**About ARTC**

The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) is one of Australia’s largest rail network owners, operating and managing over 8,500 kilometres of standard gauge track in South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia, New South Wales and Queensland.

ARTC plays a critical role in the transport supply chain and in the overall economic development of Australia. We have a strong connection with regional and rural Australian communities with many of our provisioning centres and depots in regional towns and cities across Australia. We are also delivering the major national infrastructure project - Inland Rail which will directly connect Melbourne to Brisbane in Queensland by rail.

**What we are looking for:**

Applications that demonstrate shared value and long terms benefits for the community in which we operate will be considered with priority. We regularly receive partnership, donation and charity requests of a varying nature every year - we look to align any support we provide with our key priority areas:

**Focus Area 1 – Rail Safety**

*As an organisation, safety is our number one priority. We look to create opportunities to promote rail safety behaviour to the communities neighbouring our network – particularly school aged children to encourage safe behaviours from a young age.*

**Focus Area 2 – Mental Health/Wellbeing**

*We have a focus on addressing stigma surrounding emotional and mental trauma that might manifest as a result of exposure to incidents on the rail. We look to support community initiatives and organisations that can positively impact mental health and wellbeing on the communities we operate throughout.*

**Focus Area 3 – Environment**

*Our aim is to be a respected and environmentally responsible rail operator. We look for opportunities to support initiatives that can contribute to environmental sustainability such as land beautification opportunities, drought relief programs and planting days.*

**What we are not looking for:**

ARTC are not able to support any organisations that are:

* associated with a political party or have an exclusive religious focus
* participate in activity that may be seen as offensive or damaging to ARTC’s reputation
* supportive or have visible links to tobacco, gaming, alcohol or illegal drugs
* produce a high level of waste, emissions or environmental harm.
* Not geographically relevant to our operations
* Have not provided sufficient time to support the event/sponsorship
* Activities or events with a large number or conflicting sponsors

**Our selection process:**

Each application will be assessed against ARTC’s selection criteria available at **artc.com.au/community**. Applicants may be required to attend a briefing with representatives from ARTC to discuss the details of the application or request.

**Applicant Details**

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| **Name of organisation, charity or recipient:** |  |
| **Contact person & role within organisation:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |
| **Postal address:** |  |
| **Contact Number:** |  |
| **Email Address:** |  |
| **Website:** |  |
| **Background information***In 150 words or less, describe your community organisation* |  |

**Request for Support**

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| **Funding Proposal***Tell us what you aim to achieve with ARTC’s support.* *Provide a project timelineSingle or multi-year request?Cash or in-kind support?* |  |
| **Funding Amount***Please provide a budget breakdown of how the funding will be spent.* |  |

**Shared Value & Suitability**

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| **Benefits to Community***What direct benefits will the community receive from ARTC’s support?**Highlight who will see the benefits and where they will be seen.* |  |
| **Benefits to ARTC***What direct benefits will ARTC receive from this investment?**Which ARTC focus area does this support? See front page for categories.* |  |
| **Media Opportunities***Are there any media opportunities available from this support? If yes, briefly describe.* |  |
| **Sharing Outcomes***How will you evaluate and share the outcomes with ARTC?* |  |

**Please attach any supporting documentation for your proposal.**

After you have completed this form, please send with attention to “Corporate Affairs”:

* Please email application and any supporting documentation to enquiries@artc.com.au
* You can also mail to: Level 1, 371 Spencer St, West Melbourne 3001

A formal cover letter accompanying this application form will be viewed favourably.