

2026 Community Benefit Fund

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Distributing up to **\$20,000 in grants** to local projects demonstrating meaningful benefits to the Blyth community



We invite organisations to apply between 1 July to 14 August using the online platform administered by the Community Enterprise Foundation:

<https://foundation.smartygrants.com.au/2026Blythbattery>

Who can apply?

- ✓ Charitable and not-for-profit organisations with a valid Australian bank account.
- ✓ If you are not an incorporated entity, or you are 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 Blyth 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

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| 1 JUL | Applications open |
| 14 AUG | Applications close |
| AUG | Local Advisory Committee reviews applications and awards grants |
| SEP | 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 & wellbeing

To apply or find out more, please visit the project website: blythbattery.com.au



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 \$20,000. We encourage applicants to propose how much funding they would like for their project. The 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 Blyth 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 and for their hosting more community events.

What else has Byth Battery contributed to in the community?

Neoen's Blyth Community Benefit-Sharing Program last year contributed to:

- Blyth Primary School with the construction of a new playground with accessible equipment.
- Blyth Cinema through supporting installation of rooftop solar & battery to meet energy demand during school holidays.
- Installation of the the Blyth Mosaic, led by the Blyth Progress Association, located on the northern wall of the Blyth Cafe.
- Supporting Ian Roberts and the local community in the planting of over 800 native plants on the northern edge of our project site.

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 representatives from the Blyth Development Board 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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