



2026 Shellharbour ClubGRANTS

Applicant Fact Sheet

What is ClubGRANTS funding?

ClubGRANTS is a community funding scheme that ensures larger registered clubs in NSW contribute to the provision of front-line services in their local communities and provide much needed support to community organisations, groups and disadvantaged members of the community. The scheme was introduced in 1998 by the NSW Government.

Under the guidelines, the Scheme includes 3 funding categories:

Category 1 *Supports projects aimed at improving the lives of disadvantaged communities. For instance, projects support community welfare and social services; community development; community health services; and employment assistance activities.*

Category 2 *Provides funding for general community development and support activities, such as junior sport. (ie. traditional areas of club expenditure).*

Category 3 *Is a state-wide fund that supports large-scale community infrastructure projects, such as hospitals and sporting facilities.*

Where can I find the application guidelines?

www.clubgrants.com.au/how-to-apply

Who is the Shellharbour ClubGRANTS Local Committee?

The aim of the local committee is to oversee the **Category 1** funding process. The Shellharbour Local ClubGRANTS Committee is made up of representatives from Shellharbour City Council, NSW Department of Communities and Justice, the local community and six local licensed clubs:

Albion Park Bowling & Recreation Club
Albion Park RSL Memorial Club
Oak Flats Bowling and Recreation Club
The Shellharbour Club
Warilla Bowling & Recreation Club
Warilla Sports Club

<https://www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au/living-here/financial-assistance-and-sponsorship/clubgrants>

Shellharbour ClubGRANTS Local Committee Convener

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Shellharbour Category 1 Funding

Information for applicants

What is eligible under Category 1 funding?

Eligible **Category 1 expenditure** is for projects and/or services that contribute to the welfare and broader social fabric of the local community and are aimed at improving the living standards of low income and disadvantaged people.

Examples include community welfare and social services, community development projects, community health services and employment assistance activities: www.clubgrants.com.au/clubgrants-stories

The Shellharbour Local Committee establishes **Local Priorities** for the Shellharbour LGA. (Outlined on following page).

When does Category 1 funding open?

Applications for Shellharbour ClubGRANTS Category 1 funding will open at 9:00am on **1 February 2026** and close at 4:00pm on **31 May 2026**.

How do I apply for Category 1 funding?

1. Read the ClubGRANTS funding guidelines available at: www.clubgrants.com.au/how-to-apply
2. Refer to the Shellharbour ClubGRANTS **Local Priorities** on the next page of this document.
3. Apply **ONLINE** at: www.clubgrants.com.au

Register and select the Shellharbour Round. You only need to apply once as the application will be reviewed by all clubs within the Shellharbour Local Committee.

Having trouble filling out the online application form?

A guide for applicants has been developed that explains the steps you need to take to complete and submit your form online. For more information visit: www.clubgrants.com.au/faqs
If you do not have access to a computer or require assistance with filling out the form online, please contact your local club to arrange an appointment for application assistance.

How much funding can I apply for?

There is no minimum or maximum amount of funding that applicants can apply for. In past years, the scheme has funded projects for \$1 000 - \$50 000. The amount of available funding changes each year.

When do I hear about the outcome of my application?

After the application process closes in May, the Shellharbour ClubGRANTS local committee meets in June and July to review all applications and make recommendations for funding. Clubs then agree to fund particular applications either in whole or to part fund the project with another club. Applicants will be advised if their application is successful or unsuccessful during August.

If your application for funding is successful you will be required to complete a ClubsNSW Standard Funding Reporting Form at the end of the project. Organisations that have not submitted their report/progress forms for previous ClubGRANTS funding rounds will not be considered for future funding. **You will need to log in to your online form and click on the link to complete reports.**

Shellharbour **Category 1** Funding

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Category 1 Local Priorities

Shellharbour ClubGRANTS Local Committee will consider not-for-profit projects that are delivered within the Shellharbour LGA for the direct benefit of the Shellharbour community.

AND PRIORITISE

(these are not listed in priority order)

- ➔ Initiatives that support vulnerable or disadvantaged community members, in particular those outlined below.

Social and Community

- Increasing the proportion of people who are socially connected and feel a sense of belonging to their community.
- Improving access to services and programs to enhance connection and inclusion.
- Strengthening understanding and respect for local First Nations culture and identity.

Empowerment

- Increasing opportunities for people to make decisions affecting them and their lives.
- Improving inclusive and culturally-sensitive access to information, services and technology.

Safety

- Enhancing safety and the perception of safety within a community, including reducing crime.
- Ensuring all children are safe from harm.
- Ensuring all people are safe from domestic and family violence.

Home

- Increasing the number of people who have a safe, suitable, and affordable place to live.
- Improving outcomes for and perceptions of people experiencing homelessness.

Education and Skills

- Enhancing opportunities for people to learn, achieve and contribute.
- Increasing the number of youth and children engaged in quality education and care.
- Improving transitions between levels of schooling, and between school or work and further education.

Economic

- Reducing the proportion of young people who are disengaged from work or education.
- Improving access to employment for disadvantaged groups.
- Supporting vulnerable families and individuals with cost of living pressures.

Health and Wellbeing

- Increasing access to health and wellbeing services and programs for vulnerable population groups.
- Assisting people to be physically healthy and supporting healthy behaviours.
- Improving mental health and wellbeing.

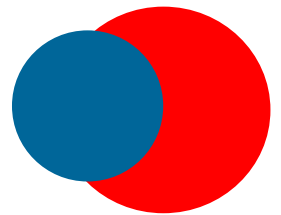
(Adapted from NSW Government, Human Services Outcomes Framework, 2017)

- Improve outcomes for specific target groups within the Shellharbour community:
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
 - Culturally and linguistically diverse communities
 - Those experiencing or at risk of homelessness, in particular women
 - LGBTQIA+ communities
 - People aged 65 years and over
 - People with disabilities and/or long-term health conditions
 - People who provide assistance or care to others due to disability, age, or disadvantage
 - Families, in particular young families and expectant mothers
 - Young people 12 - 24 years
 - Children 0 – 5 years and pre-teens 8 – 14 years

Examples of programs that could be funded in Shellharbour

Meal provision programs, mental health programs, individual and community resilience programs, recreation and social activities, health promotion programs, healthy behaviours awareness and education programs, activities encouraging social connection, cost of living assistance initiatives, local job creation schemes, projects supporting affordable or low cost essentials, target group social support programs.

These projects contribute towards Objectives 1.1 and 1.2 of Shellharbour's Community Strategic Plan 2025 – 2035: "We have connected, creative communities embracing our rich cultural history" and "We are a liveable community".



Shellharbour **Category 2 & 3** Funding

Information for applicants

Who is eligible under Category 2 funding?

Eligible **Category 2 expenditure** is allocated to community development and support activities and projects not eligible under Category 1, and expenditure allocated to a club's core activities (such as sport, returned servicemen's league/veteran welfare, golf course and bowling green maintenance, including for wages paid to staff to carry out the maintenance).

When does Category 2 open and how do I apply?

Applications for Shellharbour ClubGRANTS Category 2 funding are accepted throughout the year and rounds vary between each Club. Applicants should liaise directly with individual clubs and discuss details of your application with your local club manager.

How do I apply for Category 3 funding?

Visit: www.responsiblegambling.nsw.gov.au/funding-opportunities

Who are my local ClubGRANTS Clubs?

Albion Park Bowling and Recreation Club

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Albion Park RSL Memorial Club

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Oak Flats Bowling and Recreation Club

Phone: 4256 1444

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The Shellharbour Club

Phone: 4296 7155

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Warilla Bowling and Recreation Club

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Warilla Sports Club

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