica (2004), Haiti (2006), Papua New Guinea (2008) and Trinidad & Tobago (2013) is in that spirit. To date, we have invested PGK429million into 4 of the Foundations which has resulted in over 2,200 projects reaching over 2.81 million people who have been positively impacted by the Foundation's activities. In PNG this investment has been PGK85million since our launch in 2008, one year after Digicel PNG Ltd launched its voice network in the country.

Digicel PNG celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 2018 and has achieved significant impact through its infrastructure program that has its footprint in all the 89 Districts around the country. In our strategic plan from 2019–2022 we have a goal of creating a connected, educated, safe and healthy PNG. Our mission is to work in partnership with others to deliver vital infrastructure and social programs to connect Papua New Guineans and their communities to opportunities for sustainable development. Our strategy is focused on three objectives:

1. Improve the lives of people in rural - urban communities through quality health and education programs;
2. Strengthen innovative partnerships and communications for change;
3. Build a smart and sustainable organization;

Aim of Community Grants Program

The program is aimed at supporting local organizations with community grants of up to K50, 000 to deliver projects that provide local solutions to local problems. As an organization Digicel Foundation PNG looks for partner organizations that work in line with our development priorities. We provide support to our partners through grants and capacity building. We then work together to monitor and evaluate the success of our programs and projects and provide a platform to share our collective story of change.

Our Funding Focus

We prioritise funding for projects and programs which are in line with our development outcomes outlined in our results framework in our Strategic Plan. The focus areas for organizations to apply for funding include:

- 1. Education and Literacy:** Projects that help to improve the educational outcomes for disadvantaged communities. Proposals can include support for community libraries, literacy programs for children and adults, support for resource centres, inclusive education for people living with disabilities, innovative ways to unlock digital learning, support for STEM education in schools, teacher training etc.
- 2. Health:** Projects that help communities improve health outcomes. This can range from health awareness to service delivery projects. Particular focus is given to projects that address maternal mortality, community based rehabilitation for people living with disabilities, water sanitation hygiene (WASH) Programs, Feminine Hygiene projects etc.
- 3. Anti-Violence:** Projects that assist anti-violence advocates and human rights defenders in communities and increases access to services for victims of violence. These projects can include assistance to safe houses, peace building initiatives through sports, conflict resolution training. Particular focus will be given to projects that emphasis working with men on violence prevention programs in line with the Men of Honour Campaign run by Digicel Foundation.
- 4. Leadership and Citizenship:** Projects that assist with civic engagement and leadership development. Projects can include leadership skills training, civic engagement, strengthening local governance, constitution building and awareness, civic voice and participation.

Criteria for Funding

Basic eligibility criteria for program funding:

- Organisations must be not for profit and have all statutory documentation in place e.g. IPA certification, constitution, tax identification number etc.
- Organisations must serve the majority of people in their respective communities;
- Organisations must have and display the leadership, financial management, experiences, expertise and capacity to effectively carry out the proposed program activities
- Program proposals must support Digicel Foundation goals
- Program proposals must support all required information and documents

Funding Limitations

The Community Grants Program does not provide funding for the following:

- Individual needs such as scholarships, etc.
- Endowment funds or funds directed towards deficit reduction or operating reserves;
- Trips, conferences, seminars, festivals, one day events (unless they are a part of an approved program activity);
- Church programs that have no direct link to our key development priorities.

In kind Contribution

In order to encourage community ownership and participation, the Foundation we encourage applicants to include in the grant funding proposal inclusion of their contribution to the projects whether in cash or kind. This investment may take the form of finance, capital or “sweat equity” in the form of labour.

How to Apply for Project/Program Funding

1. Obtain the appropriate funding application form for your request. You can download forms from our website www.digicelpngfoundation.org or request for forms by emailing digicelpngfoundation@digicelgroup.com. Hard Copies with requisite signatures should be sent in support of on-line applications.
2. Fully complete the funding application form by answering all the questions
3. Once you have completed the application form and attached all support documentation, you must submit your application to Digicel PNG Foundation
4. Applications can be submitted in the following ways:
 - Mail your application to Digicel PNG Foundation, PO Box 1618, Port Moresby, NCD or;
 - Hand deliver your applications to the Digicel Office at Kennedy Road, Gordons.
 - Email: digicelpngfoundation@digicelgroup.com or;
 - Deliver to the nearest Digicel Regional/Provincial Office – they will scan the documents and email to our office in POM
5. Deadline for applications is 5:00pm 30 September 2019.

The Application Screening Process

Project Applications

- After you have completed and submitted the funding application, you will receive an e-mail or phone call notifying you that your application has been received.
- Applications are selected depending on targets and operational plan for that financial year and are subject to approval from the Board of the Digicel Foundation.

Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us on 7222 2601 or email digicelpngfoundation@digicelgroup.com