

2026 Community Benefit Fund

Distributing **up to \$100,000** in grants to local projects demonstrating meaningful benefits for the Goyder communities



We invite organisations to apply between **18 May to 30 June** using the online platform administered by the Community Enterprise Foundation: foundation.smartygrants.com.au/GRZ2026

Who can apply?

- ✓ Charitable and not-for-profit organisations with a valid Australian bank account.
- ✓ If you are not an incorporated entity or a 'for-profit'/sporting organisation, consider partnering with an incorporated community or not-for-profit organisation that is (a) willing to enter into the funding agreement on your behalf and (b) help you deliver the project.
- ✓ Organisations operating in the Goyder region will be prioritised.
- ✓ Applications demonstrating a strong, positive impact in one of the growth areas (see below) will be looked upon favourably.

Key dates

18 MAY	Applications open
30 JUN	Applications close
JUL	Local Advisory Committee reviews applications and awards grants
AUG	Funds are distributed
OCT	Grant recipients are announced on our project website

Growth areas



Arts, culture & events



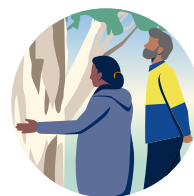
Disaster relief & emergency services



Education & training



Energy efficiency & environment



First Nations Initiatives



Aged care, health & well-being

If you'd like more information or need assistance preparing or submitting your application, drop in and see **Fiona at the Neoen office** on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, or call **1800 966 166**.



Frequently asked questions

Is there a minimum or maximum limit of funding available to each applicant?

No. The total amount of funding available from this grant is \$100,000. We encourage applicants to propose how much funding they would like for their project. The Local Advisory Committee (LAC) will review all applications to decide which ones get a grant and up to how much.

Can I apply if my project has received a grant before or is expecting another one?

Yes. If you have previously received funding or applied for another grant, please mention this in your application. The LAC may award you a grant in addition to your other source of funding and for a part, if not all, of the requested amount.

I want to get funding for more equipment at our sporting facilities, am I eligible?

Unfortunately, the Australian charitable law limits us from funding sporting clubs applying for new equipment or uniforms since it only benefits some people in the community. However, projects showing wider, longer-term benefits to the community through sports can be considered. Some examples include:

- organising fitness events in support of mental well-being of Goyder residents,
- upgrading sports facilities to make them more accessible or buying new equipment for people with disability, or
- installing rooftop solar at bowling or tennis clubs to reduce energy bills.

Who has benefitted from the Fund so far?

View the list of recipients from last year's Fund on our website: goyderenergy.com.au/community

Why isn't Neoen distributing more?

This is only one of many streams of funding under Neoen's GRZ Community Benefit-Sharing Program. There is also a:

- 'Major Project Fund' which will distribute approx. \$400,000 to 1-2 multi-year community initiatives every 3 years, and
 - a 'Future Fund', which will receive small regular payments and grow over time, becoming available to the community once the project decommissions/after 2054, whichever is earlier.
- In total, there is an annual \$250,000 commitment from Goyder South Stage 1. This contribution will increase to up to 0.5 million per year once Goyder North progresses and starts operating.

Who is in the Local Advisory Committee?

Neoen created the LAC to ensure decisions relating to investments in community projects are made in partnership with local residents. The LAC includes 4 community members who were selected from an open & competitive application process, representatives from the Goyder Regional Council and Neoen.

What is the Community Enterprise Foundation and what will they do?

The Foundation is a philanthropic arm of Bendigo & Adelaide Bank, working as per the Australian charitable law and an experienced administrator of community grants. They are an independent entity helping the Committee by administering the grant process and by conducting due diligence on all applications. They also assist Neoen in their annual reporting on the impact of these contributions across its portfolio of assets in Australia.



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