

General Grants Application Guidelines

Purpose

Connellan Airways Trust (CAT) General Grants support people and organisations in Remote and Very Remote Australia to overcome challenges caused by distance, isolation, and limited access to opportunities.

Grants of up to \$10,000 enable recipients to:

- Access education, health, and wellbeing opportunities.
- Strengthen skills, services, and community connection.
- Improve social and economic outcomes through participation, innovation, and local leadership.

CAT prioritises projects that deliver measurable benefits for individuals or communities where remoteness is a significant barrier to access or participation.

Who Can Apply

Individuals

You're eligible if you:

- Live, work, or study in a Remote or Very Remote area for a minimum of two years.
- Are an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Examples of eligible requests:

- Travel and accommodation for apprenticeships, TAFE, or university placements.
- Accredited training, workshops, or short courses.
- Assistive technology that enables access to study or work.
- Educational or wellbeing initiatives that strengthen local capacity.

Organisations

You're eligible if you:

- Are a small to medium sized registered Not-for-Profit (NFP) organisation.
- an unincorporated community group auspiced by an eligible NFP.
- Deliver activities that directly benefit people in Remote or Very Remote areas.

Examples of eligible requests:

- Community-led training programs that build local skills or capacity.
- Wellbeing, health, or education workshops for remote residents.
- Purchase of essential equipment or materials to deliver community programs.
- Travel, accommodation, and logistics for facilitators delivering remote programs.



What General Grants Can Fund

CAT supports reasonable, evidence-based costs essential to achieving outcomes, including:

- **Education & Training:** Accredited courses, apprenticeships, training materials, and equipment.
- **Health & Wellbeing:** Outreach programs, mental health workshops, and specialist access.
- **Community Connection:** Local events, youth programs, leadership and cultural activities.
- **Project Delivery Costs:**
 - Wages or contractor fees directly linked to project delivery.
 - Essential tools, materials, or consumables.
 - Modest overheads where directly related to project delivery.

What We Don't Fund

CAT does not fund:

- Retrospective funding (activities already completed).
- Personal living costs (e.g. rent, food, utilities, personal vehicles).
- Core government responsibilities (e.g. permanent hospital or school staffing).
- University course tuition fees.
- Boarding school fees.
- Fundraising events, prizes, or donations.
- Operational salaries unrelated to funded activities.
- Projects without clear plans, measurable outcomes, or community benefit.

5. Application Process

How to Apply

Applications are submitted via the Connellan Airways Trust online portal. Grant rounds close 15 February, 15 May, 15 August, and 15 November each year.

Applications are assessed the following month, with outcomes notified by the end of March, June, September, and December.

Before applying, use the “Before You Apply” checklist on our website to confirm eligibility and ensure your proposal includes supporting evidence (e.g. quotes, confirmations, or permissions).

6. Assessment Process

CAT uses a transparent, three-stage assessment process:

1. **Eligibility Check:** Applications are screened against eligibility, remoteness, allowable costs, and minimum evidence requirements.
2. **Scoring:** Each eligible application is independently scored using CAT's weighted evaluation rubric (below).

3. **Ranking & Allocation:** Applications are ranked based on combined scores and funded in order of merit until the budget cut-off.

Evaluation Rubric

Criteria	Weight	What We Look For
1. What do you want to do?	20%	A clear, well-defined activity or project with strong expected benefits.
2. Why is this needed?	25%	Evidence of genuine need, local context, and alignment with CAT's priorities.
3. When, where, and who is involved?	20%	Realistic plan with clear timelines, roles, and readiness to deliver.
4. How much funding do you need and what for?	15%	Transparent, well-evidenced budget showing value for money.
5. How will you measure success?	10%	Clear, practical indicators of success and community benefit.
6. How will you share outcomes?	10%	Plans to share learnings or results within your community.

7. Grant Conditions and Reporting

Successful applicants must:

- Sign a Standard Grant Contract outlining key conditions.
- Complete a simple acquittal showing how funds were spent.
- Submit a brief outcome summary (1-2 paragraphs) and, where relevant, photos.
- Allow CAT to share project stories through our communications channels.

8. Grant Termination

CAT may terminate a grant if:

- The recipient requests cancellation.
- Grant conditions are breached.
- Progress is unsatisfactory or outcomes are not achieved; or
- Evidence of misconduct or misrepresentation is identified.

9. Applicant Support

CAT is committed to equitable, accessible funding for remote communities.

We provide:

- FAQs, budget templates, and guides;
- Optional 15-minute support calls to discuss eligibility.

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