



Aboriginal Investment NT's **Community Quick Response Grants** are quick-turnaround grants for one-off projects in urban, regional and remote Aboriginal communities and homelands in the NT.

Community Quick Response Grants are targeted at small-scale projects that are time sensitive, with a simple application process, minimal administrative requirements and easy acquittal processes.

The **objective** of Community Quick Response Grants is to support projects that:

Increase Aboriginal social and cultural connection, celebration and wellbeing.

Strengthen Aboriginal connections to Country.

Strengthen Aboriginal cultural practice, maintenance and preservation (including traditional language and passing on traditional knowledge).

Increase or improve Aboriginal participation in sporting, recreational, artistic, musical, cultural, educational, or social and emotional wellbeing activities.



Grant overview

\$1.5 million in grant funding is available each financial year to support Aboriginal Investment NT's Community Quick Response Grants.



Community Quick Response Grant:

You can apply for funding between \$1,000 and \$20,000, or up to \$10,000 for event sponsorship.

Applications are open throughout the financial year, or until all funding has been spent.

Grants are open and non-competitive, which means eligible applicants can apply at any time, although grants will be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis.

Grants will be awarded based on the below regional thresholds:

- \$225,000 for each Aboriginal Investment NT region (Top End, East Arnhem, Big Rivers, Barkly, Central Australia).
- \$225,000 for the greater Darwin/Palmerston Region.
- \$150,000 for the greater Alice Springs area.
- Organisations can apply for more than one grant per year, provided previous grants have been acquitted.

We will let you know during the application process if the amount you requested is affected by previously awarded grants.

We will let you know the outcome of your application within 20 working days of your application being submitted.



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Eligibility criteria - who can apply

Your organisation must meet **ALL** eligibility criteria to apply for this grant.

You must be a Traditional Owner organisation or Aboriginal community-controlled organisation that meets all of the following:

- ✓ Incorporated under relevant legislation.
- ✓ Not-for-profit.
- ✓ Based in the NT, unless you are a cross-border Australian entity with operations and cultural links to the NT (by exception only).
- ✓ Connected to the NT community, or communities, whose members will benefit from the grant funding.
- ✓ Governed by a majority-Aboriginal governing body, where at least 51% of the governing body is made up of Aboriginal people.
- ✓ Controlled by Aboriginal people and operated for the benefit of Aboriginal people.

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Project Eligibility

Eligible projects

- ✓ Be a stand-alone, one off community or cultural event
- ✓ Provide a clear benefit to Aboriginal Community members
- ✓ Align with at least one of the program objectives
- ✓ Be delivered within the NT borders
- ✓ Start within 3 weeks and be completed within 6 months of applying

Ineligible projects

- ✗ Auspicing arrangements are not eligible
- ✗ Joint applicants are not eligible
- ✗ Projects that only benefit an individual
- ✗ Projects requiring co-contribution
- ✗ Projects that have multi-stages or are on-going

What can be funded

- ✓ Cultural activities that maintain and/or share Aboriginal culture, language and/or heritage (e.g. dance, music, art, storytelling)
- ✓ Community events ie celebration days, community BBQs, community Information sessions, wellbeing days
- ✓ Equipment and materials- small equipment needed to deliver an event or workshop e.g. tables, chairs, marquees, sports or arts supplies
- ✓ Event or workshop costs- venue hire, transport for event, catering
- ✓ Sporting equipment and/or uniforms
- ✓ Travel to sporting events within the NT borders
- ✓ Sponsorship for events that clearly support at least one of the grant's objectives (above).

What can't be funded

- ✗ Accommodation and travel costs (unless for Aboriginal community members and within the NT borders)
- ✗ Projects requiring co-contributed funding.
- ✗ Ongoing costs.
- ✗ Staff wages, project management, business or administration costs.
- ✗ Commercial or for-profit services.
- ✗ Infrastructure and building fixtures.
- ✗ Vehicles.



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Before you apply

You must:

- Gather all supporting documents needed for your application. See the **Supporting Documents checklist** at Section 6 below.
- Read our Aboriginal Investment NT **Common Grants Guidelines**, which set out further guidelines and eligibility criteria that apply to your application.

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How Aboriginal Investment NT will assess your application

Key assessment criteria that we will assess your application on are:

1. Value:

- Is the project good value for money considering the:
 - Cost
 - Quality
 - Purpose
 - Intended outcomes, and
 - Overall community benefit?

• Capability:

- Have you effectively demonstrated your ability to manage, deliver and report back on the project?

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Supporting Documents checklist

Use this checklist to make sure you have all the documents ready to attach to your **Grant application**. If your application is missing documents or has the wrong ones it may take longer to assess.

Bank Account Details

To make sure we pay the grant into the correct bank account, please provide:

- ☐ A recent bank statement that shows the same BSB, account name and account number in your application
 - You can black out all transaction information.
 - We only need to see the bank account details.

Aboriginal ownership and active involvement

Aboriginal Investment NT only provides funding to organisations that have at least 51% Aboriginal **ownership and/or control** and **active involvement** in the organisation. If the organisation is registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC), you will not need to provide additional evidence of Aboriginal ownership and/or control.

☐ Our organisation is registered with ORIC

If your organisation **is not registered with ORIC**, you will need to provide the following document/s to confirm the organisation meets the ownership and/or control requirement:

☐ Confirmation of Aboriginality document for at least 51% of organisation Directors or Office Holders

Confirmation of Aboriginality – Minimum Requirements (Northern Territory)

The following are minimum organisational requirements for a 'Confirmation of Aboriginality' which align with best practice and NT community validation standards.

Document must be issued:

- ✓ By a **Northern Territory based**, statutory or community-controlled Aboriginal organisation. These include Land Councils, Aboriginal Health Services, or Aboriginal Corporations established by Northern Territory Traditional Owner Groups under ORIC or ASIC legislation.
- ✓ On the **organisation's official letterhead**.
- ✓ With the organisation's **common seal or official stamp** affixed.
- ✓ Signed and dated by an **authorised representative of the organisation**, with their full name and position title clearly stated.
- ✓ **Legible, professionally presented**, and clearly confirm that the **individual is recognised as an Aboriginal person** by the issuing organisation.

Note: Confirmation of Aboriginality documents that are missing particulars, may require additional information to be provided upon request.

Incorporated Associations

To make sure the organisation is at least 51% controlled by Aboriginal people, we need to see who the office holders are.

Please provide ONE of the following:

- ☐ Members register.
- ☐ Minutes from the most recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) showing the office bearers.
- ☐ If there have been changes to office bearers since the AGM, provide minutes from a 'special' meeting showing the current office bearers.
- ☐ Copies of Certificates of Aboriginality (COAs) for all office bearers who make up the 51% Aboriginal control.

Evidence of permission to use land

If your project involves developing, or using land for project activities, you will need to show you have permission to use the land. You can show this by providing one of the following documents:

- ☐ Section 19 lease or licence under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act (Northern Territory) 1976* if you are operating on Aboriginal Land
- ☐ Land title deed if you own the freehold land
- ☐ Property lease (or other legal documentation of right of use and access) if you are leasing the land where the project will happen
- ☐ Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) if you have an agreement with native title holders to do the project

Project budget and quotes

Budget

You will need to create a project budget, listing what you plan to spend the funding on, how much each item will cost and include quotes for each item.

Quotes

You must provide quotes for the things you plan to spend funding on. Emailed quotes will be accepted as long as they meet the criteria below.

- ☐ **1 quote** for each budgeted item

*All quotes must meet **ALL** of the following requirements:*

- ✓ Be legible and clearly show details of the supplier, including their Australian Business Number (ABN)
- ✓ Show item descriptions (including model numbers, part codes, etc.)
- ✓ Show the quantities you require
- ✓ Show the cost of the item excluding GST.

*Screenshots will be accepted as valid quotes if the items, business name you're purchasing from and total amount are clearly visible **AND**:*

- ✓ The items are worth \$500 (excluding GST) or less OR
- ✓ The items can only be purchased online OR
- ✓ Your business is operating from a remote community

Catering for Events

When including catering in your budget:

- Please state the number of people you are catering for.
- Allow \$15 per person.

No quote is required if you use this method to calculate catering costs.

Please note: Applicant refers to the organisation that is submitting the grant application. Aboriginal Investment NT will enter into a grant agreement with the applicant.