



Aboriginal Languages Trust

2023 -2024 Small Grants Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Context

The Aboriginal Languages Trust (**ALT**) administers grant programs, referred collectively as the Aboriginal Languages Community Investment Program, to support the growth and nurturing of Aboriginal Languages in NSW, consistent with the *Aboriginal Languages Act 2017*.

The Aboriginal Languages Community Investment Program has several funding streams, one of which is:

ALT Small Grants Program which is an open program to all eligible applicants and offers grants between \$1,000 to \$15,000.

ALT Small Grants Program

The ALT Small Grants Program provides one-off grants to support Language activities by eligible NSW Aboriginal not for profit community organisations and groups, and Aboriginal sole traders, consistent with the *Aboriginal Languages Act 2017* (NSW).

How does it work?

This is an open and non-competitive grants program, available to Aboriginal organisations and groups in NSW.

Applicants can apply for grants from \$1,000 up to \$15,000. The Aboriginal Languages Trust has allocated \$100,000 for the ALT Small Grant Program in 2023-2024.

For projects delivered by recipients within four months of a funding agreement being signed.

Applications open Monday, 3 July 2023.

Applications close when the total allocation is exhausted.

Applications are to be completed online at <https://alt.smartygrants.com.au/>

The application process is designed to be simple and maintain NSW Government transparency and probity standards.

What do I need to do before I apply?

You should read the Program Guidelines to make sure your organisation or group and Language project is eligible for funding.

The Guidelines are available on the ALT's website: <https://www.alt.nsw.gov.au/>

Can I submit more than one application?

No, the Small Grants Program, provides one-off funding and applicants are limited to one application per funding year.

When can I submit my application?

Applications are open year-round during the 2023-2024 financial year, or until funds are exhausted.

Applications can be submitted online through SmartyGrants while funds are available <https://alt.smartygrants.com.au/>

Can I get support with my application?

If you need support with the application process or are in a remote Community with limited access to the internet to apply, please contact the ALT:

- Phone: 1300 036 406
- Email: grants@alt.nsw.gov.au

My organisation has a great project idea – can we submit?

The Program awards grants to eligible Aboriginal organisations and groups – the ALT encourages all eligible organisations to apply.

You should read the Program Guidelines to make sure your organisation or group and Language project is eligible for funding. The Guidelines are available on the ALT's website: <https://www.alt.nsw.gov.au/>

Please ensure your local Community supports your Language project.

What happens during the assessment/review phase?

The Program assessment team will review all applications and check these against the Guidelines. They will look to confirm:

- The organisations / group's eligibility has not changed.
- The project meets the programs aims and objectives.
- The potential impact of the project based on who will benefit from the project and how this will be achieved.

- The organisations / group's capacity to manage the project, based on previous projects managed and key staff involved.
- The value for money based on the detail included in the project budget and if it reasonable and realistic.
- An equitable geographical distribution of funds and project diversity.

If my project is ineligible, will I be told?

If your project or organisation is deemed ineligible by the assessment team, you will receive an email advising you of this. If you need more information, you will be able to contact the ALT:

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How can smaller groups contend with larger organisations?

The ALT administers grant programs, referred collectively as the Aboriginal Languages Community Investment Program, to support the growth and nurturing of Aboriginal Languages in NSW, consistent with the *Aboriginal Languages Act 2017*.

The Aboriginal Languages Community Investment Program has several funding streams which are designed to help ensure funds are administered equitably and fairly across Communities in NSW.

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How do I provide feedback on the Program or process?

If an applicant wishes to provide feedback or make a complaint about the Program, they should contact the Community Investment team at:

- Phone: 1300 036 406
- Email: grants@alt.nsw.gov.au

If successful, how much time do I have to complete the project?

Projects must be delivered within four months of the funding agreement being signed.

Project completion reports and acquittals are due within 30 days of the end date of the project.