

Hunter Vanadium Flow Battery Community Fund Guidelines

Idemitsu Australia

What is the Hunter Vanadium Flow Battery Community Fund?

The Hunter Vanadium Flow Battery is an innovative grid-scale flow battery at the former Muswellbrook Coal Mine, 2.5km from Muswellbrook. Using safe, long lasting non-flammable technology, the project is designed to store renewable energy for use during peak times.

The Hunter Vanadium Flow Battery Community Fund has been developed to provide financial support for local initiatives and projects that aim to benefit the Muswellbrook community and surrounding areas.

Idemitsu Australia is committed to supporting programs that enhance the capacity and long-term sustainability of the local community, with the goal of fostering a positive and impactful relationship through the Hunter Vanadium Flow Battery Community Fund.

Applications close **5pm Monday 22 June**.

Eligibility

Applicants to the Hunter Vanadium Flow Battery should preferably be either:

- Non-profit organisation
- School or educational department/group
- Emergency response organisations
- A local organisation that provides key community services

The group must:

- Be a registered organisation
- Have an Australian Business Number
- Have an Australian bank account
- Be in the Muswellbrook Council Shire
- Be “Project Ready” – this means projects MUST start within the next 12 months, if they have not already done so.

To be considered for the Community Fund, projects must be located in Muswellbrook or provide significant and traceable services to communities near to the Project.

In general, Idemitsu Australia will not fund:

- Completed projects
- Rents or other running/overhead costs
- Activities or services for individual/private benefit or operating on a for-profit basis
- Political parties, organisations or campaigns, including registered lobbyists
- Religious or spiritual groups, except where the request is inclusive of the wider community
- Funding of interstate or overseas travel or conference organisation
- Requests for charitable donations or advertising
- Projects that are in direct opposition to renewable energy
- Funding goods or activities related to use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gambling or any illegal activity
- Any other activity deemed to be unethical, unsafe or unsuitable by Idemitsu Australia
- Projects and initiatives that are the sole responsibility of the Federal, State or Local Government. An exception exists where entities are individually incorporated but serve as part of the broader government service (e.g. SES units, volunteer fire brigade)

Sponsorship Themes

Idemitsu Australia believes in making a positive impact, and strives to improve the general wellbeing, of the communities in which we operate. Funding activities should prioritise the following themes:

- Health and wellbeing – could include support for medical equipment, training, projects and organisations that promote healthy lifestyles and emergency response organisations and hospitals in the local area.
- Education – could include funding for schools, scholarships, early childhood and support for the development of academic and other skills.
- Whole of community – events and initiatives within the community, including Indigenous peoples, the homeless, and youth organisations.
- Sport – support for local sporting clubs and associations.
- Energy affordability – support for initiatives that support energy efficiency or renewable energy such as rooftop solar power system for a community building.

Idemitsu Australia will consider each community sponsorship proposal, however decisions are discretionary, and sponsorships are limited.

How to apply

In general, applicants may be eligible for up to \$5000 of funding per application.

Before applying, you must read and understand these guidelines and the Application Form.

To apply you must:

- Complete the online Application Form by either:
 - Visiting the Project website at: <https://idemitsu.com.au/projects/>
 - Requesting an application form by emailing: HunterVFBProject@idemitsu.com.au
- Provide all information requested
- Address all eligibility criteria
- Include all necessary attachments

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their application is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information will exclude your application from further consideration.

If you find an error in your application after submitting it, please contact us immediately at: HunterVFBProject@idemitsu.com.au

You cannot change your application after the closing date and time.

If we find an error or information that is missing, we may ask for clarification or additional information from you that will not change the nature of your application. However, we can refuse to accept any additional information from you that would change your submission after the application closing time.

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