

TUMUT REGION COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANT GUIDELINES

Purpose

Snowy Valleys Council has implemented Community Strengthening Grants to support efforts to maintain the strength and life of the of the communities within the Tumut Region incorporating the towns of Adelong, Batlow, Brungle, Talbingo and Tumut.

The grants are designed to support the needs of the community by providing opportunities for community groups and organisations to identify and respond to local issues and needs by providing resources, funding and support in developing new, or building upon existing, projects and activities.

The Community Strengthening Grant Program supports activities and initiatives such as:

- Community Development
- Arts, Culture and Events
- Sport and Recreation
- Tourism

Objectives

The Objectives of the Community Strengthening grants are to:

1. Recognise, encourage and value the contribution of local residents in enhancing their local communities.
2. Foster partnerships which unite the community in positive, dynamic, and safe activities.
3. Promote the cultural richness and diversity of the region; including our heritage, local activities and physical features which emphasise our regional advantages for residents, businesses and visitors.
4. Create sustainable partnerships which encourage learning and self-sufficiency.
5. Develop the skills and interests of residents and groups by facilitating and supporting new or building on existing initiatives which encourage healthy living and social connectedness including innovative programs, activities and community events.
6. Increase cultural activities and integrate them into the fabric of community life.

Eligibility

- Non-profit organisations or groups that operate within the Tumut Region incorporating the towns of Adelong, Batlow, Brungle, Talbingo and Tumut.
- Be an incorporated body or be auspiced (sponsored) by an incorporated body

Ineligibility

- Applicants who have outstanding final reports for previously funded projects;
- For profit organisations or businesses.

Assessment Criteria

Successful Community Strengthening projects require a commitment of time, energy and enthusiasm from all participants. To this end, your Community Strengthening proposal must demonstrate evidence of the following characteristics:

- Is inclusive and of benefit to the community;
- Meets a community need or gap;
- Has evidence of community support;
- Addresses any future maintenance issues if relevant;
- Shows evidence of ability to manage the grant;
- Shows the contribution of the organisation applying for the project or activity through cash or in-kind (in-kind is a contribution of goods, commodities, or services instead of money); and
- Meets all legislative codes and regulations.

What May Be Funded

Examples of what may be funded include:

- Purchase of equipment to support a project or activity;
- Minor works projects (subject to obtaining the relevant approvals and permits);
- Community workshops and seminars or skill development for members of voluntary management committees;
- Flyers which promote and encourage involvement in community based activities;
- Community run events, activities or programs.

What Won't Be Funded

The Program does not fund:

- Programs that are delivered outside the Tumut Region of the Snowy Valleys Council;
- More than one application for the same project from any one organisation. Organisations can submit applications for multiple projects;
- Specific projects or programs that have received funding three (3) times;
- Individuals;
- Expenses that occur prior to or after the project dates;
- Fund raisers or prizes;
- Lobbying activities;
- Projects or activities presented in the context of a religious service or event;
- General operating expenses of the applicant organisation;
- Projects that are clearly the responsibility of other levels of government;
- Projects that do not meet the identified priority needs;
- Projects that directly contravene existing Council policy;
- Projects that are seen as a duplication of existing services in the municipality;
- The purchase of land;
- Projects which are based at facilities where little or no public access is available;
- Projects that will commit Council to ongoing support.

Privacy

- All information provided on application forms or attachments to application forms becomes the property of the Committee.
- The information collected will be used by the Committee to assess the validity and merit of each application.
- Based on the information provided the Committee will allocate grant funding to successful applicants. The Committees decision is final.
- The Committee will retain applications and information pertaining to the decision making process for an indefinite period.
- Successful applications can be publicly acknowledged through means of presentation, or use of various forms of media. Information outlined within the application may be accessible to the public through the communication of successful applications.

Funding Agreement

Grants made to community organisations will be made on the following conditions:

- Funds must be expended on the project as described on the successful application. Any significant changes to the project must be approved by Council;
- The project shall be completed and acquitted by 30th June 2020. Funds not expended by this date will be forfeited.
- Council is not responsible for any shortfall should the project run over budget;
- Organisations and groups who receive funding must submit a financial statement (including receipts of expenditure), a completed evaluation report and photographs of the project to Council upon completion of the project;
- Final balance of funds will only be paid upon completion of the project and following evidence of completion.
- Wherever possible, acknowledgement should be given to the support provided by Snowy Valleys Council on promotional material for the project.

Application Process

1. Review the program guidelines.
2. Obtain a copy of the application form from Snowy Valleys Council Tumut Office or website www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au
3. Identify the proposed site for the project (e.g. town, location).
4. Identify the non-profit entity that can receive the funds on behalf of the project.
5. Identify and get the commitment and support of key community partners.
6. Obtain quotes for the project.
7. Complete the application form and submit by 5pm, Friday 5th July 2019.

Applications are to be sent to:

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