



Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program 2022-2023

Program Guidelines

Applications open Wednesday 25 January 2023

Applications close Tuesday 28 February 2023

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program offers funding to Aboriginal community organisations and groups successfully funded under the same program in 2021-2022 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 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/>

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

Applicants should 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 previous recipients of the 2021-2022 Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program [with renewed investment, the 2022-2023 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
25 January 2023	Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program round opens
28 February 2023	Aboriginal Languages Sustainable Funding Program round closes
1 March – 22 March 2023	Assessment applications
27 March – 14 April (or until Caretaker period ends)	Applications approved
17 April – 30 April 2023	Applicants notified of outcome 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:

- 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 be 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 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 Sustainable Funding Grants, please contact the staff of Aboriginal Languages Trust:

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