



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

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About Community Grants Program

Snowy Hydro is dedicated to supporting the local communities where we operate, helping them strengthen their economic, social, and regional resilience.

We have invested millions of dollars in not-for-profit organisations, projects and initiatives that align with our community commitment pillars.

Organisations and community groups from the surrounding regions of the Snowy Mountains are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$10,000.

These include the local government areas of:

- Snowy Monaro, New South Wales
- Snowy Valleys, New South Wales
- Towong, Victoria







Snowy Hydro's Community Commitment Pillars



Education and development

We are dedicated to fostering educational opportunities and career pathways for local young people with a focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).



Health and wellbeing

We support the health and wellbeing of our community by nurturing initiatives focussed on the physical and mental wellbeing.

Building social, economic and regional resilience.



Regional capacity building

We encourage active engagement and participation in community by supporting initiatives to encourage sustainable growth and boost capacity.



Environment and sustainability

We work with our communities to support initiatives that will positively improve the environments in and around the areas where we operate.

Key Dates

	Application open	Closure of campaign	Notification of successful applications
Round 1	15 February 2025 9:00am	16 March 2025 11:55pm	by 28 April 2025

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible

- Groups operating within the Snowy Monaro, Snowy Valleys or Towong local government areas
- Not-for-profit community groups or organisations that hold an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Non-incorporated community groups and clubs overseen by an eligible organisation (this must be nominated as the legal entity on the application form)
- Applications must be submitted using the online form

Not eligible

- Political groups or organisations that are primarily engaged in political activities, including promoting political parties, candidates, or specific political ideologies
- Religious initiatives that primarily focus on promoting religious activities or beliefs
- Private individuals or business activities or recurrent expenses (example: rent, utilities, wages for a business or organisation)
- Requests for retrospective activities, or to cover costs associated with making an application
- Council-owned assets or infrastructure without written support from council
- Organisations or community groups not aligned with Snowy Hydro's values
- Initiatives that have direct links to tobacco, illegal drugs, negative impacts on health, or are associated with inappropriate activities

Assessment Criteria

To maintain a consistent and transparent assessment process, all eligible applications will be assessed and rated against the following criteria.

The project, event or initiative:

- Responds to a community need or aspiration and provides tangible and measurable benefits to the local and/or regional community, both now and in the future
- Is valued and visible within the community, and helps the community thrive
- Strengthens the community by providing opportunities for community development, regional capacity building and/or community participation
- Demonstrates that it can be readily implemented via an appropriate budget by providing relevant quotes or documents that provide evidence of the viability of the application
- Fosters strong and sustainable partnerships within the local and/or regional community
- Demonstrates they have the knowledge, resources, capacity and capability to deliver the project
- Returns value for investment

Note: not every application that meets the assessment criteria will receive funding.

All decisions are at the discretion of Snowy Hydro; funding decisions will be final and no negotiations with applicants will be entered into.



Assessment Process

1. Applicants to submit their application via Snowy Hydro's website with appropriate supporting documents by the deadline
2. Snowy Hydro acknowledges receipt of the application via email
3. Snowy Hydro screens applications against eligibility requirements and assessment criteria outlined in this document
4. Eligible applications are thoughtfully reviewed by Snowy Hydro's Community Review Panel
5. Successful and unsuccessful applicants are notified in writing (via email)

Governance and Funding Process

All applicants will be advised by email of the outcome of their application.

If successful, applicants;

- will receive a formal agreement to be signed prior to the release of funding
- must ensure their invoice is submitted before the end of the financial year when the funding was granted. Please ensure all invoices include the correct information
- need to ensure the key contact person listed on the application form is contactable throughout the funding process, and that their contact details are correct and up-to-date
- Must use the funding only for carrying out the agreed activities and during the agreed timeframe.
- Are responsible for paying all taxes, duties and government charges associated with the works.

Snowy Hydro may, withhold payment of any funding if Snowy Hydro reasonably believes that the recipient has not complied or is unlikely to comply with this Agreement, or that the Recipient's actions will damage Snowy Hydro's reputation.







Acquittal of Funding

Funding recipients who receive \$5,000 or more will be required to submit an acquittal form within six (6) weeks of completion of the project, event or initiative.

As part of the acquittal form, the recipient will be required to provide:

- A short description of the project, event or activity
- A summary of the outcomes of the project, event or activity including its beneficiaries
- Evidence of use of the funds (e.g. invoices/receipts)
- Copies of photos or promotional materials including testimonials/feedback from community

Funding recipients failing to submit their acquittal form may not be eligible to participate in future funding.

If the initiative does not proceed, Snowy Hydro must be advised immediately to discuss next steps.

Snowy Hydro retains the right to publicly promote funded projects, events and initiatives in publications, including Snowy Hydro's website, social media and other communication materials.

Contact us

✉ community@snowyhydro.com.au

🌐 www.snowyhydro.com.au/community

We are committed to supporting applicants through the application process.

Please contact us if you require further assistance.

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