



Grants for Organisations 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 are available to support small to medium not-for-profit organisations and community groups delivering programs and services in Remote and Very Remote Australia across the areas of health, education, wellbeing and innovation.

CAT prioritises applications from organisations that are based in remote communities, have established relationships with remote people, or exist primarily to benefit Remote and Very Remote Australia.

Who Can Apply

You are eligible to apply if you:

- Are a small to medium registered Not-for-Profit (NFP) organisation, those with an annual turnover under \$3 million.
- Are an unincorporated community group supported by an eligible NFP willing to auspice the application.
- Deliver activities that directly benefit people living in Remote or Very Remote areas of Australia.
- Can demonstrate a clear link between your proposed work and measurable community outcomes.

Talk to Us Before You Apply

We encourage organisations to contact us before submitting an application. A short conversation with our Executive Officer will help you understand whether your project is eligible, how to frame your application, and whether CAT is the right source of funding.

Applications that have been discussed with us beforehand consistently perform better. It is also the best way to avoid spending time on an application that does not fit our guidelines.

Call us on 1800 733 810 or book in a time [online](#)

What Grants for Individuals Can Fund

CAT funds reasonable, evidence-based costs that are essential to achieving your stated outcomes, including:

- Health & Wellbeing: Outreach programs, mental health workshops, and initiatives that improve access to health services for remote communities.
- Education & Training: Accredited courses, facilitated training programs, materials, and equipment that support skill development and community capacity.
- Innovation & Problem Solving: Community-led pilots and practical new approaches to delivering services in remote contexts.
- Community Connection & Leadership: Programs that strengthen participation, build local leadership, and support communities to drive their own futures.
- Project Delivery Costs: Wages or contractor fees directly tied to project delivery; essential tools, materials, or consumables; and modest overheads directly related to delivery.
- Applicants must also clearly identify what CAT funds will specifically cover within their overall project budget.



What We Don't Fund

CAT does not fund:

- Retrospective funding (activities you have already completed or activities that will be complete before the grant outcomes are announced).
- Core government responsibilities (e.g. permanent staffing of hospitals or schools).
- Operational salaries unrelated to the funded activities.
- Sports programs, competitions, or participation activities.
- Arts and creative activities.
- Fundraising events, prizes, or donations.
- Projects without clear plans, measurable outcomes, or direct community benefit.
- Projects where the budget does not clearly specify what CAT funds would cover.

How to Apply

Applications are submitted via the Connellan Airways Trust online portal at www.connellanairwaystrust.org.au.

CAT runs three grant rounds each year:

- **Round 1:** Applications open 1-30 March, outcomes notified in May
- **Round 2:** Applications open 1-30 June, outcomes notified in August
- **Round 3:** Applications open 1-30 September, outcomes notified in November

Before applying, use the “Before You Apply” checklist on our website to confirm eligibility. Make sure your application includes supporting evidence such as quotes, letters of support, or confirmed partnerships. And please contact us first if you have any questions about whether your project is eligible.

Assessment Process

CAT uses a transparent, three-stage assessment process:

1. **Eligibility Check:** Applications are screened against eligibility, remoteness criteria, allowable costs, and evidence requirements.
2. **Scoring:** Each eligible application is independently scored using CAT's weighted evaluation rubric. Additional weight is given to applications from organisations serving Very Remote areas.
3. **Ranking & Allocation:** Applications are ranked by score and funded in order of merit. The board retains discretion to make final funding decisions

Evaluation Rubric

Criteria	What We Look For
1. What do you want to do?	A clear description of the outcomes your project will deliver and the difference it will make for your community. Strong applications focus on impact, not just activity.
2. Why is this needed, and how does it align with CAT's priorities?	Evidence of genuine need in the community, clear alignment with CAT's strategic priorities and the local context.
3. When, where, and what's involved?	A realistic delivery plan with clear timelines, partner roles, and demonstrated readiness to begin.
4. How much funding do you need and what for?	A transparent, well-evidenced budget that clearly identifies what CAT funds will specifically cover and demonstrates value for money.
5. How will you measure success?	Clear, practical indicators that demonstrate how your outcomes will be achieved and community benefit delivered.
6. How will you share outcomes?	Plans to share learnings or results within your community or sector.

Grant Conditions and Reporting

If your application is successful, you will be asked to:

- Sign a Standard Grant Contract outlining key conditions.
- Complete a financial acquittal showing how the funds were spent.
- Provide data about your activity including the number of people involved or benefited.
- Submit a reflection on what you did and what it meant for your organisation.
- Consent to CAT sharing your story through our communications, if relevant.

Grant Termination

CAT may terminate a grant if:

- You request cancellation.
- Grant conditions are breached.
- The activity does not proceed or outcomes are not met.
- Evidence of misconduct or misrepresentation is identified.

Applicant Support

CAT wants to make this process as straightforward as possible, especially if it's your first time applying for a grant. We provide:

- FAQs, budget templates, and application guides on our website.
- 15-minute phone calls to talk through your eligibility and application before you submit.



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