

Hobart Airport invites applications for 2026 Community Grants Program

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Hobart Airport is inviting Tasmanian charities and not-for-profit organisations to apply for its 2026 Community Grants Program, with up to \$40,000 available to support projects that strengthen community connection and deliver lasting benefits across the state.

The program includes the \$15,000 Hobart Airport Connecting Communities Award, along with smaller cash grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 (up to a combined total of \$25,000) for local initiatives that support communities across Tasmania.

Chief Executive Officer Norris Carter said the Community Grants Program reflected the airport's commitment to supporting the communities it serves.

"As Tasmania's gateway, Hobart Airport plays an important role in connecting people, businesses and communities, and through this program we're proud to support organisations helping make Tasmania more connected, inclusive and resilient," Mr Carter said.

"Every year we're inspired by the passion, innovation and dedication of our local charities and not-for-profit organisations.

"These grants are about helping turn great ideas into meaningful outcomes that make a real difference for Tasmanians.

"In addition, Hobart Airport's advertising partner, Bishopp Outdoor Advertising, is contributing up to \$25,000 in advertising support across digital and static advertising sites throughout the airport precinct, while the airport will also provide terminal space for community activations and displays.

"These organisations are making a real difference in communities across Tasmania, and we're proud to support and help shine a spotlight on their work.

"Alongside funding, the opportunity to showcase their initiatives at the airport can help build awareness, attract new supporters and create even greater impact. Based on previous years, we expect to see up to 100 applications for the 2026 round."

2025 grant recipient Nel Smit from Nipaluna Nursery said Hobart Airport's support had helped bring the Lutana Pocket Forest project to life.

"Hobart Airport's grant enabled us to work with Glenorchy City Council, students from Sacred Heart and community volunteers to transform a bare park into a thriving pocket forest," Ms Smit said.

"The project strengthened local biodiversity while creating meaningful opportunities for students and the community to connect with nature and each other.

"We're very appreciative of Hobart Airport's investment in local environmental action and encourage other organisations to apply. It's a fantastic opportunity to turn community-focused ideas into real, lasting outcomes."

Grants are available for projects that support:



- Connected Communities Through Social Impact
- Connected Communities Through Environmental Stewardship
- Connected Communities Through Economic Opportunity.

Previous recipients have included the Goodwood Community Centre, Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centre, Coal River Valley Tasmania Tourism Association, The Shepherd Centre for Deaf Children, Southern Beaches Landcare, Hope in a Suitcase and Aurora Disability Services.

Applications close on 31 August with successful recipients to be announced in October. For more information or to apply, visit hobartairport.com.au/communitygrants.

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