Aboriginal Languages Revival Program 2022-2023

Program Guidelines

Applications open Wednesday 25 January 2023
Applications close Tuesday 28 February 2023
Apply at https://alt.smartygrants.com.au/

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Aboriginal Languages Revival Program provides one-off funding to Aboriginal community organisations and groups to support them to commence or build on smaller scale languages revival 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 an open and competitive grants program.

Applicants can apply for grants from $1,000 up to $25,000. The Aboriginal Languages Trust has allocated $650,000 for the Aboriginal Languages Revival Program in 2022-2023.

For projects delivered by recipients between 1 July 2023 and 1 June 2024.

Applications open 9:00am, Wednesday 25 January 2023.

Applications close 5:00pm, Tuesday 28 February 2023.

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

Applicants can choose to submit a video response to application questions on the project aim and objectives. ALT staff are available to support applicants with recording and preparing a file for upload if required.

Applications must be submitted by 5pm Tuesday 28 February 2023. Late applications will not be accepted.

An Applicant's Guide and 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 Aboriginal groups and organisations with an initial investment, the Aboriginal Languages Revival Program aims to support communities to:

1. Develop new or emerging language activities, that can lead to ongoing language activities.

2. Strengthen the capacity of Aboriginal groups and organisations who are doing language work on a smaller scale (i.e., small groups and/or short-term projects), to grow language activities.

The Aboriginal Languages Revival Program seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- Support local Aboriginal Communities to develop and establish new and emerging Aboriginal Language activities that benefit Aboriginal Communities.

- Develop new resources to support Aboriginal Language growth and nurturing.

- Promote wider use and appreciation of Aboriginal activities.

- Support Aboriginal communities to lead Aboriginal language growth and nurturing.

- Aligns with the objectives and functions of the *Aboriginal Languages Act 2017* (NSW).

PROGRAM TIMELINE

Date	Task
25 January 2023	Aboriginal Languages Revival Program round opens
28 February 2023	Aboriginal Languages Revival Program round closes
1 March – 22 March 2023	Assessment of applications
27 March – 14 April (or until Caretaker period ends)	Applications approved
17 April – 30 April 2023	Applicants notified of outcomes and successful recipients' confirmation of acceptance
1 May – 15 May 2023	Execution of Funding Agreements
16 May – 31 May 2023	Funds released
1 July 2023 – 1 June 2024	Projects delivered by recipients
1 June 2024 – 14 June 2024	Acquittals due

WHO CAN APPLY FOR FUNDING?

Eligible applicants are limited to:

- Aboriginal Corporations registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (Cth).

- Companies incorporated in Australia under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

- Local Aboriginal Land Councils established under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (NSW).

- Incorporated Cooperatives (incorporated under state/territory legislation, and commonly have 'Cooperative' in their legal name).

- Incorporated trustees on behalf of a trust.

- Unincorporated groups who have entered into an agreement with an eligible organisation to auspice the funding.

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 (ACE).

- 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.
- Organisations with redress sanctions as described in the National Redress Scheme.

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 Aboriginal Languages Revival Program. The following are examples of the types of activities that may be funded. Projects do not need to be limited to these examples.

- Employment of language expert, to support delivery of language to community.
- Develop language resources and education packages.
- Hold community language workshop to strengthen cultural knowledge.
- Develop and deliver online language classes to community.
- Transcribe 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 $1,000 up to $25,000.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND PROCESS

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

Eligible applications will be assessed against the criteria and ranked competitively. Applications with the highest scores are more likely to be funded.

Eligible applications will be assessed by a panel including independent members within 4 weeks of submission.

An organisation can only receive one grant under the Program. However, an auspice organisation may auspice an application for more than one unincorporated group, as well as submit their own application.

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 of aims and objectives (one or more) of the Aboriginal Language Revival 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 any previous funding provided to the applicant by the Aboriginal Languages Trust or Aboriginal Affairs NSW.

- 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.

Criteria	What are we looking for?	Weighting
Project Quality	Evidence that the project meets the program aims and objectives	20%
Project Detail	Explanation of what the funding will do and how it will be spent	20%
Project Impact	Evidence of who the project will benefit and how this will be achieved	20%
Capacity	Experience managing previous projects or relevant training and experience of key staff involved in the project	20%
Value for money	It is clear how budget items contribute to the project outcomes. The budget is reasonable and realistic	20%

Once the funding round closes, applications will be screened for eligibility. Eligible applications will then be assessed by an Independent Assessment Panel based on the assessment criteria.

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

- The Aboriginal Languages Trust social media.

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 ALT 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 ALT remains the property of the relevant community organisation or Aboriginal person. ALT will not distribute or communicate any ACIP contained in SmartyGrants and agrees to respect the cultural protocols of Aboriginal people to whom it may apply.

More information on ACIP, including the Protocol is available here.

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 Revival Program, please contact the staff of Aboriginal Languages Trust:

- Phone: 1300 036 406

- Website: www.alt.nsw.gov.au
- Email: grants@alt.nsw.gov.au