

Collie Small Grants Guidelines



Supporting the communities where we live and work

Synergy has proudly been part of the Collie community for more than 50 years. We are committed to supporting the local community in which we live and operate.

Through Synergy's Collie Small Grants, we provide grants of up to \$5,000 to community organisations, charities, and not for profits,

making a difference to the Collie community and helping to create a more vibrant place to live and visit.

We support projects that address community needs and help create thriving communities.

Types of initiatives we support in Collie:

- Initiatives that improve community amenities, such as facility expansion at the Men's Shed or renovating the women's change rooms at the Football Club.
- Activities and equipment that improve social inclusion, such as the Collie Art Group getting a new art kiln to provide pottery and ceramics workshops.
- Initiatives that help improve physical and mental health, such as training equipment for the Mercy Leschenault Collie Netball Club and the Blue Leaf Initiative running youth mental health programs.
- Projects that celebrate the history and heritage of the area, such as the restoration of Stockton Arch and the Phoenix Park mural.
- Initiatives that promote understanding of shared cultural heritage, such as pipi weaving.
- Activities that improve community cohesion, such as volunteer programs and youth engagement programs like the PCYC Safe Space school holiday program for teenagers.



Where we operate

Synergy operates both thermal power stations and renewable electricity generation facilities from Coral Bay in the north, to Kalgoorlie in the east, and to Esperance in the south.

Our area of operation is across the electricity network known as the South West Interconnected System or the SWIS.

- South West Interconnected System
- Coal-fired power station
- Gas-fired power station
- Wind farm
- Solar farm
- Utility-scale battery energy storage system
- Under construction
- Under development

¹ Owned and operated by Bright Energy Investments (BEI).

² Provides electricity solely to Coral Bay. Does not feed electricity into the SWIS.

³ Provides electricity solely to Hopetoun. Does not feed electricity into the SWIS.



Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for a grant, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Your organisation must have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Hold an account with an Australian financial institution in the organisation's name, not an individual's name
- We accept applications from:
 - Registered charities (ACNC)
 - Not-for-profit incorporated entities
 - Social enterprises (certified social traders)
- Your initiative must aim to engage and strengthen the social, economic, or environmental factors of the Collie community
- Preference will be given to activities and organisations within the 6225 postcode
- Organisations may be located outside of Collie, if the project or activity relating to this grant is for the Collie community
- Applicant organisations must agree to have a representative available to attend the awards ceremony on the evening of 22 May 2025 in Collie, should they be successful in this funding round

We are unable to support

- Retrospective projects
- Commercial organisations or activities
- Individuals or families
- Political or religious activities or pursuits
- Federal, state, or local government projects
- Maintenance and operational costs
- Organisations or initiatives that discriminate against origin, age, race, religion, gender, ability or diversity
- Organisations or initiatives that are environmentally negligent or do not endorse sustainable practices
- Organisations or activities that promote gaming, tobacco, alcohol, or drug-related sponsorships
- Activities that provide a financial benefit to Synergy employees or contractors
- Events, projects, or organisations that expose Synergy to known reputational, financial or safety risks
- Organisations or activities that do not reflect Synergy's corporate values of innovation, accountability, collaboration and trust
- Organisations that do not commit to acknowledge Synergy's grant publicly

What is required?

When applying for funding, it is important to let us know who will benefit from your initiative (the beneficiary), how your initiative will make a difference (the impact) and how you will measure the outcomes.

You will be asked to demonstrate your initiative's intended outcomes and how they align to one or more of Synergy's key themes. We have tried to make this as simple as possible in the application form with free text and prepopulated fields. This information will also be required for the grant acquittal.

To accompany your application, you will need to attach relevant supporting documents:

- A letter with your organisation's contact details, ABN and payment account details on letterhead signed by the president, treasurer or secretary
- An image (hero image or brochure) representing your organisation and the activities you deliver as outlined in the grant application
- Quotes and insurance documents related to the proposed activity
- Provide a budget for your project expenses and how the grant funds will be used. If your project costs more than \$5,000, explain how you will secure the rest of the funding.

Preparing your application

We have included some explanations to assist you in completing the application form.

1. The beneficiary is the group your initiative intends to help. Only choose beneficiaries from the dropdown list that will directly benefit from your initiative.
2. We want to know about the field of work of your organisation or the primary area of focus e.g. arts, sport, health. You can select up to five from the list of options and they all have equal value.
3. Tell us about the activities you will undertake as part of the initiative such as training sessions, community events, community clean up days. Include the number of times the activity will be run, the number of people you will reach, the location plus the start and finish dates.
4. Outcomes are the changes you want to see for the people or beneficiaries you are aiming to help. Examples include an 'increase' or 'improvement' in skills, knowledge or wellbeing; more examples include a 'decrease' or 'reduction' in antisocial behaviour, unemployment or social isolation and loneliness.
5. Metrics are how you will measure the success and will indicate if you are progressing towards your goals. They can be collected through surveys and interviews with the participants of your organisation's work. Include only the measures of success that you can report on for the grant acquittal and what is within your organisation's capacity to measure.

How to apply

Complete the Synergy Collie Small Grants online application form at synergy.smartygrants.com.au

Online applications must be submitted before 12pm, Monday 14 April 2025.





Process timeline

Applicant activity **Synergy activity**

- 1 Application submitted**
- 2 Shortlisting and assessment**
 - Eligibility check
 - Shortlisting of applications against key themes and assessment criteria

You may be contacted at this stage if clarification is required
- 3 Grant selection and approval**

Collie Small Grants Panel assess and approve grant recipients
- 4 Collie Small Grants award ceremony on Thursday 22 May**
- 5 Successful recipients announced via Synergy media statement and social media**
- 6 Grant acknowledged by recipients via social media**

Please ensure Synergy's media announcement has been issued first
- 7 Funds dispersed to recipient**

Your letterhead with ABN and contact details is essential for this step
- 8 Acquittal completed by 1 December 2025 or within six weeks of project completion**

Get in touch

Our team is here to help throughout the application and acquittal process. If you have any questions, please contact:

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Call **9781 6731** or email **community@synergy.net.au**

