

Activation Grants Program

Guide for Practitioners

Activation Grants of \$25,000 are available to help those most in need, ensuring no one is left behind when challenges arise.

Our mission is to support socially disadvantaged people and their communities already facing hardship, helping them build resilience for the future.

Funding can kickstart projects based on your community's priorities, determined through the Six-Step Future Ready Communities Model.

This guide outlines the application process, eligibility and benefits for your community.

Key Features



Rolling Intake:

Apply any time, with ongoing support. Funds are fully allocated, whichever comes first.



Community-Driven Initiatives:

No pre-defined resilience building initiatives needed at the time of application – focus on applying the Six-Step Model which will unearth the priorities.



Flexible Terms:

or operational expenses.

Grant monies can be expended over two years (approx), allowing communities to work at their own pace.

What We Fund

Yes No Training and Education: Skills Pre-planned projects without development to build community evidence of community input. capacity. Social & Public Welfare: Initiatives addressing societal challenges such X Political campaigns or advocacy. as mental health, housing stability, employment, youth engagement, Recreational or social activities that and crime prevention. don't benefit the wider community Disaster Preparedness and (or socially vulnerable persons). Response: Initiatives to improve community readiness. Direct financial aid to affluent individuals or communities. Initiatives may include physical improvements and equipment, services or programs that connect and Routine costs like ongoing salaries prepare communities.

Funding Structure

Grants offer up to \$25,000 in two stages: • Stage 1: Up to \$5,000 to support early engagement activities (Steps 1-3).

• Stage 2: The remaining funds can be used to implement resilience-building initiatives identified during the process. (Steps 4 & 5).

Funds are released over the two stages as needed, aligned to milestone achievements and implementation readiness.

Who can apply

A Resilience Canopy Practitioner must submit the application on behalf of their community. However, the Practitioner will not be the legal entity responsible for managing the funds.

Eligibility Criteria

You are eligible to apply if:

- You represent a place-based or interest-driven community that is "ready to engage".
- This community faces high levels of disadvantage, such as social or economic vulnerability (e.g. poverty, unemployment, mental health concerns) and exposure to significant perils.
- This community is committed to becoming a registered Canopy Community on Canopy House, applying the Six-Step Model to establish a shared vision and resilience-building priorities.
- A legal entity or auspicing arrangement is in place to enter into a funding agreement and manage grant funds, or a sub-committee can be established under the Canopy during the early engagement phase as a pathway to formalisation.

How we assess applications

Applications are assessed on a balance of the following criteria:

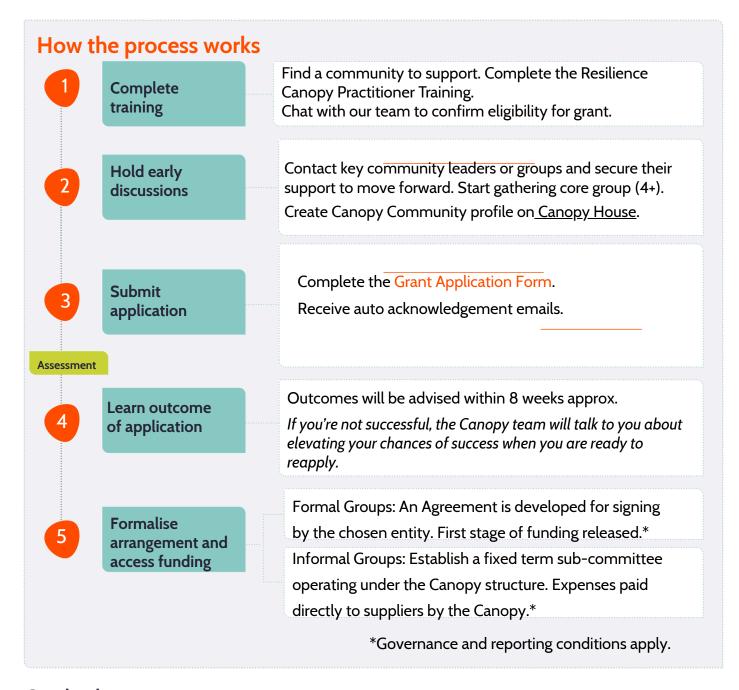






Community readiness, intent + capacity

Need for the community with consideration for who might benefit, hazards and social disadvantage



Good to know

• Projects should not be fully defined at the time of application. • Applications are reviewed by a panel, with final approval by the Canopy Board. • Regular progress checks and additional information are required, including a progress report after Steps 1-3, expenditure plan for funds, and a final acquittal report. • The grant term is two years - extensions negotiable.

Preparing to submit an application

Rolling Intake available until 2027 or all funds are allocated, whichever comes first.

Applications now open!

Important: The application form must be completed in one session, as it cannot be saved and resumed later. Please ensure you have all the required information ready before starting. Estimated Time:

- Preparation -1hr
- Completion of Form 15 minutes.

Pre-Application Checklist

What you'll need for the Application form:

- ☐ Community Overview (additional details not already covered in Canopy Community profile)
- ☑ Details about the Core Group (4+ people)
- ☑ Details about the community's intent, capacity and where it's at
- ☑ Details about who might benefit from the grant

Ensure you have spoken with our team before applying to confirm you have everything you need!

- ☑ Details about what support you might need from us
- Proposed Grantee Arrangement: Intention to enter into a formal agreement or establish an interim sub-committee operating under the Canopy.

Further guidance on these requirements can be found in the application form.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online via the form. Supporting documents can be uploaded with the application or emailed to info@resiliencecanopy.com.au

Step 1
Create a Canopy Community Profile



Step 2
Apply for a Grant



Or click here to go direct to the form

- Tip: Canopy House is desktop compatible only (no mobile app).
- New to Canopy House? Start by creating your unique Member Profile.

Further Information

For more details on The Resilience Canopy, visit our website: resiliencecanopy.com.au

If you need assistance with your application, contact us at:

info@resiliencecanopy.com.au