

# Community Grants Program

Snowy Hydro is committed to supporting the local communities in which we live, work and serve.

Snowy Hydro has invested millions of dollars in not-for-profit organisations, projects and initiatives that align with our company values. We support projects, local festivals/events and initiatives that benefit the local communities of the Snowy Mountains and surrounds, today and for years to come.

Organisations and community groups from the local communities and surrounding regions of the mighty Snowy Scheme 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
- Corryong, Victoria

Our Community Grants Program aligns with our community commitment pillars. These pillars focus on four key areas: education and development, health and wellbeing, regional capacity building and environment.

## SNOWY HYDRO'S COMMUNITY COMMITMENT PILLARS



### Education and development

We are dedicated to fostering education 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



### Regional capacity building

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



### Environment

We are responsible for caring and protecting the environment and creating a sustainable future

## FUNDING ROUNDS AND APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

ROUND OPENS	ROUND CLOSES
1 FEBRUARY EACH YEAR	15 MARCH EACH YEAR
1 SEPTEMBER EACH YEAR	15 OCTOBER EACH YEAR

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## Eligibility requirements

Projects, events or activities must relate to the identified priority areas and contribute to their community's wellbeing, prosperity and sustainability.

Eligible organisations and community groups include:

- Those located within the Snowy Monaro or Snowy Valleys LGA, or Corryong, Victoria
- 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 which is nominated as the legal entity on the application form.

Grants will not be given for:

- Religious, political or private individual or private business activities or recurrent expenses (example: rent, utilities, wages for a business or organisation).
- Organisations or community groups not aligned with Snowy Hydro's Values or which have direct links to tobacco, illegal drugs, negative impacts on health, or are associated with risk-taking activities.
- Requests for retrospective activities, or to cover costs associated with making an application.

## Assessment criteria

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

The project, event or initiative:

1. 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.
2. is valued and visible within the community, and helps the community thrive.
3. strengthens the community by providing opportunities for community development, regional capacity building and/or community participation.
4. 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.
5. fosters strong and sustainable partnerships within the local and/or regional community.
6. has the right team with the knowledge, resources, capacity and capability to deliver the project.
7. returns value for investment.

Not every application that meets the assessment criteria will necessarily 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.

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## Application and assessment process

Each funding round will be open for approximately six weeks. Applications must be completed online using the official application form.

All applications will be assessed against the eligibility requirements (as outlined on page 2) and assessment criteria outlined below.

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing within four (4) weeks of the closing date.

### Key application dates

ROUND OPENS	ROUND CLOSES	NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOME
1 FEBRUARY EACH YEAR	15 MARCH EACH YEAR	By MID-APRIL EACH YEAR
1 SEPTEMBER EACH YEAR	15 OCTOBER EACH YEAR	BY MID-OCTOBER EACH YEAR

## Assessment process

- 1 Applicant submits application including application form and supporting documents
- 2 Snowy Hydro screens application against eligibility requirements
- 3 Snowy Hydro acknowledges receipt of application
- 4 Eligible applications are provided to Snowy Hydro's Community Review Panel for review and final selection of successful applicants
- 5 Successful and unsuccessful applicants are notified in writing within four (4) weeks of the closing date
- 6 Agreements are signed with successful applicants and funds are distributed
- 7 Project completion report submitted by funding recipient to Snowy Hydro within three months of project, event or initiative

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## Funding process

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of the funding round. Successful applicants will receive a letter from Snowy Hydro formally advising them of the success of their application, together with a 'Release of Funds' agreement to be signed by the applicant prior to the receipt of funding.

Snowy Hydro will make public announcements of funding round outcomes on the Snowy Hydro website and other channels on a case-by-case basis.

## Completion of funded projects, events or activities

Funding recipients will be required to submit a report (using a template provided as part of the Release of Funds agreement), within three (3) months of completion of the project, event or initiative.

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

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

It is a condition of the funding agreement that any images provided can be used by Snowy Hydro Ltd in marketing collateral and advertising.

Recipients failing to submit their report may not be eligible to participate in future rounds of the Snowy Hydro Community Grants Program.

If the project, event or initiative does not proceed, organisations must advise Snowy Hydro immediately to discuss next steps.

Snowy Hydro retains the right to publicly promote funded projects, events and initiatives in internal and external publications, website, and other communication materials.

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