

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 3rd February and closes 9am Monday 10th 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 15th 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.

- Unpack your Project
- Grant Preparation & Writing
- Prepare to Pitch
- 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 Advisory 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 \$

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.

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? How have you consulted with these group/s? 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.

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? Who will benefit from this project (consider the number of people, age, gender, region and other demographics). What will the outcomes (effects on beneficiaries) and outputs (tangible assets) be? How will you measure these?

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