

Youth Climate Action Fund Guidelines – Round 2

GOT A BIG IDEA TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE?

Young people are vital to tackling the climate crisis.

We want to provide you with the money and support to help make your big ideas come to life.


The City of Hobart, together with Bloomberg Philanthropies, has launched the second round of the **Youth Climate Action Fund** to provide up to \$7500 to help young changemakers **bring their climate solutions to life!**


Whether you want to help rally the community to get off fossil fuels or help create awareness in your school of how to get climate and disaster ready, this fund is here to support you put climate solutions in place across Hobart.


These guidelines outline the application process, eligibility, and assessment criteria for the Youth Climate Action Fund.

WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS CAN GET FUNDING?

Apply for a grant to support projects in one or more of these key areas:

 **Zero emissions** – Think renewable energy, composting/FOGO, walking and cycling, transition to electric vehicles and more.

 **Building climate resilience** – Help people adapt to extreme weather and other climate challenges.

 **Mobilising community action** – Spread awareness and get more people involved in the fight against climate change!

HOW MUCH FUNDING YOU CAN APPLY FOR

This grant program provides cash support between \$1,500 and \$7,500 per application.

WHO CAN APPLY?

This grant supports projects led by young people aged between 15 and 24 years. Applicants can be youth-led projects or youth-serving organisations.

HOW TO APPLY

Read the Guidelines in full, review the previous rounds Application Form and start preparing your documentation.

All applications are to be submitted through the grants system, Smarty Grants hobartcity.com.au/Grants.

If you have any questions, speak to us before you apply so we can help you with tips for a successful application.

Contact our Customer Service Centre on [03 6238 2711](tel:0362382711) and mention that you are interested in the Youth Climate Action Fund. Or email your enquiry to our Grants Team at fundingprogram@hobartcity.com.au.

PRIORITY AREAS AND FUNDING IDEAS

To tackle the climate crisis, we need young people to lead the way.

We welcome ideas, big and small, that will help us create a climate ready Hobart.

Zero emissions

85% of Hobart's emissions are from burning fossil fuels, mainly from driving cars. Switching to walking or cycling can help reduce climate pollution, save money, and be better for our health and wellbeing.

Youth-led projects might focus on:

- ✓ encouraging people to walk or ride, use e-scooters or e-bikes, take public transport or to use electric vehicles.
For example, bike club days to encourage students to walk, run or ride'
- ✓ encouraging people to switch from using fossil fuels to electric alternatives in homes and buildings or to improving thermal and energy efficiency.
- ✓ waste reduction programs such as encouraging composting and use of FOGO.

Learn more about where Hobart's emissions come from [here](#).

Building climate resilience

Hobart is experiencing impacts from climate change including more frequent and intense events such as bushfire, floods, heatwaves as well as sea level rise and coastal erosion.

Youth-led projects might focus on:

- ✓ helping communities plan and prepare for extreme weather and climate-related impacts.

- ✓ building increased knowledge, connection, security, and wellbeing in face of a changing climate.
- ✓ restoring nature such as tree planting, community gardening or composting
- ✓ Co-design or co-creation of climate resilient solutions with communities and young people.

Mobilising community action

Climate anxiety is real, particularly for young people across the city. This can create increased stress and uncertainty about the future in already tough times. Youth participation and leadership is an important way to tackle climate anxiety and create a climate ready Hobart.

Youth-led projects might focus on:

- ✓ helping to mobilise others through creative ways to connect, engage and create awareness.
- ✓ mobilising wider community action through youth-led climate awareness campaigns, education programs, workshops and hackathons, events and activations, public art projects, action plans, groups and networks, and any efforts to support young people to shape climate policy, planning and decision-making.



ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants

Applicants must be one of the following:

- ✓ **Youth-led group** – at least three young people aged between 15 and 24 years of age and auspiced by an incorporated organisation. If you don't know an auspicing organisation, we can connect you with one. Applicants must provide confirmation and details from their auspicing organisation, including a sample letter from the City of Hobart's [website](#).
- ✓ **Youth-serving organisations – are organisations that** provide core programs and resources designed to meet the needs of young people including registered school or training organisations. The project must be youth-led composed of at least three individuals aged 15 to 24 who actively participate in decision-making and oversight of the project.

and

- ✓ have fulfilled the conditions of completed City of Hobart grant by the due date and have no overdue debts to the City.
- ✓ have adequate public liability insurance.

Ineligible applicants

Applicants cannot be:

- ✗ Individuals.
- ✗ Paid representatives of political parties or staff.
- ✗ Current or former elected members of any local, state, or federal government.
- ✗ Current employees or staff contractors to the City of Hobart.
- ✗ Federal, state and local government agencies and bodies.
- ✗ Exclusively led by people aged 25 years and older.

Eligible activities

Applications must demonstrate that the activity:

- ✓ starts from 1 May 2025
- ✓ has an outcome by 31 October 2025
- ✓ helps create a climate ready Hobart by focusing on one or more of the priorities: reduce emissions, build climate resilience and/or mobilise community action.
- ✓ benefits the wider Hobart community.
- ✓ is led by at least three young people aged between 15 to 24 years of age.
- ✓ has outcomes that are delivered in the City of Hobart local government area.

Ineligible activities

Applications are ineligible if the request for support:

- ✗ activity deemed as lobbying activity
- ✗ project benefits an individual, home or business (for example, purchasing an e-bike for personal use).
- ✗ is commercial, has the potential to make significant profit or be self-sustaining.
- ✗ is part of ongoing administration or operational costs of the applicant.
- ✗ is made by a registered school or registered training organisation seeking support for costs associated with the employment of teaching or support staff and/or the delivery of curriculum.
- ✗ Equipment and capital investment for infrastructure improvements representing more than 50% of the project's budget.



Funding use

Your application must clearly outline how the grant funds will be used in alignment with the grant's purpose.

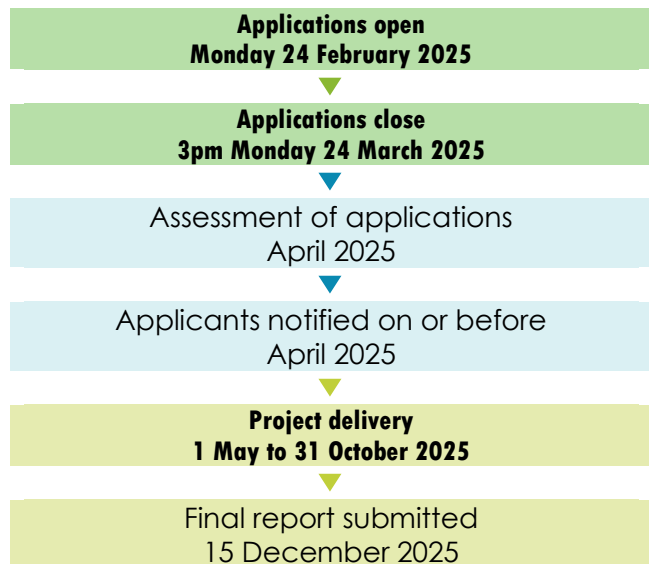
Essential project costs often covered by grants.	Costs not covered under this grant.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Project supplies and materials, including rental and purchase of items directly needed to carry out the project, such as equipment, tools, art supplies, site design or technology. ✓ Use of City facilities, such as venues, parks, equipment, and parking. ✓ Promotional materials to raise awareness about the project, encourage engagement from stakeholders and greater community, and share project results including photography, editorial support and videography. ✓ Costs for organising community events, workshops, or educational sessions including venue rental, printing of materials for participants, basic refreshments and equipment hires, including AV and temporary structures. ✓ Costs of any necessary permits to implement the project in accordance with local regulations. ✓ Reasonable fees for training and mentorship offered in workshops with youth participants. ✓ Project sponsorship costs that a local NGO, community group or club, school or other organisation may charge for receiving/auspicing a grant on behalf of the youth project. The cost should be no more than 15% of the grant value. ✓ Activity-specific public liability insurance. ✓ Reasonable ground travel expenses for youth participants or team members directly involved in project implementation. ✓ Evaluation of your activity. ✓ Grants are not intended as stipends or salary for the youth leads, but rather to encourage volunteerism. Therefore, the following expenses are permitted, but they should not make up the majority of the grant: funds to enable youth participation in the project such as bus fares, per diems for food or gift cards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Activities or programs that are already delivered by the City of Hobart or are our core business. ✗ Rent or utilities. ✗ Nonprofit/NGO incorporation fees. ✗ Speaker honorariums and speaker fees. ✗ Scholarships. ✗ Direct support to individuals or families. <p>Partisan political organisations, Political campaigns, fundraisers or legislative advocacy or lobbying.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Capital campaigns or endowments. ✗ Events and fundraisers not related to youth climate action. ✗ Donations or fundraising activities that support the recurrent operations of the applicant. ✗ a contribution towards payment of rates. ✗ activities that have already commenced or are scheduled prior to the eligible activity timeframe. ✗ programs which have already commenced unless the proposed activity substantially increases the impact of the existing program. ✗ the purchase of equipment that is not specific to the delivery of the activity and would otherwise support the operations of the organisation. ✗ school camps or travel expenses to attend sporting trips. ✗ the core delivery of national conferences or seminars to be staged in Hobart.



Costs that are challenging to fund and need a strongly demonstrated link to outcomes

- ✓ Individual pursuits or professional development with a public outcome.
- ✓ Ongoing programs - unless the applicant can demonstrate how the support will substantially increase the impact of the existing program.
- ✓ Consultants.

APPLICATION PROCESS



LATE APPLICATIONS

Late applications will not be accepted, please ensure you prepare all documentation and upload well before the due date and time. If you require technical support, get in touch with us as soon as possible.

ASSESSMENT

Assessments are undertaken by a panel of City of Hobart officers and external representatives with relative experience in the subject matter. Panel recommendations are reported to the Chief Executive Officer for approval.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Each eligible application will be assessed on its individual merit against the following criteria to determine its capacity to:

1. create a climate ready Hobart by addressing an identified climate challenges within the Hobart local government area:
 - Zero emissions
 - Build climate resilience
 - Mobilise community action
2. demonstrate youth leadership and involvement.
3. demonstrate that the project creates benefits to the community and is value for money.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

Agreement

A formal agreement will be provided to successful applicants via SmartyGrants.

Inability to comply with the agreement may result in withdrawal of support.

Applicants who do not meet their obligations under a grant agreement may not be eligible to apply for future grants.

Payment and GST

Payment information will be provided with the letter of offer. Grants will be paid in full upon receipt of a tax invoice or the City can generate a recipient created tax invoice (RCTI).

Organisations registered for GST should add GST to the grant amount.

Recognition of assistance

Successful applicants must acknowledge the City of Hobart's assistance for their activity. Please refer to the [Grant Partnership Acknowledgement Guidelines](#) for details.



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Activity variations

If there are significant changes to the funded activity, applicants must contact the grants officer to confirm the variation is acceptable.

This includes, but is not limited to, activity start and end dates, venues, fees, and charges.

Acquittal

Upon completion of the activity, successful applicants will be required to acquit their grant, providing evidence of the execution of their activity, expenditure, and outcomes. The acquittal form is available on SmartyGrants and must be completed online within one month of the activity completion date.

Grant recipients that do not satisfactorily acquit their grant may not be eligible for future funding and may be required to return the funds allocated to their activity

INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES

Accessibility

If you can't access the online form or documents for this grant, please contact the grants officer to discuss how it can be adapted to suit your needs.

Documents

Copies of all City of Hobart documentation referred to throughout these guidelines can be found via the hyperlinks contained in this document and on the City of Hobart website.

Contact Team

To discuss your proposal or administration and technical matters, please contact us on 03 6238 2711 or

fundingprogram@hobartcity.com.au.



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