

NSW Regional STEM Community Activity Seed Grants (Round 2)



Grant Guidelines

1. Overview

Inspiring Australia NSW is committed to helping regional communities across the state bring science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM) to life all year round. The Regional STEM Community Activity Seed Grants are designed to support small, one-off events and activities that spark curiosity, creativity, and connection through STEM, making it accessible to all corners of New South Wales.

2. Grant Amount

Funding of **up to \$1,000** per grant is available for individual, one-off events or activities.

3. Eligibility Criteria

Who can apply:

- Not-for-profit organisations, public libraries, community groups and local government entities based in regional New South Wales.

Who cannot apply (Ineligibility):

- **Previous 2026 Recipients:** To ensure funding is distributed widely across the state, any organisation or individual that has already received an Inspiring Australia grant in 2026 (including Round 1 Seed Grants, National Science Week Grants, or Library Grants) is **ineligible** to apply for Round 2.
- Programs designed to take place within schools, or events exclusively catering to school students, are not eligible.

4. Event Requirements

- Funded activities must take place between **1 September and 31 December 2026**.
- Events can include interactive workshops, science-art collaborations, talks, demonstrations, or community projects that inspire participation in STEM and showcase local talent.



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5. Assessment Priorities

We especially welcome and prioritise applications that demonstrate one or more of the following:

- **Collaboration:** Building partnerships between community groups, local government, and regional bodies.
- **Indigenous Partnerships:** Fostering meaningful engagement and collaboration with First Nations communities.
- **Expertise:** Involving researchers, scientists, or STEM professionals from universities or research organisations.
- **Creativity:** Blending science and art together in creative, innovative ways.
- **Inclusion:** Engaging groups traditionally underrepresented in STEM.
- **Innovation:** Introducing new approaches that go beyond "business-as-usual" community activities.

6. Key Dates

- **Applications Open:** Monday, 1 June 2026
- **Applications Close:** Friday, 26 June 2026
- **Recipients Announced:** Monday, 13 July 2026

7. How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online before the closing deadline on Friday, 26 June 2026.