



Community Grants Program

Snowy Hydro is committed to supporting the local communities where we operate, while supporting them to achieve economic, social and regional resilience.

Snowy Hydro has invested millions of dollars in not-for-profit organisations, projects and initiatives that align with our company values and 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



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

Building social, economic and regional resilience.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM: KEY DATES

	ROUND OPENS	ROUND CLOSES	NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOME
ROUND 1	11 March 2024	7 April 2024	10 May 2024
ROUND 2	2 September 2024	29 September 2024	15 October 2024

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Eligibility requirements

Eligible

Those located within the Snowy Monaro or Snowy Valleys local government areas or Towong

Those applications submitted online

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

Not eligible

Religious, political or private individual's 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

Council-owned assets or infrastructure without written support from council

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 inappropriate activities

Assessment criteria

To maintain a consistent and transparent assessment process, all eligible applications will be assessed and rated against Snowy Hydro's selection criteria.

The community-based project, event or initiative:

1. responds to a need or aspiration and provides tangible and measurable benefits to the community, both now and in the future
2. is valued and visible within the community, and helps community thrive
3. strengthens the community by providing opportunities for community development, regional capacity building and/or community participation
4. demonstrates strong governance 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 community
6. has the right team with the knowledge, resources, capacity and capability to deliver the project
7. 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.

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Assessment process

1. Applicant to submit their application via Snowy Hydro's website with appropriate supporting documents by the due date. Note: Each funding round is open for approximately four (4) weeks.
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 to determine the final list of successful applicants.
5. Successful and unsuccessful applicants are notified in writing (via email) within six (6) weeks of the closing date.

Governance & 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.
- will need to be added to Snowy Hydro's supplier list and information on your organisation will be required.
- 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.

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 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 beneficiaries.

Funding recipients failing to submit their acquittal form may not be eligible to participate in future funding through the Snowy Hydro Community Grants Program.

If the project, event or activity 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.

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

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