

2027

# Community Wellbeing Grant Guidelines



## Acknowledgement of Country

Eurobodalla Shire Council recognises Aboriginal people as the original inhabitants and custodians of all land and water in the Eurobodalla and respects their enduring cultural and spiritual connection to it. Eurobodalla Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land in which we live. Council pays respect to Elders past, present and aspiring. We are on Yuin Country.

## Access to information

The best way to find out information about Council is to read our news on the website, subscribe to our monthly newsletters, follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, and read the Living in Eurobodalla residents' newsletter each quarter. You can also read the Council Meeting agenda papers online or by dropping into a library in Narooma, Moruya or Batemans Bay, watch the Council Meeting livestream, participate in the meeting by attending Public Access or Public Forum, or attend a Councillor Catch Up. Our Customer Service Centre in Moruya welcomes community members every weekday to provide access to information and answer questions.

## How to contact us

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| <b>In person</b>   | Customer Service Centre<br>89 Vulcan Street, Moruya<br>Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm |
| <b>Phone</b>       | 02 4474 1000<br>For after-hours emergencies call 1800 755 760                             |
| <b>Mail</b>        | PO Box 99, Moruya NSW 2537                                                                |
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| <b>Councillors</b> | See contact details on our website                                                        |

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## Purpose

The Community Wellbeing Grant supports initiatives that enhance the health, safety, and inclusion of Eurobodalla residents. It aligns with the theme "Our Community" from the Eurobodalla Community Strategic Plan 2042, which celebrates and supports people of all ages.

## Objectives

Funded projects must address one or more of these objectives:

- Enhance community health and wellbeing: support projects that promote physical, mental, and social wellbeing for residents of all ages.
- Support youth development and engagement: fund initiatives that create opportunities for young people to learn, grow, and participate in their community.
- Strengthen community safety and resilience: assist emergency and volunteer organisations in maintaining essential services that protect and support the community.
- Encourage environmental and sustainability stewardship: provide assistance for environmental and sustainability projects that benefit the Eurobodalla region.

## Who can apply

Applicants can be from one of these categories:

- Not-for-profit and community organisations: groups delivering programs that improve health, wellbeing, and social inclusion to residents of Eurobodalla
- Youth-focused organisations: groups supporting young people through skills development and engagement initiatives
- Emergency and volunteer services: organisations such as Surf Life Saving Clubs, Volunteer Coastal Patrol, and Rescue Squads that contribute to community safety
- Individuals or teams representing Eurobodalla: Athletes, artists, and community members selected to compete or perform at state, national, or international levels

Applicants with outstanding debts to Council or who have existing Council grant funding that has not yet been expended or acquitted will not be eligible to apply.

Applicants submitting proposals for community events will not be eligible for Community Wellbeing Grants. These applicants are encouraged to apply for support through a Community Events Grant which is designed to assist with event-related initiatives.

## Eligible and ineligible expenses

Examples of what the funding can be used for:

- One-off workshops or activities that promote health, wellbeing, or social inclusion
- Materials and supplies for community projects (eg art, gardening, fitness, sustainability)
- Guest speakers, facilitators, or trainers
- Equipment hire, purchase or short-term venue hire for specific activities
- Promotional materials to support community engagement
- Volunteer training or recognition
- Accessibility supports (eg transport, interpreters)

Examples of what the funding cannot be used for:

- Ongoing operational costs (eg insurance, incorporation fees, utilities)
- Regular or long-term venue hire
- Projects already completed (retrospective funding)
- Improvements to private property
- Fundraising, religious, or political activities
- Alcohol, gambling, or tobacco-related expenses

## Expectations of grant recipients

Grant recipients are expected to:

- use funds strictly for the approved purpose
- publicly acknowledge Council's support
- submit a project acquittal
- provide a current Certificate of Currency for Public Liability Insurance, if the funded activity involves public participation.

## Funding details

The key funding details include:

- **Maximum grant amount:** \$2,000 per application
- **Co-contributions:** strongly encouraged
- **Total funding available for 2027:** \$30,000 (as outlined in Eurobodalla Council's Operational Plan).

## Key dates

The key dates for this grant round are:

- **applications open:** Tuesday 1 September 2026, 9am
- **applications close:** Wednesday 30 September 2026, 11.59pm
- **grant expenditure:** between 1 January and 31 December 2027

## Application and assessment

The application and assessment process includes these steps:

1. **Promotion:** via Council's website, newsletters, social media, and direct outreach to community groups and local business chambers.
2. **Assessment panel:** the mayor (or his delegate), a member of the Grants team, a member of Council staff with relevant experience, one non-assessing Council staff facilitator.
3. **Approval:** by resolution of Council
4. **Public notice:** not required, as the grant is included in Council's Operational Plan.
5. **Notification:** successful applicants will be notified and grants issued pending Council resolution.

## Submitting more than one application

An organisation may apply to the same grant funding round for multiple projects, however, only one project can be funded per funding round. If multiple applications are submitted, only the highest-scoring application will be considered.

An organisation may also apply across multiple grant streams. For example, a business could receive funding through both the Community Wellbeing Grants Program and the Community Events Grant Program.

## Contact and support

For more information, contact Council's Grants team:

**T:** 02 4474 7363

**E:** [grants@esc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:grants@esc.nsw.gov.au)

# Community Wellbeing Grant Application Checklist

## Before I apply

- ☐ I have a project idea that aligns with one or more of the grant objectives.
- ☐ I have read the Community Wellbeing Grant Guidelines.
- ☐ I understand the purpose and objectives of the grant.
- ☐ I am eligible to apply (eg a not-for-profit organisation, youth-focused organisation, emergency or volunteer service, individual or team representing Eurobodalla, or another applicant type that can fulfil the grant objectives).
- ☐ I have no outstanding debts with Eurobodalla Council.
- ☐ I have no remaining funding from a previous Eurobodalla Council program or grant to expend or acquit.
- ☐ I understand that this grant is specifically for community wellbeing initiatives, and other types of projects should be submitted under the appropriate grant.
- ☐ I understand I may submit multiple applications; however, my organisation can only receive funding for one application per funding round, and only the highest-scoring application will be considered.

## Preparing my application

- ☐ I have a clear description of my project and its expected outcomes.
- ☐ I know who will benefit from my project.
- ☐ I understand which expenses are eligible and ineligible under the grant.
- ☐ I have a timeline for my project (it must be carried out between 1 January and 31 December 2027).
- ☐ I have a budget prepared, including any co-contributions or in-kind support.
- ☐ I know how I will publicly acknowledge Council's support.
- ☐ I can provide a current Certificate of Currency for Public Liability Insurance (minimum \$20 million), if the project involves public participation.

## Submitting my application

- ☐ I have completed all required fields in the SmartyGrants application form.
- ☐ I have attached any supporting documents (if applicable).
- ☐ I have reviewed my application for accuracy and completeness.
- ☐ I have submitted my application before the deadline: Wednesday 30 September 2026 at 11.59pm.

## If my application is successful

- ☐ I will use the funds only for the approved purpose.
- ☐ I will publicly acknowledge Council's support in any promotional materials and for the duration of the project.
- ☐ I will submit a project acquittal after the event has been held.

