

## BORDER TRUST COMMUNITY GRANT ROUND 2025

### 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.

#### The 2025 Community Grant Round

The 2025 Community Grant Round comprises funds pooled together from a variety of donors and partners, including:

- Border Trust
- ACE Radio 2AY with Philanthropic Partner, Handbury Foundation
- Adroit Insurance & Risk Named Sub Fund
- Michael and Sue Houlihan Named Sub Fund
- Katharine Sleeman Named Sub Fund
- The Scots School Albury

#### Aims of the 2025 Community Grant Program

The Community 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.

Generally, small grants of up to \$5,000 will be considered. In exceptional circumstances, a grant of up to \$10,000 may be considered following discussion with Border Trust.

### Key Dates

- Round opens 9am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and closes 9am Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by no later than early-May 2025
- Grants will be awarded at Border Trust's Annual Showcase event, the Big Give, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 5.30pm at Atura, Albury
- 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 which functions for charitable purpose
- Operate for the benefit of communities within the Border Region, being the Local Government Areas of Albury, Federation, Greater Hume, Indigo, Towong and Wodonga
- Have a registered ABN or Incorporated Association Number
- Meet any other specific eligibility requirements as noted.

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 most likely to fund

- Activity which has ongoing benefit to the community
- Projects which encourage partnerships
- Projects that clearly identify community support.

### 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 relevant granting partner in all printed material and publicity regarding 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 website purposes as requested
- Promote and support Border Trust where possible and stay connected with our activities.

## What we offer you

All Community Organisations are also offered a chance to participate in our free workshop series running from June. Please follow us on our socials and through our website for further information.

1. Unpack your Project
2. Grant Preparation & Writing
3. Prepare to Pitch
4. Practice your Pitch

## Application Process

- All applications are to be submitted electronically
- Online application form is available on the Border Trust website at: <https://www.bordertrust.org.au/granting/community>
- 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 enables 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, being 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 closing date
- The 2025 Community Grant Committee will be made up of members of Border Trust, our funding partners and community representatives
- You may be contacted to provide further information prior to the Grant Committee meeting
- Please note that it is not considered appropriate to lobby members of Border Trust or the Grant Committee personally in relation to your application.

Border Trust's 2025 Community Grant Program will unfortunately 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 many 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 & 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 be required to 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 \$
- 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 most recent financial year
- Committee (Office Bearers Only) Position Held / Name / Mobile / Email
- Organisation's location LGA – Which LGA's will beneficiaries of your project come from
- Referee/s - Organisation Name / Contact Person / Contact Details
- Funding Received - provide details of any other funding received for this project.

### SECTION TWO – PROJECT DETAILS

- PROJECT NAME
- WHICH AREA OF IMPACT DOES YOUR APPLICATION ADDRESS?
- WHAT DOES YOUR ORGANISATION DO? An overview focusing on the activities and programs you deliver.
- 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 with to ensure this application is a community priority? How have you consulted with these groups? It is recommended you 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, including number of people, age, gender, region and other demographics.
- TIME FRAME? When will the project commence? What is the anticipated time frame of the project?
- EXPENDITURE - What specifically within the project will this grant be used for?
- PROJECT BUDGET (attach relevant documentation & template provided).
- WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED OUTCOMES? Outcomes are the effects on participants/beneficiaries from their involvement in the project. What do you want to achieve with the project?
- HOW WILL YOU MEASURE THE PROGRAM'S SUCCESS? Outline measures of success
- PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY - How will the project be sustained following the funding period?
- EVALUATION & ACQUITTAL OF THE PROJECT – how will you evaluate the project?

