

QUARTERLY SUMMARY – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2015

The **Local Buying Community Foundation (LBCF)** is a critical element of the **BMA Local Buying Program (BLBP)**. The Foundation aims to enhance the economic sustainability of communities within BMA’s operational footprint and the broader Bowen Basin region. The key areas of focus for the Foundation include:

1. **Building Sustainable Futures (BSF)** – focusing on wider business economic and community development.
2. **Building Sustainable Business Communities (BSBC)** – focusing on local business training and development.

Governance over the Local Buying Community Foundation is provided by the **Community Foundation Advisory Committee (CFAC)**, a collaborative stakeholder committee consisting of representatives that have diverse skills, business expertise and economic development. Current Committee Membership:

Tracey Lenz (Chair)	<i>BHP Billiton</i>	Sandra Hobbs	CHDC
Emma Blumke	BMA	Dr Manu Nithianantha	Blackwater Business Representative
Katie Smith	BMC	Bronwyn Reid	Emerald Business Representative
Cr. Anne Baker	IRC	John Crooks	Dysart Business Representative
Cr. Paul Bell	CHRC	Erica Fredericksen	Moranbah Business Representative

Local Buying Community Foundation Funds:

For every transaction through the BMA Local Buying Program, a percentage is transferred into the Local Buying Community Foundation Trust Account held by C-Res. **Since program commencement in July 2012, over \$730,000 has been distributed into this fund.**

Approved Projects per Year:

The LBCF has four funding rounds per year. All funding rounds are advertised on the BMA Local Buying Program website.

Year	Number of Funding Rounds	Number of Projects Approved	Value (ex GST)
2015	3	8	\$ 47,850
2014	4	15	\$156,787
2013	4	15	\$134,762
2012	1	3	\$ 22,000
TOTAL	12	41	\$361,399

Approved Projects (Round 3 2015):

Project / Program Name	Description	Project / Initiative Owner
Better Bigger Stronger Growth Conference	The Better Bigger Stronger Growth Conference is an intensive two day event designed to upskill the region’s small businesses and covering topics which are relevant to current business conditions focusing on four pillars: Strategy, Sales, People, and Money.	Mackay Region Chamber of Commerce
Healthcare Marketing. Just What the Doctor Ordered.	The Healthcare Marketing project is designed to equip healthcare professionals / businesses in Central Highlands with an understanding of how to gain and retain customers through the effective use of marketing.	Central Qld Rural Division of General Practice

Remaining Funding Rounds for 2015:

There is one remaining funding round for 2015, with closes on 27th November. Expression of Interest forms for funding are available on the website – www.localbuying.com.au/community