

Local School STEM Fund

Snowy Hydro is committed to fostering the next generation of STEM innovators and providing quality learning opportunities to young people

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.

Local schools from the 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
- Towong, Victoria

Our Local School STEM Fund aligns with our Education and Development Community Commitment Pillar.



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)

FUNDING ROUND: OPENING AND CLOSING DATE

ROUND OPENS	ROUND CLOSSES
3 FEBRUARY	3 MARCH

Eligibility requirements

Eligible:

Schools located within the Snowy Monaro or Snowy Valleys LGA, or Corryong, Victoria.

Those applications submitted online.

Not eligible:

Private individual or private 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.

Funding for council-owned assets or infrastructure.

Applications 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.

Assessment criteria

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

The school project, event or initiative:

- responds to a need or aspiration and provides tangible and measurable benefits to local schools/students, both now and in the future.
- is valued and visible within the school community, and helps students and schools thrive.
- strengthens the the school community by providing opportunities for students in the areas of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)
- demonstrates strong governance 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 community.
- has the right team with the knowledge, resources, capacity and capability to deliver the project.
- returns value for investment.

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.

Application and assessment process

Each funding round will be open for approximately four 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.

Annual key application dates

ROUND OPENS	ROUND CLOSES	NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOME
3 FEBRUARY 2023	3 MARCH	30 March

Assessment process

- 1 Local schools submit application via online application form with appropriate supporting documents.
- 2 Snowy Hydro acknowledges receipt of application.
- 3 Snowy Hydro screens application against eligibility requirements.
- 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 six (6) weeks of the closing date.
- 6 Agreements are signed with successful applicants and funds are distributed (funds will not be distributed until all steps are completed).
- 7 Acquittal submitted by funding recipient to Snowy Hydro within six (6) weeks after the event or completion of the project.

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 formal 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 who receive \$2,500 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 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, including website, social media and other communication materials.

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We are committed to supporting applicants through the application process. Please contact us if you require assistance or guidance.