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## Grant to help needy families sleep soundly

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Geelong Mums will use the grant for its Sleep Soundly Project.

GEELONG Mums will help 200 more families in need through a grant from EnergyAustralia.

The electricity and gas provider has supported community projects and initiatives in the Geelong and Western District region with grants of up to \$20,000 since 2014.

Geelong Mums (<https://www.geelongmums.org/>) provides essential material items for babies and children identified through maternal child health nurses, social service providers and schools who support families from the City of Geelong extending to the

Bellarine, Wyndham, Surf Coast and Colac Otway communities.

Amid steep rises in unemployment, family violence has escalated, as have the number of families living in poverty, and the Sleep Soundly Project aims to provide essential items to vulnerable families.

The EnergyAustralia community grant will be used to create 200 linen packs to benefit 200 families in need.

The packs include volunteer knitted woollen blankets, rehomed doona covers/pillowcases, sheets, wraps, muslins, homemade quilts, new sheet sets, mattress protector and a baby sleeping bag.

The Starfish Nippers program at Anglesea SLSC and the Torquay Lions Club also received grants this year.

EnergyAustralia has provided more than \$120,000 to 12 not-for-profit organisations in the Geelong and Western Corridor region through its Community Grants initiative.

EnergyAustralia residential sales and service leader Casey Kaminskyj said EnergyAustralia remained committed to making a positive contribution to the local community.

"Our contact centre, based in Geelong, directly employs hundreds of people in the region. Our employees are proud that these grants are awarded to important causes that continue to make the region a great place to live and work.

"Building stronger and more inclusive communities is at the heart of our community grants program. This year, we are extremely proud to support Anglesea Surf Life Saving Club, Lions Club of Torquay and Geelong Mums, and the opportunities and support they provide for those that need it most."

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