

Hume Bank Safer Communities Grant

General Information for Grant Seekers

About Border Trust

Border Trust is the Community Foundation for the Albury Wodonga Region. We connect the generosity of donors with local community groups and not-for-profit organisations, funding life-changing initiatives now, and into the future. Our cross-border region includes the Local Government Areas of Federation, Albury and Greater Hume in NSW with Indigo, Wodonga and Towong in Victoria.

Our Areas of Impact

Disaster Recovery, Resilience and Readiness

Our region's ability to prepare for, withstand, and recover from natural disasters enhances the safety, health, and economic prosperity of Border communities.

Climate Resilient Communities

Communities are equipped to anticipate, prepare for, and manage the diverse impacts of a changing climate.

Community Leadership

The development of regional leaders enhances the community's ability to tackle local challenges and opportunities.

Community Connection + Wellbeing

A welcoming, connected and inclusive community provides the foundation for a vibrant region and positively impacts individual and community well-being.

Community Equity

By helping those who help others, access to necessities like food, shelter, education, work, and healthcare enables all to participate in and contribute to a thriving region.

About the Hume Bank Safer Communities Grant

The purpose of the Hume Bank Safer Communities Fund is to support local charitable programs and projects that increase community safety. The focus for the inaugural Safer Communities Grant Round will be on community-led solutions that address domestic violence.

Aims of the 2024 Hume Bank Safer Communities Grant

The Safer Communities Fund Grant Program will consider applications from community-based, not-for-profit organisations for projects which address the following impact areas:

- Community Connection + Wellbeing
- Community Equity.

Projects may support initiatives that:

- Assist people experiencing domestic violence
- Assist people to meet their safety needs
- Support domestic violence survivors
- Provide community education and prevention strategies.

For this round, grants between \$5,000 - \$10,000 will be awarded. To be considered for a grant up to \$15,000, please contact Border Trust to discuss your project and eligibility before applying.

Key Dates

- Grant program opens 9am Monday 5 August and closes Sunday 15 September 2024
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by no later than 1 November 2024
- Grants will be announced at the Hume Bank Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 20 November 2024
- Grants will be included in the Border Trust's Annual Showcase event, the Big Give, in May 2025
- Projects are funded for a one-year time frame unless otherwise agreed with Border Trust.

To be eligible, your organisation must

- Be a not-for-profit community-based organisation that functions for charitable purposes
- Operate for the benefit of communities within the Border Region, being the Local Government Areas of Albury, Federation, Greater Hume, Indigo, Towong and Wodonga
- Applications will also be considered for projects in the Wagga Wagga and Wangaratta LGAs
- Have a registered ABN or Incorporated Association Number
- Meet any additional eligibility requirements as requested.

Please Note:

- Organisations with, and without, Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR Item 1) status are invited to apply
- Registration with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) is strongly preferred.

What we are less likely to fund

- Capital works
- Ongoing salaries
- Projects in successive years.

What we do not fund

- Recreational or commercial sporting activities
- Projects for private benefit or individuals
- Activities or events that have already taken place.

Please note: The encouragement or advancement of sport, recreation and social activities is not considered a charitable activity by the Australian Taxation Office. Therefore, applications from sporting organisations need to clearly demonstrate a benefit to the wider community and should indicate which other local organisations are involved.

Successful grant recipients will be required to

- Meet the terms and conditions under the Grant Agreement
- Acknowledge the support from Border Trust and Hume Bank Safer Communities Fund in all communications and collateral that relates to the funded project, and
- Provide progress reports and a satisfactory acquittal as outlined in the Grant Agreement.

Successful grant recipients will be requested to

- Become a Border Trust Ambassador and be available for media and promotional purposes as mutually agreed
- Attend the Hume Bank Annual General Meeting on 20 November 2024
- Attend the Border Trust's Big Give Annual Showcase in May 2025
- Promote and support Border Trust where possible and stay connected with our activities.

Application Process

- All applications are to be submitted electronically
- The online application form is available on the Border Trust website at: <https://www.bordertrust.org.au/granting/hume-bank-safer-communities-grant/>
- All questions listed on the Application must be completed
- We recommend preparing your answers in a Word document, ready to copy and paste into the online application platform (*all questions are listed on page 4 below*)
- The online application platform allows you to save your content as you move through the document.
Note: notifications to your email address from the online platform may automatically go to your junk mail folder. If you have difficulty saving or submitting your online application, check your junk mail folder for instructions from the platform
- The declaration must be acknowledged by the head of the Organisation, such as the Chief Executive Officer, or equivalent representative.

How your application will be considered

- Receipt of your application will be acknowledged via email within 7 days of the closing date
- The 2024 Hume Bank Safer Communities Grant Advisory is made up of members of Border Trust, Hume Bank and community representatives
- The grant advisory assesses all eligible applications and provides recommendations to the Border Trust Board based on this assessment
- You may be contacted to provide further information before or during the grant advisory assessment process
- Please note that it is not considered appropriate to lobby members of Border Trust or the grant advisory about your application.

The Hume Bank Safer Communities Fund will not be able to fund every application it receives. It is important to state that an unsuccessful application does not reflect the value of the project and that very worthwhile projects may not receive funding. Border Trust will be pleased to discuss other options that may be available to you in this regard.

More Information and to discuss your project:

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Online Application Content

To assist you in submitting your online application, the following is a summary of the questions you will complete. We recommend preparing the content in a Word document ready to cut and paste into the online application platform.

SECTION ONE – ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name of Organisation
Main Activity of Organisation
Organisation contact details, email, Address, Mail Address and Website
Head of Organisation (CEO or equivalent) Name / Title / Mobile / Email
Project Manager (if different to Head of Organisation) Name / Position / Mobile / Email
Funding Amount Requested \$
Project time frame (start date and finish date)
ABN certificate and evidence of: DGR (Deductible Gift Recipients) Item 1 Charitable Organisation Status / ITEC (Income Tax Exempt) Status / ACNC Registration (Australian Charities & Not For Profit Commission) as applicable
Audit / Auditor Details and/or financial records for the most recent financial year
Committee (Office Bearers Only) Position Held / Name / Mobile / Email
Organisation's location LGA – Which LGAs will beneficiaries of your project come from?
Previous funding received from Border Trust

SECTION TWO – PROJECT DETAILS

PROJECT NAME
WHICH AREA OF IMPACT DOES YOUR APPLICATION ADDRESS? Community Connection + Wellbeing or Community Equity.
WHAT DOES YOUR ORGANISATION DO?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION Summary of your project.
WHY DOES THIS WORK NEED TO BE DONE? The specific issue or need you want to address. How have you identified the issue / need?
WHO HAVE YOU CONSULTED WITH? Who, within the beneficiary community, have you consulted to ensure this application responds to a community priority or meets a local need? You will be asked to provide letters of support as part of the application.
WHAT WILL YOU DO? Include specific activities that will take place, when they will occur and where they will take place.
WHO WILL BENEFIT? The specific target population that will participate in and/or benefit from this project. Consider the number of people, age, gender, region and other demographics.
EXPENDITURE What project activities or costs will this grant be used for?
PROJECT BUDGET (attach relevant documentation and complete the template provided).
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE AND HOW WILL YOU MEASURE THIS? Consider outcomes (effects on beneficiaries) and outputs (tangible assets). How will you measure these achievements?