Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program 2024

Program Guidelines

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

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program offers funding to Aboriginal community organisations and groups successfully funded under the Community Investment Program 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).

This is a closed round grant program, with 17 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.

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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.

Frequently Asked Questions (**FAQs**) to assist applicants are available from the Aboriginal Languages Trust website at https://www.alt.nsw.gov.au/

You should read the program documentation available on the website before starting an application and contact the Aboriginal Languages Trust if you need more information by phone on 1300 036 406 or email at grants@alt.nsw.gov.au

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

By providing eligible recipients of Aboriginal Languages revival Funding Program
with renewed investment, the Program aims to support communities to:

1. Continue, grow and expand on successful Aboriginal Languages activities.
2. Strengthen the capacity of Aboriginal groups and organisations who are doing language work, to the grow language activities.

The Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- Support the continuity of existing language projects. Support the growth and expansion of existing Aboriginal Language Programs.
- Provide greater accessibility for Aboriginal Communities to Aboriginal Language Programs.
- Progress the implementation of the next stage of the community's Community Language Plan.
- Develop resources to support Aboriginal languages activities.
- Promote wider use and appreciation of Aboriginal language activities.
- Strengthen community capacity to lead and support Aboriginal language growth and nurturing. Support Aboriginal Communities to practice and uphold their custodianship over Aboriginal Language Revitalisation.
- Aligns with the objectives and functions of the *Aboriginal Languages Act 2017* (NSW).

PROGRAM TIMELINE

Date	Task
21 February 2024	Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program round opens
21 April 2024	Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program round closes
22 April – 9 May 2024	Assessment of applications
9 May – 17 May 2024	Applications approved
17 May – 31 May 2024	Applicants notified of outcome and successful recipients' confirmation of acceptance
31 May – 14 June 2024	Execution of Funding Agreements
01 June – 30 June 2024	Funds released
1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025	Projects delivered by recipients
1 July 2025 – 30 September 2025	Acquittals due

WHO CAN APPLY FOR FUNDING?

Eligible applicants are limited to:

- The successful grant recipients from the 2022 Aboriginal Languages Community Investments Program listed here.
- Applicants must be located in NSW and/or delivering a service to communities within NSW.
- Applicants must have public liability of at least $10 million per claim.

Applicants not eligible for funding are:

- Individuals.
- Federal and State Government agencies and bodies, including public schools and hospitals.
- Local Councils.
- Schools, Universities, TAFE, Adult and Community Education.
- For-profit organisations, including Aboriginal businesses.
- Unincorporated organisations or groups without an eligible auspicing organisation.
- Organisations that have not met project requirements, including acquittal and reporting for funding received from the Aboriginal Languages Trust or Aboriginal Affairs NSW in the previous two years.

Important Note: Applicants who are not eligible for funding cannot apply through an eligible organisation under an auspice arrangement. For example, an Aboriginal for-profit business cannot apply for program funding through an Aboriginal Corporation.

Unincorporated groups

An unincorporated group can partner with an eligible organisation to receive and administer the funding. The eligible organisation must apply on behalf of the unincorporated group.

WHAT CAN I APPLY FOR? WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED?

Funding can be used for projects that meet the [aims and objectives](#) of the Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program. The following are examples of the types of activities that may funded under the Program. Projects do not need to be limited to these examples.

- Employment of language experts to support delivery of language to community.
- Development of language resources and education packages.
- Holding community language workshop to strengthen cultural knowledge.
- Developing and delivering online language classes to community.
- Transcribing historical language recordings to support language revitalisation.

Funding cannot be used for:

- Capital purchases, such as buildings, construction capital works including renovations, or purchase of land.
- Purchasing or leasing large equipment including any type of vehicle.
- Buying a business or tools of trade.
- Sitting fees, travel allowance or costs associated with membership of Board/Councils.
- International travel costs. Proposals for domestic travel need to demonstrate benefit to the project, organisation, or community.
- Costs that are not directly associated with the delivery of the project.

HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?

Applicants can apply for grants from $25,000 up to $60,000.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND PROCESS

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

Eligible applications will be assessed based on the assessment criteria, within two weeks of submission by a panel of ALT staff.

The Departmental Delegate, Executive Director, Aboriginal Languages Trust is the final decision maker based on the recommendations of the assessment panel.

Assessment will be based on the following criteria:

- Meets the aims and objectives of the Aboriginal Languages Sustainability Program.
- Are Aboriginal controlled-owned, driven and supported, including evidence of local cultural authority for the activities.
- Demonstrated capacity to undertake and complete the Project; will include consideration of previous funding provided to the applicant by the Aboriginal Languages Trust or Aboriginal Affairs NSW.

- Fits within the applicants Community Language Plan.
- Will deliver outcomes against the community's aspirations, taking into consideration existing resources available in language (if any) and how the languages activities can support the use of language in the home/or community environments.
- Value for money.

FUNDING AGREEMENT AND REPORTING

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Enter into a Funding Agreement with the Aboriginal Languages Trust within two weeks of the offer being made.
- Start and complete funded activities and events by the dates specified in the Funding Agreement.
- Notify the Aboriginal Languages Trust of any proposed changes to your funded activity.
- Acknowledge the support of the Aboriginal Languages Trust in accordance with the Funding Acknowledgement Guidelines https://www.alt.nsw.gov.au/
- Report on outcomes from the activity and acquit the grant within 14 days of project completion. Evidence to support this can be uploaded in SmartyGrants and must include proof of expenditure (copies of invoices and receipts) as well as photos, media coverage, links to video clips, etc, where relevant. If the acquittal is not completed within the required timeframe you will not be eligible to apply for the Aboriginal Languages Trust Grants for the next two years.

Successful applications will be included in:

- public media releases;
- an announcement on the Aboriginal Languages Trust website; and
- Aboriginal Languages Trust social media promotion.

Applicants should be aware that information provided to the Aboriginal Languages Trust may be made publicly available under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW). Information may also be made publicly available because of an order for papers made by the NSW Legislative Council under Standing Order 52.

Before information is released in response to an application under the GIPA Act, there will be an assessment of the public interest considerations in favour of and against disclosure of that information and there may be consultation requirements that apply.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Aboriginal Cultural and Intellectual Property (ACIP)

AANSW Aboriginal Cultural and Intellectual Property (ACIP) Protocol aims to build awareness and respect for Aboriginal culture. The Protocol sets a standard for how the Aboriginal Language Trust engages with Aboriginal people and Communities regarding their cultural and intellectual property and what it expects from the organisations it funds.

Any Aboriginal Cultural or Intellectual Property submitted in a grant application to Aboriginal Languages Trust remains the property of the relevant Community organisation or Aboriginal person. The Aboriginal Languages Trust will not distribute or communicate any ACIP contained in SmartyGrants and agree to respect the cultural protocols of Aboriginal people to whom it may apply. More information on ACIP, including the Protocol is available [here](#).

Conflicts of Interest

Given the roles of Trust staff and the Trust Board within the Community, actual or perceived conflicts of interest with applicants is expected and will be managed in accordance with the Aboriginal Languages Trust Policy and procedure.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality declarations are to be signed by all persons involved in performing functions related to the funding application and the assessment process.

Documents and records will be kept confidential and secure in SmartyGrants or in the Departments official EDRMS system.

COVID-19 impacts

Due to the changing impacts of COVID-19 across NSW, projects must be in line with NSW Government public health orders and advice, for example social distancing and public gatherings. Up to date information is available [here](#).

If COVID-19 rules in NSW change during the grants period, the Aboriginal Languages Trust may request further information from you on how you propose to manage COVID-19 risks for your project.

SUPPORT AND CONTACTS

For any questions regarding the Aboriginal Languages Week Program, please contact the staff of Aboriginal Languages Trust:

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

Complaints and feedback

If an applicant wishes to provide feedback or make a complaint, they should contact the Community Investment team at grants@alt.nsw.gov.au