

# Celebrating Aboriginal Culture (Australia Day) Grant Program 2025

## Guidelines



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## Introduction

The Northern Territory Government is committed to evolving Australia Day to ensure it meaningfully acknowledges, recognises and celebrates Aboriginal culture and Aboriginal people's contribution to our Northern Territory identity.

## Aim of the Grant Program

To provide funding which contributes to celebrating Aboriginal culture, language history and achievements as part of the Northern Territory's Australia Day celebrations, aiming to strike a balance between commemoration and a respectful celebration of Australia Day.

The grant is an important component of the Northern Territory's 'Everyone Together' Aboriginal Affairs Strategy that recognises the importance of 'truth and healing' by empowering Aboriginal Territorians to celebrate and recognise key events how they wish to, along with educating broader Territorians.

## Applications opening and closing dates

Applications for the Celebrating Aboriginal Culture (Australia Day) Grant Program open on 14 October 2024 and will close on 18 November 2024.

Please carefully read all sections of these Guidelines before applying for the Celebrating Aboriginal Culture (Australia Day) Grant.

## Eligibility criteria

### Who can apply?

- Northern Territory based Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)
- Northern Territory based Aboriginal Organisations
- Northern Territory Aboriginal businesses
- Northern Territory sports and social/leisure clubs

Individuals can apply however, must be able to demonstrate a link/support structure with an organisation in the Northern Territory and meet all criteria and acquittal requirements. Organisations/individuals can only apply for one grant through this program.

All applicants must have a registered ABN.

Please note the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) with representation from across the Northern Territory will assess applications and provide recommendations to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to allocate funds.

### What you can apply for

A grant of up to \$5,000 to promote and manage an event/project/activity that celebrates and/or recognises Aboriginal culture, language history and achievements as part of Australia Day celebrations in 2025.

The event/activity and/or project that you are applying for funding towards must be completed during the period **18 January - 2 March 2024**.

Grants may be used to cover the following:

- venue hire and equipment costs
- cost to promote the event/activity/project
- catering costs (excludes alcohol)
- other activity costs if outlined in application

Funds cannot be made available for:

- Provision of alcohol
- Any activity of a political nature
- Any activity of a commercial or business nature
- Any fundraising events
- Purchase of capital equipment
- Funding for projects that have already been completed or items that have been provided or previously purchased
- Projects by organisations established for profit or financial gain to members
- Interstate/overseas travel
- Any other items that the panel assess as not meeting the aims and objectives of the grants.

Funds for wages or salaries will only be provided where significant community benefit can be demonstrated.

## Application process

To apply for any grants with the Northern Territory Government, you will need to create an account and profile on the GrantsNT website at [grantsnt.nt.gov.au](https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au)

Applications will only be accepted if received online through the GrantsNT website.

If you do not have an account or an appropriate profile, refer to the help page on [grantsnt.nt.gov.au](https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au) for further information.

The online application is designed to provide detailed information for the consideration and comparison of applications. All required information in GrantsNT must be completed and appropriate documents attached before an application can be considered.

The person submitting the application on behalf of the organisation/business must be authorised by an office-holder of the organisation to do so.

## Conditions of grant

The grant will be made subject to the signing of a funding agreement that includes the need for the grant to be:

- used for the agreed purpose
- acquitted within the agreed time frame

- The grant will be acquitted after the event by a statement that the event took place, accompanied by an income and expenditure statement.
- GST is not payable on the grant.

NGOs and other organisations, and individuals with outstanding acquittals for previous Northern Territory Government (NTG) funding are not eligible for the grant.

## Privacy and promotion

The information you provide in this application is necessary to determine your suitability for NTG funding under grants programs administered by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C). If you do not provide the requested details, the department may not be able to process your application.

If your application is successful, the NTG may make details of the project publicly available. By signing the grant agreement you consent to this information being provided to CM&C and other agencies for the purpose of promoting and reporting the outcomes of the grant. This may include promotion of your event through an online calendar, through the Australia Day Council as part of broader celebrations or through media releases Government may issue to promote the grants program and broader celebrations.

All event/ project organisers will be provided with an NTG logo to be used on all public promotional material to acknowledge the funding through the grant program.

As part of the acquittal process, we ask that you provide photographs or video of your event/project. These may be used on the department's website, social media or other NTG websites to promote the grant funding. If the photographs/video feature people who can be identified, please ensure each person has signed a talent release form giving their permission for the photograph to be used\*. If this is difficult to manage, it is best to take photos/footage at a distance or from behind so faces are not identifiable.

*\*Talent release forms can be downloaded with the acquittal form on Grants NT.*

## Financial and reporting accountability requirements

On completion of the project, funded organisations must provide the Aboriginal Partnerships and Reform (APR) with an acquittal of grant funds within four weeks of completion of the funded project. Recipients need to complete the acquittal form provided by APR signed by an authorised office bearer of the organisation which includes:

- a) A brief written report detailing the results of the funded project – to assist in determining the success of the project and any issues encountered and planning for future events or activities.
- b) Photos or video of the event or activity.
- c) A detailed income and expenditure statement specifically related to the approved budget of the funded project.

## Acknowledgment

Acknowledgment of the NTG grant funding must be through the use of the NTG logo and/or through verbal acknowledgement of the NTG.

If you have any questions relating to acknowledgement please contact the office on the details provided.

## Any questions?

For more information, contact Aboriginal Partnerships and Reform on:

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