

**Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care  
National Shed Development Programme  
Administered by the Australian Men's Shed Association**



**Round 26 – Information Sheet**

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**Opens Monday 17 July and closes midnight  
Cat 1-4 Friday 25 August 2023  
Cat 5 Thursday 21 September 2023**

Men's Sheds can apply for financial support across the following funding categories:

<b>Category 1</b>	Health, Wellbeing and Events	\$8,000 maximum
<b>Category 2</b>	Shed Improvements	\$8,000 maximum
<b>Category 3</b>	Tools and Equipment	\$5,000 maximum
<b>Category 4</b>	Mental Health, Wellbeing and Events	\$8,000 maximum
<b>Category 5</b>	Defibrillators	\$2,250 maximum

**Under Category 5**, Men's Sheds seeking funding to purchase a defibrillator will be able to apply at any time **before 21 Sept 2023**, ensuring faster delivery of their defibrillator.

Guideline changes made since round 24 include:

- More flexibility with criteria for hosting events E.g. remote sheds that don't have nearby sheds to seek letters of support
- Contact details of Regional Coordinators who may provide support for health events and preparations of applications.
- Clarified that priority will be given to grants that can be justified from a health perspective.
- Clarified that applications which do not meet the criteria are ineligible, unless strong justification is provided from a health perspective.
- Priority will be given to shed improvements that can be justified from a health perspective. Where this is not possible (e.g. security systems and solar panels), significant evidence of need must be provided to make the application competitive against health related applications.
- R26 will specifically prioritise applications requesting events/improvements/equipment with a strong health, mental health, wellbeing or safety emphasis, in acknowledgement of the impact of COVID-19 and the needs of sheds in the recovery period (and beyond).
- Additionally, considering ongoing COVID-19 impacts, IT equipment and training will be prioritised to facilitate connectivity.

**Category 3-Tools and Equipment - \$5,000 maximum**

The priority for funding under Category 3 is providing financial support to

- a) new Men's Sheds (less than 2 years old),
- b) Men's Sheds that have not previously received NSDP funding or
- c) Men's Sheds that have not received funding in the past six rounds (rounds 20-25).

**Sheds that do not meet the criteria are ineligible unless strong justification is provided from a health perspective.**

**Contribution to a specific project**

Funds will only be offered if applicants can provide evidence of being able to source the remaining funds. e.g. disabled toilet \$10,000- seeking \$8,000

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