

2026 Powerlink Community Grants Program Application Form

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Before you begin

Powerlink is committed to creating lasting benefits for the communities in regions that are, or will be, impacted by Powerlink project activity. Through our Community Grants Program, we partner with local not-for-profit organisations to invest in community-led projects that strengthen resilient, connected and sustainable communities.

By supporting community investment in regions where we have project activity, we help address changing community needs, build local capacity and strengthen the relationships that enable us to work alongside our host communities.

Powerlink's Community Grants Program provides funding for **one-off, short-term** projects that deliver lasting community benefits through investment in local infrastructure, equipment, assets and initiatives that strengthen resilient, connected and sustainable communities.

Powerlink Community Grants Program supports projects and initiatives valued at **up to \$5,000** across regional Queensland.

You will be eligible to apply for a Powerlink Grant in 2026 if your project/initiative is located within the following LGA's:

Local Government Area

- Isaac
- Banana
- Rockhampton
- Gladstone
- Cairns
- South Burnett
- Somerset
- Toowoomba
- Western Downs
- Gympie

The 2026 round supports projects and initiatives that occur during the **2027 calendar year**. Projects must not commence prior to **1 January 2027**.

Before you start this application form please ensure you have read the guideline and have your project details, and organisational/auspice information (if applicable) handy.

Only one application per organisation will be accepted each round.

Applications close 21st September 2026.

All information contained in your application will be used as part of the assessment process to determine whether your application is successful or not.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome within approximately 8 weeks of applying.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact us at communitygrants@powerlink.com.au

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Preparing your application

The application form is based around a series of questions specific to your project details, benefits to the community, alignment to our program objectives, your organisation's capability to deliver the project and budget information.

Applicants are welcome to keep their word count to under 250 words per response and additional information is optional. All requests for funding are required to provide evidence of Public Liability Insurance and quotes for goods and services will need to be attached.

To complete this application you will need to provide the following:

- ABN details;
- Organisation or auspice information - If you are not an incorporated organisation you will need to provide a letter of support from your auspice (if applicable);
- Contact details for the primary project's contact, the organisation contact and the organisation's secondary contact details
- Information about your project;
- Mandatory attachments to your application include:
 - Public Liability Insurance (minimum \$10million)
 - Quotes for goods and services
- Optional attachments to your application include:
 - Supporting evidence and documents (e.g. Letters of support, images)

Privacy Notice

We pledge to respect and uphold your rights to privacy protection under the [Australian Privacy Principles](#) (APPs) as established under the *Privacy Act 1988* and amended by the *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012*. To view our privacy statement, go to <https://www.powerlink.com.au/privacy-statement>

Eligibility

* indicates a required field

Confirmation of Eligibility

Before proceeding, please confirm the following:

- you have read and understood the program guidelines
- you are able to demonstrate alignment between your project and the aims of this program
- you are a community group, community club or a not-for-profit organisation
- your organisation is incorporated, or is auspiced by an incorporated organisation for the purposes of this application
- your organisation has a representative in Queensland and your organisation can deliver the project within the nominated Queensland locality
- your organisation is able to demonstrate financial viability

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- you can provide evidence of public liability insurance (minimum \$10 million) and quotes for goods and services
- you are able to complete the project within the 2027 calendar year
- you acknowledge only one application is to be submitted by your organisation during the current submission period

You confirm that all statements are true and correct: *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Ineligible for funding

If you cannot confirm the above statements you are not eligible for funding. If you would like to discuss your eligibility, please contact us at communitygrants@powerlink.com.au

Is this a new or existing initiative? *

- ☐ New
☐ Existing

Ineligible for funding

If you cannot confirm the project is a new initiative you are not eligible for funding. If you would like to discuss your eligibility, please contact us at communitygrants@powerlink.com.au

What is the amount of funding you are applying for? *

Must be a dollar amount.

No symbols or spaces please (e.g 5000)

If successful, I acknowledge that we may receive partial funding of the amount requested: *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Ineligibility

If you cannot confirm that you acknowledge that you may receive partial funding of the amount requested, you are not eligible for funding. If you would like to discuss your eligibility, please contact us at communitygrants@powerlink.com.au

If partial funding is considered, Powerlink will not reduce this by more than 40% of the original request. If this occurs, and funding is reduced, please confirm if the organisation can complete the project?

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Possibly (will need to source additional funding or change the scope of the project)
- ☐ No

Please provide any additional comments regarding partial funding here.

LGA Eligibility

In which LGA is your grant funding application initiative located? *

If your project is located in more than one of the listed LGAs (e.g. activity crosses an LGA boundary), select one LGA to be the primary location, and provide detail of the project's locations/activities in the project information section.

Please provide address of project location. *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Organisational Details

What is your organisation's legal structure? *

- ☐ Incorporated association
- ☐ Company Limited by Guarantee
- ☐ Co-operative
- ☐ Unincorporated organisation (applying through an auspice)
- ☐ Other:

What type of organisation are you? *

- ☐ Community Group
- ☐ Community club
- ☐ Not-for-profit
- ☐ School P&C
- ☐ Registered Charity
- ☐ Other:

Please select all that apply

Is your organisation registered as a First Nations business? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Contact Details

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* indicates a required field

Organisation Details

Please provide details relating to your organisation

Organisation name *

Organisation Name

Please provide a brief description of the services your organisation provide to the community? *

Word count:

For example, "We support the local school in gaining funding for items that are not covered by the department of education" or "We provide landcare initiatives and native fauna rescue services in the local community"

Primary project contact *

Title First Name Last Name

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Your contact details

Position held within organisation *

Primary project contact email *

Must be an email address.

Primary project contact phone number *

Must be an Australian landline or mobile phone number (eg: (07) 3000 0000 or 0400 000 000).

Organisation ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register
ABN
Entity Name
ABN Status
Entity Type
Goods & Services Tax (GST)
DGR Endorsed

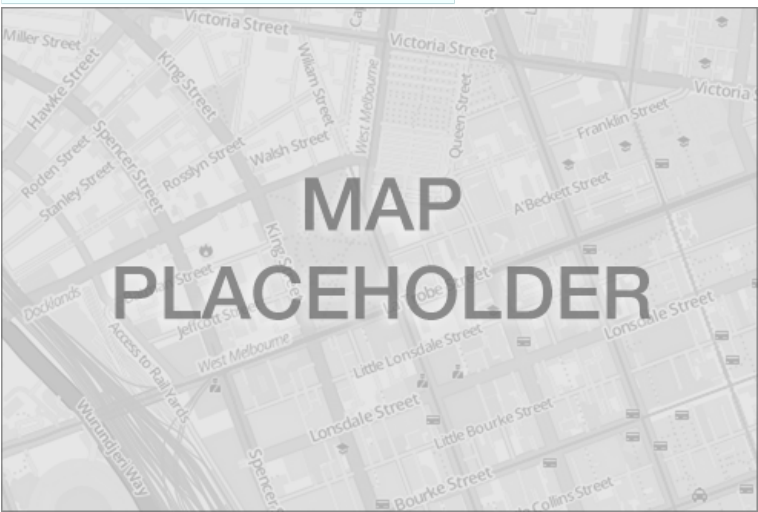
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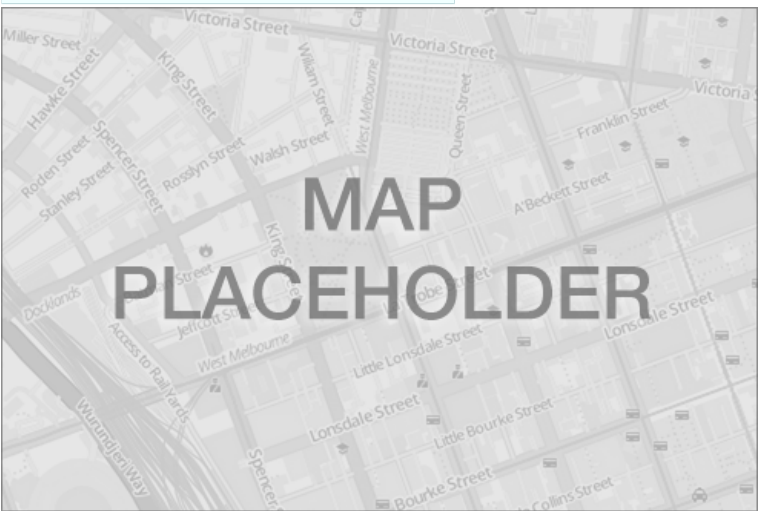
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Organisation primary address *
Address



Organisation postal address *
Address



If this is not a street address please select 'can't find my address' and fill out full details

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Organisation primary phone number

Optional - please complete if different to above. Must be an Australian landline or mobile phone number (eg: (07) 3000 0000 or 0400 000 000).

Organisation primary email

Optional - please complete if different to above.

Auspice Details

Please complete this section if applying through an auspice.

Auspice organisation name

Organisation Name

Please use the organisations full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with ABR, ACNC or ATO

Auspice Primary Contact

Title First Name Last Name

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Auspice Primary Contact Position

Auspice ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

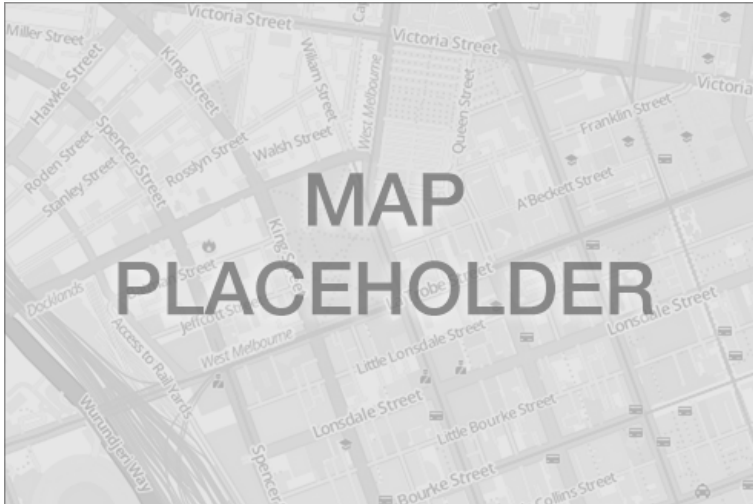
Must be an ABN.

Auspice Primary Address

Address

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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Auspice Primary Phone Number

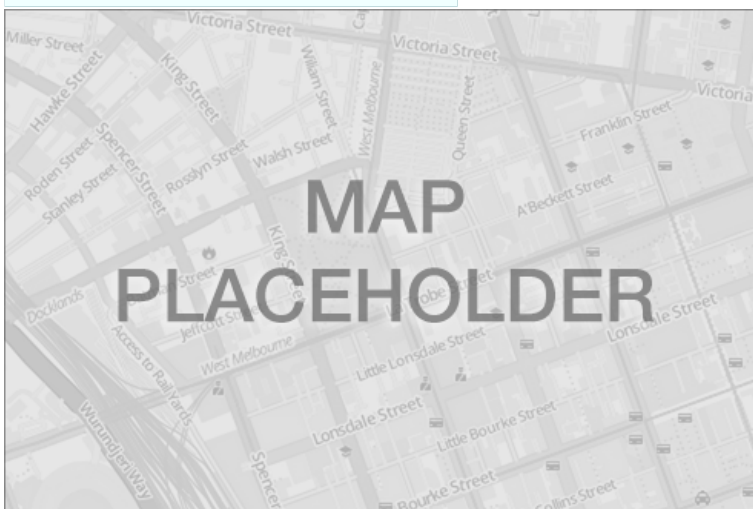
Must be an Australian phone number.

Auspice Primary Email

Must be an email address.

Auspice Postal Address

Address



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Letter of support from Auspice

Attach a file:

The letter must be signed by an authorised person (e.g., Manager, CEO or Board Chair) and must include: name, position, signature and date. Please ensure the letter acknowledges the auspice arrangement.

Secondary Contact details

Please provide a secondary contact

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Title

First Name

Last Name

Position held within the organisation *

Phone number *

Must be an Australian landline or mobile phone number (eg: (07) 3000 0000 or 0400 000 000).

Email address *

Must be an email address.

Project Information

* indicates a required field

Project Details

Project Title *

Short project description *

Word count:

Provide a short description (Maximum 100 words) of your project.

Project Start Date *

Must be a date and between 1/1/2027 and 31/12/2027.

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Proposed Project End Date *

Must be a date and between 1/1/2027 and 31/12/2027.

Project Plan

Include a high-level project plan outlining key project milestones.

Milestone examples: Quotes obtained, engagement with contractors required, budget confirmed, Powerlink acquittal form submitted.

Add more lines as needed to list all the main milestones to complete your project.

Activity/Milestone	Start Date	End Date	Notes
	Must be a date.	Must be a date.	

Project Budget

* indicates a required field

Total Amount Requested *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Project Cost *

\$

Must be a dollar amount (excl GST). What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project? This includes in-kind value (e.g. volunteer hours)

Budget Example

Please outline your budget in the income and expenditure tables below. **All amounts should be GST exclusive.**

In the 'Confirmed' section, write 'Yes' if the income has been confirmed or 'No' if the income is yet to be formally confirmed.

Example:

Project Income Source

Confirmed?

Project Income Amount

Powerlink Community Grant

No

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\$5,000

Council Grant

Yes

\$2,000

Your budget **MUST** balance (TOTAL INCOME AMOUNT = TOTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT). Therefore the balanced amount in the cell under Project Budget Totals 'Project Income - Expenditure' will be \$0 if balanced. This ensures all funds supplied go to the project without additional funds remaining.

Please **do not add commas or symbols** to figures – e.g. type 1000 not \$1,000 – this will ensure your figures for each table total correctly.

Budget - Income (GST exclusive)

Add lines for every form of income that will fund your project and state whether it is a confirmed income source or not yet confirmed and its amount.

Funding from multiple sources is welcomed.

Funding Provider Name	Confirmed?	Funding Amount
Powerlink Community Grant	Yes No	
		No symbols, commas or spaces please. Add more rows if there are more than one funding source of income. Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents).

Project Budget - Expenditure

Add line items for all of the expenses of your project and their dollar amount

Project Expenditure Description	Project Expenditure Amount
E.g. Purchase of equipment, labour to install, etc.	No symbols, commas or spaces please. Add more rows for every expense.. Must be a dollar amount.

Project Budget Totals

This section is automatically calculated based on your budget above.

Your budget **MUST** balance (TOTAL INCOME AMOUNT = TOTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT). Therefore the balanced amount in the cell under 'Project Income - Expenditure' will be 0 if balanced.

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Total Project Income Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Project Expenditure Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Project Income - Expenditure

This number/amount is calculated.

Assessment Criteria

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Applications will be assessed and weighted (%) against the following criteria and alignment. Percentages listed indicate the weightings of the questions for assessment.

Community Need and Benefit - weighted criteria 30%

- Clearly outlines the benefit to the local community.
- Outlines the number and diversity of people benefiting from the project.
- Demonstrates community need.

Please describe how your project or activity will benefit the community? *

Word count:

Maximum 350 words. For example, "Improving our hub facilities will provide a more welcoming and inclusive environment for the community, new families in town and a destination for all ages and genders to gather safely."

Alignment with Grant Objectives - weighted criteria 20%

Projects are required to demonstrate alignment to one or more of the following objectives:

1.Strengthen community infrastructure

Support the development, upgrade or enhancement of community assets and infrastructure that improve liveability, accessibility and community participation.

Examples: halls, sporting facilities, meeting spaces, safety infrastructure.

1.Build resilient and connected communities

Invest in infrastructure, equipment, assets and community initiatives that improve community wellbeing, preparedness and social connection.

Examples: emergency response equipment, community gardens, shaded gathering spaces, mental health or wellbeing programs (not training).

1.Support sustainable community outcomes

Enable projects that improve environmental sustainability and long-term resource efficiency.

Examples: solar systems or energy-saving infrastructure, water-saving infrastructure, recycling stations.

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1. Enhance community safety and wellbeing

Improve access to infrastructure, equipment or initiatives that support physical, mental and social wellbeing.

Examples: defibrillators, playground upgrades, safety fencing, community wellbeing or resilience initiatives.

1. Support local economic participation

Strengthen local economic participation and community outcomes through infrastructure, equipment or community initiatives that support local activity and connection.

Examples: community equipment that supports local participation and activity, tourism infrastructure, shared community business facilities.

1. Improve accessibility and inclusion

Support projects that remove barriers to participation and improve access for all community members.

Examples: accessibility upgrades to community facilities, inclusive play equipment, modifications to shared community spaces.

Select the objectives that align with your project/initiative. Please feel free to select more than one if multiple objectives apply.

- ☐ 1. Strengthen community infrastructure
- ☐ 2. Build resilient and connected communities
- ☐ 3. Support sustainable community outcomes
- ☐ 4. Enhance community safety and wellbeing
- ☐ 5. Support local economic participation
- ☐ 6. Improve accessibility and inclusion

Please describe how your proposed project will contribute to Powerlink's objectives above *

Word count:

Maximum 350 words. For example: "Our project contributes to 'enhance community and social capacity'. We will be providing a safe place for community groups to gather which will encourage them to meet more frequently as local groups at the hub."

Budget and value for money - weighted criteria 20%

- Demonstrates that the amount requested is fair and reasonable and reflective of the value of the project to the participants involved and the local community.
- Outlines the project budget and if any co-contributions are being made.

Please describe the project's budget and demonstration of value for money. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Is the amount requested reasonable? Does the budget reflect the value of the project? Taking into consideration the number of participants involved and the local community.

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Project readiness and feasibility - weighted criteria 15%

- Has a clear scope outlining the delivery of the project, approvals (if needed), and has realistic timeframes.
- Describes the organisations skills and capacity to deliver the project.

Please describe how you intend to deliver the project and your organisation's ability to complete the proposed project. *

Word count:

What expertise or resources does your organisation have to deliver the project? For example, " We have a dedicated grants officer to manage the funding, and a nominated project manager who will be responsible for overseeing delivery of the project", "If we receive a community grant it will provide sufficient funding for the hub to engage the local cabinet maker and appliances store to complete the project with our five volunteers", "Our community group has been active in the local government area for ten years. We have successfully delivered multiple projects on time with success."

Sustainability and long-term benefit - weighted criteria 15%

Please describe how the project demonstrates a long-term benefit to the community and has considered the sustainability of the initiative.

Supporting documentation

Please attach any supporting documentation you feel is important to the applications success.

Mandatory Documents

- Evidence of public liability insurance (minimum \$10 million)
- Quotes for goods and services

Optional Documents

- Supporting evidence and documents, e.g. photos, quotations, letters, examples of your work

Public Liability Insurance Policy *

Attach a file:

e.g. photos, quotations, letters, examples of your work

Quotes for Goods & Services *

Attach a file:

Supporting Documents (Optional)

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Attach a file:

Declaration & Feedback

* indicates a required field

Terms and Conditions

Successful applicants will be asked to:

- Enter into a funding agreement with Powerlink which sets out the rights and obligations of the parties in relation to the program
- If applying with an auspice, the auspice is required to enter into a funding agreement with Powerlink
- Provide any relevant insurance certificates if requested (e.g: volunteer insurance)
- Seek approval prior to the use or publication of our logo and follow the corporate identity elements for promotional material provided by Powerlink
- Submit an acquittal form via SmartyGrants which includes a short summary or success stories at the end of the project and outcomes, including proof of expenditure
- Share any photos of the project with/without Powerlink representation use in future promotion of these funds
- Advise us of any changes in circumstance relating to the funded project

Key Terms

Powerlink is not legally bound or required to provide funds or advance any payment amounts until a funding agreement is in place.

To receive funds if your application is successful, you will need to:

- Submit a completed funding agreement
- Provide any relevant insurance certificates (e.g.: public liability insurance)
- Provide a [tax invoice](#) for the grant to be paid

This is a one-off payment, and it might not be the full amount you applied for.

If you are unable to meet the funding agreement timeframes or budget expenditure, please speak with us.

Submission deadline

The submission deadline is final. Please refer to the date in the application form. We need to receive your application submitted through the appropriate portal. Late applications will not be accepted.

If you experience any unexpected circumstances while submitting your application, please contact us at communitygrants@powerlink.com.au

Privacy

The information an applicant provides in their application form will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth). For more information see the [Powerlink's Privacy Policy](#). In submitting an application, the applicant agrees to the Powerlink collecting any personal information contained within the application, including the name, contact details and role of its officers in order to assess the application and for the purpose of grants administration.

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Declaration

- The information given on this application is complete and correct.
- I have the authority to supply all contact and project details for this application.
- This application is subject to the community grants program application guidelines, which I have read and accept.
- I have read and I accept the terms and conditions and acknowledgement statement.

I agree with the above statements: *

☐ Yes

Date *

Must be a date.

Application feedback

Your valuable feedback will help us to continue to improve, shape and create a better program for you and your community. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button, please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

Your feedback DOES NOT form part of the assessment process.

How did you find out about this program? *

- ☐ word of mouth
- ☐ social media
- ☐ my local council
- ☐ Powerlink staff member
- ☐ Powerlink website
- ☐ Other:

Please indicate how useful and informative you found the Community Grants Guideline: *

- ☐ Very useful ☐ Useful ☐ Neutral ☐ Not useful

Please indicate how you found the online application process: *

- ☐ Very easy ☐ Easy ☐ Neutral ☐ Difficult ☐ Very difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?

Estimate in minutes i.e. 1 hour = 60

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process, form or guidelines that you think we need to consider.

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Would you like to receive more information from us about other Powerlink grants and initiatives? *

- ☐ Yes, please add me to the community database
- ☐ No thank you