

NSW Ports 2026 Community Grants Program Guidelines

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NSW Ports is pleased to invite applicants to participate to the sixth annual Community Grants Program

NSW Ports has developed its Community Grants Program to support initiatives which make local communities and neighbourhoods better places to live, work and play. This commitment to support thriving communities and workplaces is reflected in our 2025 Sustainability Strategy.

The NSW Ports Community Grant program offers one-off grants of up to \$25,000 each to support not-for-profit organisations, community groups or schools with innovative project ideas, programs or initiatives that will support communities living in close proximity to NSW Ports' operations at Port Botany, Port Kembla, Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre and Cooks River Intermodal Terminal.

The NSW Ports 2026 Community Grants Program complements our existing sponsorships program. To know more about our sponsorship program, visit [our website](#).

Application process

How to apply

For consideration in the 2026 NSW Ports Community Grants Program, you must meet the eligibility criteria outlined below and submit an application (including all supporting information) **by no later than 5:00pm on Sunday 12 April 2026** via the [Application Form](#).

Eligibility Criteria

Recipients: The 2026 NSW Ports Community Grants Program is open to Australian registered not-for-profit organisations, community groups and schools with an ABN and Australian bank account that have a clear vision and goal to enhance the communities living through projects, programs or initiatives near our operations sites.

Please note that applications from individuals, hospitals, councils are not able to be considered.

Location: Eligible projects should be delivered in the following postcodes:

- Around Port Botany – 2018, 2019, 2020, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2205, 2216, 2217, 2219.
- Around Port Kembla – 2500, 2502, 2505, 2506, 2518, 2519, 2525, 2526, 2528
- Around Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre – 2133, 2135, 2136, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2195
- Around Cooks River Intermodal Terminal – 2044

Click here for more information about our local operational areas.

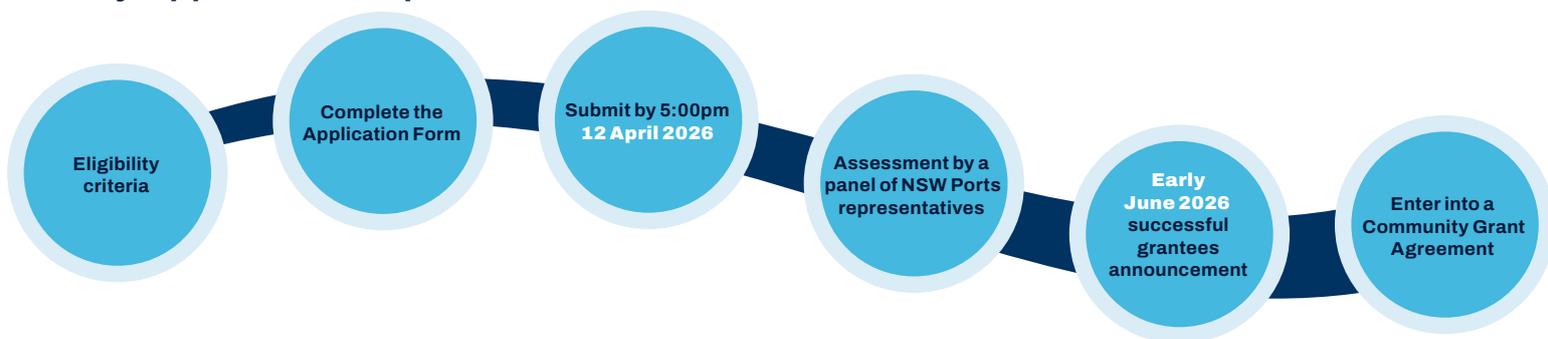
Mission: 2026 grant projects must create opportunities to foster thriving communities by generating positive outcomes in the areas of: education, health and wellbeing, economic development, environment, arts and culture, social welfare or emergency services.

Timing: 2026 grant projects must be delivered and completed within twelve months of grant awarding confirmation, with grant funding spent by 30 June 2027.

Acknowledgement: Throughout your project we would encourage you to promote the Community Grants Program to raise awareness among community groups about the opportunities offered through the program.



Key Application Steps



Project Requirements

As part of your application, you will be asked to provide an overview of the proposed project, program or initiative, including the following requirements:

- **Target beneficiaries** – who/how many people will benefit from your project?
- **Project delivery** – how will your project be delivered and what key milestones will be met as part of this process?
- **Funding requirements** – how much are you applying for, how was it costed and will the grant fully or partially fund your project?
- **Focus area** – how will your project create positive outcomes in at least one of the areas of:
 - Education
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Economic development
 - Environment
 - Arts and culture
 - Social welfare
 - Emergency services
- **Impact** – outline how your project will deliver measurable outcomes. What and how will you measure the changes experienced by the individuals, organisations or business that participated to your project?

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the information supplied in their application is complete and accurate.

NSW Ports will not support projects that:

- Do not align with the NSW Ports Community Grants Program eligibility criteria.
- Solely finance salaries.
- May have a negative impact on NSW Ports' reputation.
- Require unreasonable grant fees.
- Are dangerous, immoral, or political in nature.

How recipients will be selected

All complying applications will be assessed by a NSW Ports review panel according to the strength of the project against the eligibility criteria and project requirements.

To give your application the best chance of securing a grant, ensure you clearly demonstrate how you meet each eligibility criterion and project requirement.

Where appropriate, NSW Ports may seek to discuss the proposed project, program or initiative with you in more detail. As part of this process, NSW Ports may require applicants to participate in certain third-party due diligence processes.

By submitting an application, applicants consent to NSW Ports using and disclosing the information provided for the purpose of the selection process.

Due to the number of applications typically received and funding caps, it is likely that some applications that satisfy the eligibility criteria and project requirements will not be invited to participate in this year's program. The final selection of recipients and any grant amount awarded is at the sole discretion of NSW Ports. NSW Ports will advise applicants of the outcome of their applications, however, please note that NSW Ports is not required to provide details regarding the decision-making process or outcomes.

Applications
Open:
Monday 2 March
Close:
**5:00pm Sunday
12 April**

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What happens if you are successful?

If you are successful in your grant application, NSW Ports will contact you to provide the good news and discuss next steps. You may also be invited to participate in a formal launch announcement, which will occur before the end of June 2026 (date to be confirmed).

Partnering with NSW Ports will also involve other obligations and commitments, including:

1. Entering into a legally binding Community Grant Agreement which will be tailored to suit your project and will outline your obligations in more detail.
2. Providing a tax invoice for grant funds to be paid to you.
3. Using the funds on activities to be conducted during the agreed funding period (up until 30 June 2027).
4. Reporting on the progress, completion and social impact of the project.
5. Providing an avenue for promoting a community-wide understanding of NSW Ports, our role and contribution to local communities.

About NSW Ports

NSW Ports manages Port Botany and Port Kembla, which together handle millions of tonnes of diversified trade each year, including containers, bulk liquids and gases, bulk grains and materials, and project-related cargo.

NSW Ports also manages the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre and Cooks River Intermodal Terminal. With direct rail links to Port Botany, these intermodal hubs play a key role in supporting NSW's freight task and help reduce truck movements on Sydney's roads.

These port and intermodal facilities are essential services and play a critical social and economic role within NSW, contributing \$13.6 billion annually to NSW Gross State Product and supporting around 65,000 jobs. We are proud to have a large proportion of our own workforce living in the local communities we operate in.

For more information:

For additional information, check our frequently asked questions at nswports.com.au/grants or contact our team: community@nswports.com.au

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