

2025 NAIDOC Grants - Application Form

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Aboriginal Affairs NSW 2025 NAIDOC Grants Program Application Form

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Program Details

Grant Program Name

This field is read only.

The program this submission is in.

2025 NAIDOC Grants Program Information

The Aboriginal Affairs NSW NAIDOC Grant Program supports the hosting of activities and events during NAIDOC Week that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements, and align with the 2025 NAIDOC Week theme of "The Next Generation: Strength, Visions and Legacy".

Applications will be assessed and scored against set criteria. Applications with the highest scores are more likely to be funded.

Applications close 21 April 2025

Applicants are encouraged to contact their nearest Aboriginal Affairs NSW Regional Office to discuss their project:

- Batemans Bay 02 8575 1013
- Tamworth 02 8575 1172
- Coffs Harbour 02 9566 8318
- Broken Hill 02 9228 4877
- Bourke 02 9228 4877
- Dubbo 0455 187 697
- Newcastle 02 8575 1680
- Sydney 02 8229 2389

Completing this form

Applicants are encouraged to read the 2025 NAIDOC Grants Program Guidelines before submitting an application. These can be found on the **Aboriginal Affairs NSW website and in SmartyGrants.**

Links to **FAQs**, Tips and Hints are available throughout the application form in SmartyGrants and a downloadable copy of the **Help Guide for Applicants** can be accessed from the home page of SmartyGrants.

If you need assistance using SmartyGrants or have any queries whilst completing your application, please contact your nearest Aboriginal Affairs office.

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Remember to *SAVE* your application form regularly.

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Eligibility Confirmation

Aboriginal Affairs NSW 2025 NAIDOC Grants, where possible, are distributed to Aboriginal run and controlled organisations.

Applicants must be located in NSW and delivering a service to communities in NSW.

Eligible Applicants

- Incorporated not-for-profit organisations registered with NSW Fair Trading under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)
- Aboriginal Corporations registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal Torres Strait Islanders) Act 2006 (Cth)
- Not-for-profit companies incorporated in Australia under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)
- Local Aboriginal Land Councils established under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW)
- NSW local councils operating under the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
- Incorporated cooperatives (incorporated under state/territory legislation, and commonly have 'Cooperative' in their legal name)
- Incorporated trustees on behalf of a trust, including Catholic School trusts
- Unincorporated Aboriginal groups that have entered into an agreement with an eligible organisation to auspice the funding.

NSW Public Schools

- While NSW Public schools are not eligible to apply to the Program, projects may be held on NSW Public School grounds and/or for the benefit of a school community where the applicant is an eligible organisation (e.g. an incorporated not-for-profit **Parents & Citizens organisation**, incorporated **local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group** etc).

Unincorporated Aboriginal groups

- If an unincorporated Aboriginal group wishes to apply for a 2025 NAIDOC Grant, it will need to partner with an eligible organisation to receive and administer the funding. The eligible organisation must apply on behalf of the unincorporated group.

Other eligibility requirements

- Be an eligible entity located in NSW, and able to enter into a funding agreement with Aboriginal Affairs NSW Premier's Department,
- Have an Australian bank account and an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Projects must be delivered within NSW
- Applicants must have public liability insurance of at least \$10 million per claim

Ineligible Applicants

You are not eligible to apply if you are

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- An Individual
- Federal or State Government agencies and bodies, this includes public schools and hospitals
- For-profit organisations including Aboriginal businesses
- Unincorporated Aboriginal organisations or groups who do not have an eligible auspice partnership
- An applicant or auspice who has been deemed ineligible for funding due to non-compliance with AANSW Grant requirements
- An organisation with redress sanctions in place, as described in the National Redress Scheme

2025 NAIDOC Grants Value

AANSW has allocated \$300,000 for the 2025 NAIDOC Grants Program

- **Minimum** grant amount **\$500**
- **Maximum** grant amount **\$5,000**
- Applicants may only apply for **one** grant from the 2025 NAIDOC Grants Program
- An eligible applicant may act as an auspice for **one** other applicant

AANSW will allocate tiered funding, informed by the eligibility of applicant organisation type;

- \$500 - \$5,000 maximum allocation to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, Local Aboriginal Land Councils and Unincorporated Aboriginal groups with an eligible auspice partner
- \$500 - \$3,000 maximum allocation to Incorporated not-for-profit organisations and companies
- \$500 - \$2,000 maximum allocation to NSW local councils and Incorporated Cooperatives
- \$500 - \$1,000 maximum to NSW Public Schools if the applicant is an incorporated not-for-profit Parent & Citizens organisation or to an incorporated local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group or to incorporated trustees on behalf of a trust

Eligible Organisation Type

What type of organisation or group are you?

- Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation or Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Unincorporated Aboriginal Group with an eligible auspice partner
- Incorporated not-for-profit organisation or company
- NSW Local Council
- Incorporated Cooperative
- Incorporated not-for-profit Parent & Citizens organisation
- Incorporated local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group
- Incorporated Trustee on behalf aTrust
- Other

Evidence of ACCO Status

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Evidence that the applicant organisation is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO).

This can include: • Certificate of ORIC registration • Constitution or Rule book indicating governance structure

Please upload confirmation of your ACCO status here

Attach a file:

Auspice Partnership

Are you partnering with an eligible Auspice organisation? *

Yes No

Ineligibility

Please confirm you are not one of the below, who are ineligible to apply.

Are you one of the following? *

- an individual
- a Federal or State Government department or agency
- a for-profit business, includes Aboriginal businesses
- an unincorporated Aboriginal group without an eligible auspice partner
- an organisation with redress sanctions as described in the National Redress Scheme
- an organisation that is ineligible to apply for AANSW funding as the result of non-compliance with funding agreement requirements
- none of the above

Ineligible for this grant funding

I understand I am ineligible for this grant funding *

Yes

You are ineligible to apply for 2025 NAIDOC Grant Program funding.

Based on your responses you are NOT eligible to apply for a NAIDOC grant.

Please review the program guidelines and contact your nearest AANSW Regional Office for support.

Please **DO NOT** proceed or submit this application unless it is eligible.

Contact Details

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Organisation Details

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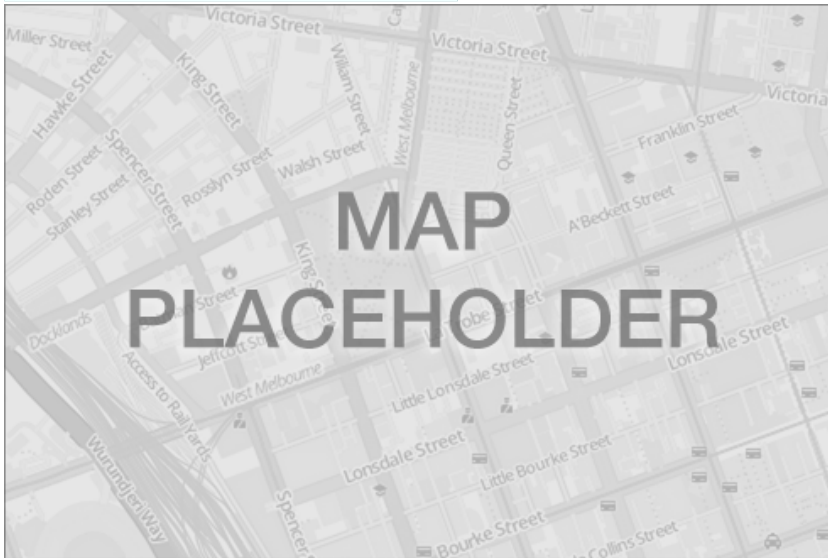
Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Primary Address

Address



Postal Address

Address

Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Email Address *

Must be an email address.

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Website

Must be a URL.

Do you have a minimum of \$10 million in Public Liability Insurance for the duration of your activity or event? *

- Yes
 No, but willing to obtain

Applicants are required to hold at least \$10 million public liability insurance in order to enter into a funding deed with the NSW Government.

Please provide evidence that the applicant organisation holds Public Liability Insurance.

Attach a file:

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Does the applicant organisation have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? *

- Yes No

If you do not have an ABN, please complete a "Statement by Supplier" which can be found on the Australian Tax Office website.

The Australian Tax Office has a downloadable copy of the statement by supplier, here <https://www.ato.gov.au/forms-and-instructions/statement-by-supplier-not-quoting-an-abn>

Attach your completed 'statement by supplier' if you do not have an ABN *

Attach a file:

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information

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ACNC Registration
Tax Concessions
Main business location

Must be an ABN.

Primary Contact Details

Primary Contact *

Title First Name Last Name

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This is the person we will correspond with about this grant.

Primary Contact Position *

e.g., Manager, Board Member or Fundraising Coordinator.

Primary Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

Auspice Organisation

Auspice

Individual Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

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Auspice ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register

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Main business location

Must be an ABN.

Auspice Primary Address

Address

Auspice Primary Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Auspice Primary Email

Must be an email address.

Bank Details

Should your application be successful, providing your bank details will allow for grant funds to be deposited directly into the nominated bank account.

NOTE: If you have an auspice partner, please enter their bank account details below.

Applicant (or Auspice partner) Bank Account *

Account Name

BSB Number

Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

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Activity or Event Objectives and Outcomes

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In this section we want to learn more about your project. You can respond to these questions by:

A: Completing the text boxes in the application form below.

B: Uploading a short video of yourself or members of your organisation reading the questions aloud and answering in your own words, in your own way.

Please note - Video responses are available for questions 1 - 4 only.

Responses can be filmed on a mobile phone or portable video device.

Professional editing or production is NOT required or expected.

AANSW Regional Office staff are available to support you with recording and preparing a file for upload if required.

How would you like to submit your responses? *

I will be submitting a video response for questions 1 - 4 I will not be submitting a video response

Title *

Word count:

Must be no more than 25 words.

Provide a name for your initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive.

Brief description *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

Include a brief summary of who will benefit from this initiative, what activities you will do and what outcomes you expect from your activities.

Anticipated start date *

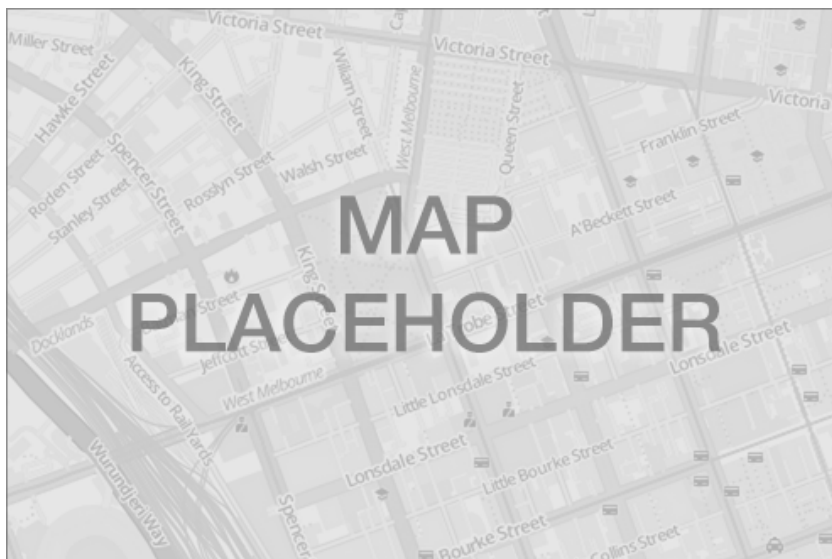
Anticipated end date *

Primary location of your initiative

Address

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Primary location does not need to be a specific address, and can be postcode, suburb, state, etc. If delivered online, please specify the area of focus for delivery.

Please review the anticipated start/end date for your activity or event.

You have indicated above that your activity or event either starts **before** 1 July 2025 or ends **after** 30 November 2025, which makes it ineligible for delivery under the 2025 NAIDOC Grants Program Guidelines. Please update the details to ensure your dates fit within the timeframe.

Video Responses to Questions 1 - 4

You can upload a single video file, or a separate file for each question.

When planning your video think about:

- Location and background.
- Equipment - mobile phone camera or computer camera.
- Style of video - are you answering the questions or is a friend interviewing you?
- The quality of video - is it visually clear and is the sound clear?
- Creating a script to get your points across.
- Practicing getting more comfortable and become more natural in front of the camera.
- Watching the video and make notes on where you can improve or make more appropriate responses.
- If you feel the need to edit, you could use free editing software available online.
- Make sure you answer all the questions.

Video File Upload *

Attach a file:

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Video Link (Copy and paste a link to the video eg: youtube, dropbox or kiteworks)
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Project Details

1. The NAIDOC theme for 2025 is The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy. Describe how your event is aligned with this theme. *

2. Describe how the event or activity promotes and celebrates a greater awareness, understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal history, culture and achievements within the broader local or regional community *

3. Describe how Aboriginal people are involved in the development and delivery of the activity or event, as leads or in partnership arrangements *

4. Explain your organisation's capacity to successfully deliver the activity or event. For example, have you managed other projects, do you have staff or volunteers who can help with the budget and reporting requirements, do you have the support of an experienced community partner? *

Budget

* indicates a required field

Total Amount Requested

*

\$

What is the total financial support you are requesting under this grant?

Ineligible Funding Amount

You have entered an amount outside of the 2025 NAIDOC Grants Program Guidelines. As you are an **Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation, a Local Aboriginal Land Council** or an **unincorporated Aboriginal group with an eligible auspice partner** the maximum funding you can apply for is \$5,000.

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Please update your response to "Total Amount Requested" and ensure this amount is between **\$500 and \$5,000**.

Ineligible Funding Amount

You have entered an amount outside of the 2025 NAIDOC Grants Program Guidelines. As you are an **incorporated not-for-profit or company** the maximum funding you can apply for is **\$3,000**

Please update your response "Total Amount Requested" and ensure this amount is between **\$500 and \$3000**.

Ineligible Funding Amount

You have entered an amount outside of the 2025 NAIDOC Grants Program Guidelines. As you are a **NSW Local Council** or an **Incorporated Cooperative**, the maximum funding you can apply for is \$2,000.

Please update your response to "Total Amount Requested" and ensure this amount is between **\$500 and \$2,000**.

Ineligible Funding Amount

You have entered an amount outside of the 2025 NAIDOC Grants Program Guidelines. As you are an incorporated **Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group** or incorporated **not-for-profit Parents and Citizens** organisation or an **incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust**, the maximum you can apply for is \$1,000.

Please update your response to "Total Amount Requested" to between \$500 and \$1,000.

Eligible Costs

Eligible costs for 2025 NAIDOC activities and events

The following are examples of the types of NAIDOC Week activities and events that have previously received funding:

- community festivals and fun days
- public exhibitions
- community gatherings
- cultural workshops
- NAIDOC-themed sporting activities or competitions
- school community-based activities
- women's, men's and Elders-only activities

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Funding can be used

- to purchase materials and consumables such as art supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE) and catering items (excluding alcohol) – for the purpose of the project or event
- to pay for workshop facilitators, artists and Elders
- for rental or hire fees for the purposes of the activity.

Purchasing merchandise

NAIDOC grants funding can only be used to purchase merchandise where it is

- NAIDOC themed and
- part of a uniform or outfit to be worn by performers, volunteers or organisers of a NAIDOC event or activity, or created as part of an art activity – for example, an artist working with a group of children to develop a local NAIDOC-themed artwork that is printed on bags for the children and/or community.

Ineligible costs for 2025 NAIDOC activities or events

- retrospective funding for activities and events that have already been held
- activities that are the responsibility of government agencies
- activities that are exclusively for the benefit of the applicant organisation and its staff, such as cultural capability workshops or training
- activities and events held outside NSW
- capital purchases – any type of building, construction or capital works, including renovations to a building, housing-related costs or the purchase of land
- purchasing equipment such as office equipment, tents and IT equipment
- gifts, including gift cards and merchandise to distribute as gifts
- Activities or events that allow alcohol, tobacco or gambling,.
- private events such as those open only to members of a specific organisation
- sitting fees, travel allowances or costs associated with the membership of boards/ councils
- operating and administrative costs such as rent or utilities
- costs that are not directly associated with the activity or event

Sources of Income for your activity or event

Please enter the details of **all** funding that you are seeking to support your activity or event, including the amount you are requesting from the AANSW 2025 NAIDOC Grants Program.

Description	Type	Amount Expected	Status
		Must be a dollar amount.	

Expenditure - Project Budget

Please include a detailed budget break down of all planned expenses for your activity or event.

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A detailed budget will help your application meet the "value for money" assessment criteria, if you need assistance please contact your local AANSW regional office.

Please Note: click "add more" to insert additional budget items

Description	Budget amount	Notes	Expenditure Income Source
	\$		
	Must be a dollar amount.		

Budget Totals

Please Note: Your total expenditure, or budget, amount should be the same as your total income amount.

The budget balance should be ZERO (0).

2025 NAIDOC funding and any other sources

Total Income Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Budget expenditure for activity or event

Total Expenditure Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Budget Balance

Income - Expenditure

This number/amount is calculated.

Supporting Documentation

* indicates a required field

Reminder - Supporting Documents

Have you uploaded a copy of your Public Liability Insurance? *

Yes

No

Have you uploaded a copy of the ATO 'statement by supplier' if you don't have an ABN? *

Yes

No

Additional documents

If you would like to provide any other documents to support your application, this could include:

- Evidence of ACCO status
- Letters of support from your local Aboriginal community (eg: Elders groups, community groups or potential participants)
- Audio / Video files
- Photos
- Links to social media (Youtube, Vimeo, Facebook etc)

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- Evidence of project or activity costs, quotes etc

Additional documentation

Attach a file:

Disclaimer

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project, and Aboriginal Affairs NSW expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion;
- it must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this application and Aboriginal Affairs NSW does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected; and
- it has read the Funding Guidelines for the Program and has fully informed itself of the relevant program requirements.

Privacy Notice

By submitting this Application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- Aboriginal Affairs NSW is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by Aboriginal Affairs NSW in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy (available at: <https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/privacy>);
- the information it provides to Aboriginal Affairs NSW in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act;
- it has taken steps to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that Aboriginal Affairs NSW and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal information, and has been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

Use of Information

Aboriginal Cultural and Intellectual Property (ACIP)

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Aboriginal Affairs NSW has developed an Aboriginal Cultural and Intellectual Property (ACIP) Protocol that aims to build awareness and respect for Aboriginal culture. The Protocol sets a standard for how Aboriginal Affairs NSW engages with Aboriginal people and communities in regard to their cultural and intellectual property and what we expect from the organisations we fund.

Any Aboriginal Cultural or Intellectual Property submitted in a grant application to Aboriginal Affairs NSW remains the property of the relevant community organisation or Aboriginal person. Aboriginal Affairs NSW will not distribute or communicate any ACIP contained in SmartyGrants and agrees to respect the cultural protocols of Aboriginal people which it may apply to.

More information on ACIP, including the Protocol is available on our [website](#).

By submitting this application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- if this project application is successful, the relevant details of the project will be made public, including details such as the names of the organisation (Applicant) and any partnering organisation (state government agency or non-government organisation), project title, project description, location, anticipated time for completion and amount awarded;
- Aboriginal Affairs NSW will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in-confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act); and
- in some circumstances Aboriginal Affairs NSW may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

Declaration and Authorisation

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Declaration

The Applicant represents and warrants that this application has been submitted by an authorised representative of the Applicant (e.g. CEO, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager, Director, Chair of the Board, President, authorised manager, authorised employee etc).

Where this Application is submitted in the course of employment by a representative of any kind (e.g. authorised representative or agent) of the Applicant, you: (i) acknowledge and agree that the Applicant is deemed to be jointly and separately bound by this application; and (ii) represent and warrant that you have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant as contemplated by this provision.

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By submitting this application form I hereby declare that

- I have read and understood each of the acknowledgements, agreements, representations and warranties provided above, and that each of these are true and correct;
- All information provided including the responses to each question in the relevant sections of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
- Any information contained in this application may be disclosed to other Government agencies, staff administering the program, and to external stakeholders (including consultants, lawyers and other advisers) as part of the assessment of this application;
- I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of, and have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant;
- I understand that any false declaration may render this application ineligible/invalid; and
- All relevant conflicts of interest have been declared

Authorisation

I agree *

Yes

Name of authorised person *

Title First Name Last Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

Position *

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

How did you find the online application process?

Very easy Easy Neutral Difficult Very difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?

Estimate in minutes i.e. 1 hour 60

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Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider.