



## **BORDER TRUST COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM EXPRESSION OF INTEREST INFORMATION**

### **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.

This year marks 21 years of local giving through Border Trust – two decades of connecting people who care with causes that matter most in our region.

Since 2005, we've directed more than \$5.8 million to local organisations tackling urgent issues across the Border region like multicultural connection, food insecurity, mental health, family violence, resilience and disaster preparedness.

Our Community Grants program is funded through partnerships and local donations, big and small, and it is this continued generosity that is vital to drive meaningful change across the Border region.

### **About our Community Grants Program**

Our annual Community Grants program has been streamlined to allow local not-for-profits to tell us about their project at any time throughout the year by completing an Expression of Interest. This EoI approach aims to be more flexible, with six monthly reviews.

When reviewing your EoI, we might ask you for further information and get you to complete a budget. The budget template is on our website and can be used at any time.

If successful, we'll ask the Head of your Organisation to confirm the details and authorise the application.

The EoI process is simple. We require a little information about your organisation, details on the local issue you are tackling, how your organisation or project will tackle the issue, anticipated outcomes and the amount you require.

You can submit the EoI at any time with 2 closing dates being 30<sup>th</sup> August and 28<sup>th</sup> February, annually.

Border Trust is working hard to build a stronger, more resilient region through the Community Impact Fund to create a reliable source of funding that allows us to respond quickly to emerging challenges, support innovative projects and invest in solutions that have lasting impact.

Depending on demand, we may not be able to support all requests, however we will keep your project in mind as new donors and granting partners emerge.

Please note, that grants of up to \$5,000 are generally awarded, with larger amounts of \$10,000+ provided as funds allow.

## How to Apply – Expression of Interest

The EoI process is simple. We require a little information about your organisation, details on the issue you are tackling, how your organisation or project will tackle the issue, anticipated outcomes and the amount you require. [Apply here](#)

<https://www.bordertrust.org.au/find-a-grant/community-grants/>

EoI's close 30<sup>th</sup> August and 28<sup>th</sup> February, annually.

## What we are most likely to fund

- Activity which has ongoing benefit to the community
- Projects that align with Border Trust's desired outcomes
- Projects which encourage partnerships and collaborations
- Projects that clearly identify community support

## Impact Areas

### **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.

## To be eligible, the applicant 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
- Applicants with or without DGR1 will be considered.

## 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.

### **Successful grant recipients will be required to**

- Meet the terms and conditions under a standard 12-month Grant Agreement
- Acknowledge the support from Border Trust and relevant granting partners in all printed material and publicity regarding the funded project
- 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.

### **Data Collection & Your Acquittal Report**

At Border Trust we are committed to measuring impact of our funded projects. As part of our impact measurement framework, we have developed a library of simple measures that we would like to track. For this, we need your help. We will ask you to collect data about your beneficiaries and from your beneficiaries in the form of a survey or your observations.

The data you will need to collect about your beneficiaries will be as follows:

- How many people directly benefited
- Age
- Gender
- Cultural diversity, if relevant
- Number of hours volunteered on this project, if relevant.

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