



**The  
Resilience  
Canopy**

# Activation Grants

**\$25,000 to help communities kick-start and strengthen their resilience journey aligned to the Six-Step Future Ready Communities model**



## Why this grant exists

Many communities face challenges like poverty, isolation, and cultural barriers that increase vulnerability. Our mission is to support those already experiencing hardship to strengthen resilience.

This is not a traditional grant. It provides flexible funding over time to support community-led conversations, planning, and action, while also helping unlock further funding.



## What makes this grant different

- Community-led priorities
- Flexible funding accessed over 2+ yrs
- Minimal paperwork and reporting
- No-pre defined projects or budgets
- Rolling intake

## How the funding works

Funding is released through a simple, staged draw-down process, so communities can start small and build momentum as their ideas develop.

### Stage 1 – Discovery (≤ \$5K)

This optional stage supports early engagement and groundwork. Funds can be used for community conversations, bringing people together, exploring local priorities, and starting planning. Aligned with Steps 1–3 of the Model, it helps communities clarify what matters most before moving into action.





## Stage 2 – Doing (Bal > \$25K)

Once priorities are determined, communities can access remaining allocation to support community-led actions and implementation. This stage aligns with Steps 4–5 of the Model and focuses on putting ideas into practice, testing solutions, and building local capability.

We're looking for communities that are ready, can make a commitment to the process, and want to make sure everyone, especially those who may be more vulnerable, is included.



Funding is released incrementally, meaning communities only draw down what they need, when they need it. There's no requirement to have fully defined projects or detailed budgets upfront.

### The application

Applications are submitted by a Canopy-trained Practitioner on behalf of a Canopy Community.

- Simple online form.
- No letters of support, polished plans, budgets or defined projects required.

### Governance options

Via legal entity (agreement) or establish interim sub-committee (terms of reference) under the Canopy.

#### Remember:

*Communities don't need an Activation Grant to participate. Every community can access our tools, training and ongoing support, with grants being just one opportunity within the Canopy ecosystem.*

### Funding Availability

- Funding is subject to availability and not guaranteed for all Canopy Communities.
- Applications may be prioritised or deferred for future consideration based on available funding, readiness and program objectives.
- Best time to apply: Entering Steps 1-3 of the Model

## Next steps

Talk with your community, connect with your Community Coordinator to confirm eligibility, create a Community Profile on [Canopy House](#), and [apply online](#).



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