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Snowy Mountains
**Community
Grants
Program**



About

At Snowy Hydro, we know that when communities thrive, everyone benefits. That's why we invest in the local communities where we live and work.

One of the ways we do this is through our Snowy Mountains Community Grants Program, which offers grants of up to **\$10,000** to community groups across the Snowy Monaro (NSW), Snowy Valleys (NSW) and Towong (VIC) local government areas. These grants aim to bring community ideas to life and create lasting social and economic benefits for the region.



Community Commitment Pillars

To be eligible for funding, your project must align with at least one of our Community Commitment Pillars. We prioritise projects that create tangible benefits, encourage collaboration and support communities to deliver initiatives in the following areas:



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 and sustainability

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

Building social, economic and regional resilience

Key dates

Applications Open

Saturday, 28 February 2026, 9:00am AEST

Applications Close

Sunday, 29 March 2026, 11:55pm AEST

Notification of Outcome

All applicants will be notified in writing within 8 weeks of the closing date.



Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for funding, applicants and projects must meet **all** of the following criteria:

1. Be a not-for-profit or charity with an Australian Business Number (ABN). *Note: a not-for-profit entity without an ABN can enter into an 'auspicing arrangement' with another not-for-profit entity with an ABN (the **Auspicator**), with the Auspicator applying for funding on that entity's behalf.*
2. The proposed project, event or initiative directly involves or supports communities located within the Snowy Monaro, Snowy Valleys or Towong local government areas.
3. A completed application is submitted via our online grants platform on or before the deadline (11.55pm AEST on Sunday, 29 March 2026).

Not eligible

- Political groups or those primarily engaged in political activities.
- Religious initiatives that primarily focus on promoting religious activities or beliefs.
- Private individuals or activities.
- Requests for recurrent expenses (e.g., rent, utilities, wages) for a business or organisation. *Note: While operational costs may not be eligible, applicants can include and justify project-related costs in their budget if they are directly linked to the project. For example, wages for employees are not eligible; however, contractor fees (e.g., a mental health facilitator, guest speaker) may be considered if essential to project delivery. Where possible, we encourage funds to be spent locally.*
- Requests for retrospective activities or to cover costs associated with making an application.
- Initiatives that have direct links to tobacco, illegal drugs, or are associated with inappropriate activities.
- Requests for funding where the direct community spend is not clear.
- Requests for funding where ongoing maintenance or ownership of assets, infrastructure or land is not clearly defined (e.g., sporting equipment, storage trailers). *Note: To address this, please provide supporting information in your application that clearly outlines the plan for ownership and maintenance.*
- Requests for funding where ownership of land or infrastructure is not supported with an owners letter of permission or support (e.g., council owned land or infrastructure). *Note: To address this, please provide a clearly titled letter of support from the owner.*

Assessment criteria

All eligible applications will be assessed by Snowy Hydro's Community Review Panel against the following criteria.

The project, event or initiative must:

- Address a community need and provide tangible, measurable benefits.
- Be valued and visible within the community, helping it to thrive.
- Strengthen the community through opportunities for community development, regional capacity building, or participation.
- Demonstrate viability with a comprehensive budget, supported by quotes or other relevant documentation. Please note that partial funding is no longer offered, so the budget should reflect the total intended expenditure.
- Foster strong and sustainable partnerships within the community.
- Show a clear ability to be delivered by the applicant, who must have the necessary knowledge, resources, and capacity.
- Return value for investment.
- Be sustainable beyond the funding period.

- Meet at least one of Snowy Hydro's Community Commitment Pillars.

NOTE: Not every application that meets the assessment criteria will receive funding. All decisions are at the discretion of Snowy Hydro; decisions will be final and no negotiations with applicants will be entered into.

Application process

1. Submit your application: Use our secure grants platform, Enquire, accessible via the Snowy Hydro website.
2. Confirmation: Snowy Hydro will send an email acknowledging receipt of your application.
3. Review: Applications will be screened for eligibility and reviewed by Snowy Hydro's Community Review Panel.
4. Notification: All applicants will be notified of the outcome via email within (8) weeks of the closing date.

Submission requirements

Each application must include a budget and supporting quotes in PDF format. Please clearly name and attach these documents to your application.



Governance and funding process

Successful applicants will:

- Receive a formal agreement to be signed before any funding is released.
- Be responsible for submitting an invoice/a tax invoice with the correct banking details before the end of the financial year.
- Be responsible for determining whether the GST is applicable on the Tax Invoice issued to Snowy Hydro, to the extent the successful applicant is registered for GST.
- Ensure the key contact person listed on the application form, and their appropriate accounting/treasurer contact are contactable throughout the funding process, and that all contact details are correct and up-to-date.
- Be responsible for paying all taxes, duties, and government charges associated with the project.
- Use the funding only for the agreed-upon activities and within the specified timeframe.
- Notify Snowy Hydro in writing for any changes to the project or budget.

Snowy Hydro may withhold payment if it is believed that the recipient has not complied with the agreement or that their actions may damage Snowy Hydro's reputation.

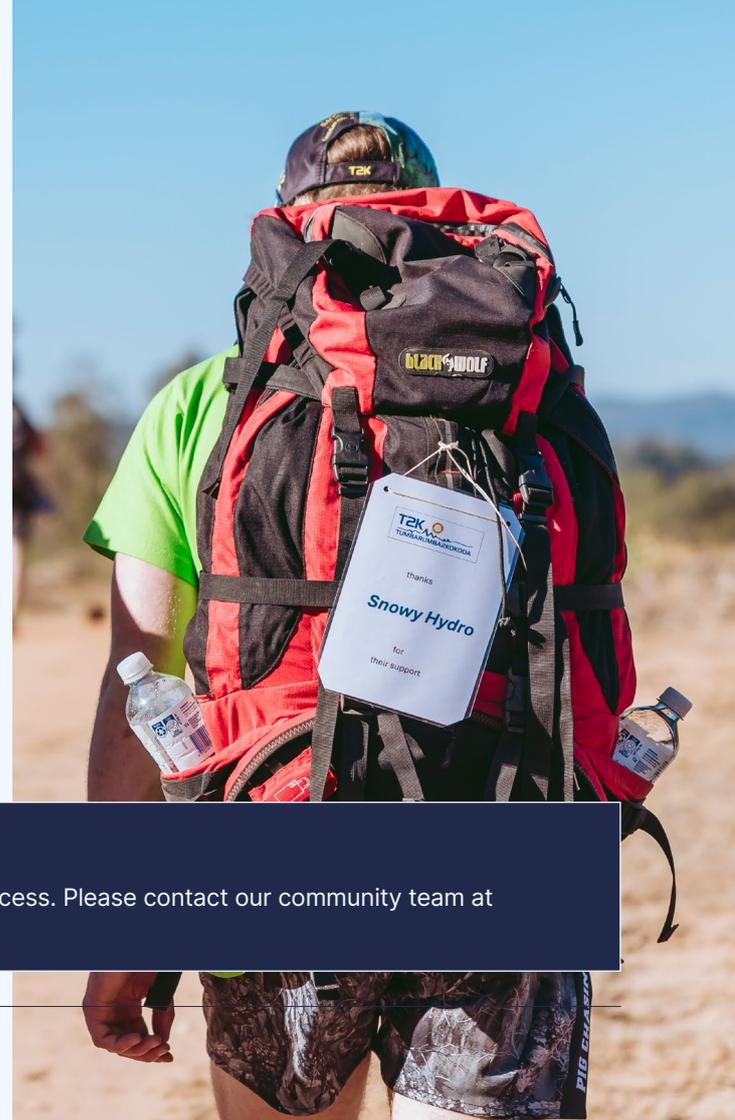
All payments made by Snowy Hydro under this Community Grants Program are required to be reported by Snowy Hydro to the Australian Tax Office via the Taxable Payments Annual Report. The information to be reported includes the applicant's name, contact details, bank account information, date of payment and amount paid to the applicant.

Acquittal process

Successful recipients have 12 months to deliver their project/initiative. On completion, an Acquittal form must be submitted within six weeks. An acquittal template will be provided.

The acquittal form requires:

- A short description of the project and a summary of its outcomes.
- Proof of fund usage (e.g., invoices, receipts).
- Copies of photos, promotional materials, and community testimonials. By submitting these, the recipient agrees to allow Snowy Hydro to use them for promotional purposes.
- Recipients who fail to submit their acquittal may be ineligible for future funding. If the initiative does not proceed, Snowy Hydro must be advised immediately to discuss next steps.



Contact us

We are committed to supporting applicants throughout the process. Please contact our community team at community@snowyhydro.com.au if you require assistance.

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