Aboriginal Languages Trust
2024 Aboriginal Languages Sustainable 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:

- **Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program** which is a closed program with applications by invite only, offering grants between $25,000 to $60,000.

Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program

The Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program offers funding to eligible Aboriginal community organisations and groups successfully funded Under the investment program in previous years, to support the continuation and growth of successful Languages projects. The program aims to promote and raise awareness of Aboriginal languages in communities across NSW, consistent with the objectives of the *Aboriginal Languages Act 2017* (NSW)*.

How does it work?

This is a closed round grant program, with 19 eligible applicants invited to apply. Applicants can apply for grants from $25,000 up to $60,000. The Aboriginal Languages Trust has allocated $990,000 for Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program in 2023-2024.

For projects delivered by recipients between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025.

Applications open 9:00am Wednesday 21 February 2024.
Applications close 11:59pm Sunday 21 April 2024.

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

The Aboriginal Languages Trust will open an application and send a link to the form following discussions regarding the project.

What do I need to do before I apply?

The ALT will send each eligible organisation or group an Expression of Interest Form to complete.

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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 Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program provides one-off funding and applicants are limited to one application per funding year.

When can I submit my application?

Applications open 9:00am Wednesday 21 February 2024.

Applications close 11:59pm Sunday 21 April 2024.

Application will be assessed by 31 May 2024 and applicants will be notified by 1 June 2024.

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 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?

This is a closed round grant program, with eligible applicants invited to apply.

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.

Letters of support will need to be included in your application.

What happens during the assessment/review phase?

The Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program assessment team will review all applications and check for eligibility. They will look to confirm:

- The organisations / group's eligibility has not changed.

- The project meets the programs aims and objectives.
- Alignment with the organisation / group's community language plan to be submitted in the Aboriginal Languages Community Investments Program.
- 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.

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:

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

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.

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

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 by 30 June 2025.

Project completion reports and acquittals are due by 30 September 2025.