



Aboriginal Languages Trust 2025-2026 Aboriginal Languages Revival 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* (AL Act).

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

The **Aboriginal Languages Revival Program** is an open, non-competitive program offering grants from \$1,000 to \$30,000 to eligible applicants.

Aboriginal Languages Revival Program

The Aboriginal Languages Revival Program (**Program**) was established in December 2022 and is administered and funded by the ALT. It was established to provide grant funding to eligible Aboriginal Community organisations, groups and individuals, to support them to commence or build on smaller scale Languages projects/activities, consistent with the objectives and functions of the ALT, as set out in the AL Act.

When can I apply?

Applications open at 9:00am on Monday, 16 February 2026.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday, 13 March 2026.

What do I need to do before I apply?

You should read the Program Guidelines to make sure you are eligible for funding and can meet the specific information and evidence requirements.

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

How do I apply?

All ALT grants are administered using the electronic Management System, SmartyGrants. You will need to

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create a secure account with log in name and password in the [SmartyGrants Portal](#). You can then complete your online application form via the [ALT SmartyGrants Home Page](#).

Can I submit more than one application?

No, applicants are limited to one application per funding round.

Can I get support to prepare my application?

Yes, if you need support with the application process, completing the application form (due to disability, disaster (flood), or access to technology for example) or are in a remote Community with limited access to the internet, please contact the ALT:

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

I'm having issues in SmartyGrants, what can I do?

For general assistance with SmartyGrants, you should check out their [Help Guide for Applicants](#) and [Applicant FAQ's](#). For further support you can contact:

Technical Assistance

- Contact SmartyGrants
- Phone: 03 9320 6888
- Email: service@smartygrants.com.au
[Technical help guide for applicants](#)

If I am ineligible, will I be told?

All applications will be screened for project eligibility. Ineligible applicants will be notified in writing.

For any questions regarding the Program, please contact the ALT:

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

If I am successful, when and how will I receive funds?

The Aboriginal Language Revival Program funds will be paid directly to the applicants nominated bank account, as identified in your Funding Agreement, within four (4) weeks of the Agreement being signed and returned to the ALT.

I am part of a local Community Language group. Can we apply?

Yes, an unincorporated organisation or group can apply by entering a valid and current agreement with an eligible organization to auspice the funding.

If there is in-kind support or other funding contributions for my project, do I need to include that in my application?

Yes, if your project will receive in-kind support or other funding contributions to assist in its delivery then this should be included in the budget section of your application. This helps build a more accurate picture of what it will take to deliver your project and can help inform the design of, and funding allocated to, future rounds. It can also demonstrate community support and project buy-in.

What types of activities could I be funded for?

Funding can be used for any project that meets the aims and objectives of Aboriginal Languages Revival Program. This could include (but is not limited to):

- Employing a Language speaker/educator to deliver in person, virtual or hybrid language classes
- Development of Language resources and education packages to support Community learning
- Hosting on-Country Language workshops and gatherings to strengthen Cultural Knowledge and connection of Language to Culture and Country
- Transcribe historical Language recordings to support Language revitalisation

These are provided as examples of types of activities that may be funded but you are not limited to the above; remember that any project that meets the aims and objectives of the Program could be funded.

Will GST be paid on top of my approved funding amount?

No, the ALT will not pay GST on top of any approved funding amount. All ALT Grant payments are GST exclusive as there is no “Supply” of good and services to the ALT; invoices submitted with GST will be rejected. See Section 5.2.1-3 of the Grant Guidelines for further information relating to GST.

What do I do if I need to change something related to my approved project?

When unexpected events affect your project, it may be necessary to request a change to your grant agreement. If this occurs, the first step is to contact the ALT as soon as possible and request a Variation through the grants@alt.nsw.gov.au email. If the proposed changes to your project are considered minor (e.g. extension of time request or slight change of scope) and does not substantively impact the approved purpose, timing or conditions of the grant can be reviewed and approved by the Grants Administration Team.

You must notify ALT and request a Variation where:

- There is a change to any listed key personnel of the project team,
- There is a change in the approved expected outcomes,
- There is a change in project duration or cost,
- There is a change in your financial status – such as bankruptcy,
- You can no longer deliver the project, and/or
- Or for any other reason where you identify you may not be able to deliver on the funding agreement.