

Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund Grant

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR GRANT SEEKERS – ROUND 7

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.

Border Trust is the Trustee for the Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund.

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 Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund

The purpose of the Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund Grant Program is to provide funds for the relief of people in the community in distress as a result of the 2019-2020 Victorian Bushfires, including relief by way of assistance to re-establish a community.

Round Seven Aims

Round Seven of the program aims to support the recovery of communities within the Towong Shire affected by the 2019/2020 bushfires through the following focus areas:

- Health & wellbeing initiatives for the long-term recovery of people affected by fire
- Programs, events, and initiatives that support the development of emerging leaders in the bushfire affected areas
- Events and initiatives that promote social cohesion, reduce social isolation, build community resilience, and connect bushfire affected communities
- Projects addressing the relief, recovery and re-establishing of a community.

Round Seven of the grant program is primarily targeting applications up to \$50,000. Applications for funding up to \$100,000 may, however, be considered after consultation with Border Trust. Please contact Glenys on glenysa@bordertrust.org.au or 0447 684 506 to discuss your application beforehand if this is the case.

Key Dates

- Applications open 15th October 2024 and close 5pm 3rd March 2025
- Round Seven will feature two review dates:
 - For applications received by 15th November, outcomes will be advised in December 2024
 - For applications received after 15th November, outcomes will be advised in April 2025
- Projects are funded for a one-year time frame unless otherwise agreed with Border Trust
- Please Note: It is anticipated that Round 8 will open in May 2025

To be eligible, your organisation must

- Be a not-for-profit community-based organisation which functions for charitable purposes
- Operate for the benefit of communities within the Towong Shire
- Have a registered ABN or Incorporated Association Number
- Meet any other specific eligibility requirements as noted
- Provide a full budget and quote/s to support the amount 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 most likely to fund

- Activity which has ongoing benefit to the communities affected by the 2019/2020 bushfires as per the Specific Granting Aims as outlined above
- Initiatives that have demonstrated community support
- Projects which encourage partnerships
- Innovative & inclusive undertakings
- Projects which are in keeping with the mission and aims of Border Trust and those of our granting partners
- *Please note: The encouragement or advancement of sport, recreation and social activities is not considered a charitable activity by the Australian Taxation Office. Applications from sporting organisations therefore need to clearly demonstrate a benefit to the wider community and should indicate which other local organisations are involved.*

What we are less likely to fund

- Capital works
- Ongoing salaries
- Projects in successive years where progress and/or stages of development are not fully explained or acquitted

What we do not fund

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

Successful grant recipients will be required to

- Meet the terms and conditions under the Grant Agreement
- Acknowledge the support from Border Trust and grant partner/s in all printed material and publicity regarding the funded project, and
- Provide progress reports and a satisfactory acquittal as outlined in Grant Agreement.

Successful grant recipients will be requested to

- Be available for media and website purposes as requested by Border Trust
- Participate as one of our featured recipient stories through our digital story-telling project
- Attend the Big Give, Border Trust's annual grant recipient event held in May
- Promote and support Border Trust where possible & stay connected with our activities

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/towong-community-bushfire-relief-fund/>
- All questions listed on the Application must be completed
- We strongly recommend preparing your responses to questions in a Word document ready to cut and paste into the online application platform (for your reference, questions are listed at the end of this document)
- 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 Grant Committee will be made up of members of Border Trust and community representatives. They will meet to consider all applications and will provide advice to Border Trust's Board. Border Trust will make all decisions concerning grants
- In order to give organisations as much opportunity as possible to be successful, you may be contacted for further information prior to Committee meeting
- *Please note* that it is not considered appropriate to lobby members of Border Trust or the Grant Committees or Partners personally in relation to your application.
- All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application via email

Border Trust is unfortunately not in a position 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 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
Beneficiary location/s
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.

CRITERIA This grant round has specific focus area/s – which criteria does your application meet?

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WHY DOES THIS WORK NEED TO BE DONE? The specific issue or need you want to address. How have you identified the issue / need?

PERMISSIONS & APPROVALS

- Does your project involve work on a community asset such as a hall? Y/N
- If yes, do you have permission from the Committee of Management? Y/N
- Do you have permission from the landowner for this project Y/N/NA
- Are Council approval and permits required for this project? Y/N
- If Yes, have you had an initial conversation with Council Y/N

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?