

NAIDOC Grants

Quick Reference Guide

What is the purpose of the NAIDOC Grants program?

- To support the delivery of Aboriginal-led events and activities across NSW that align with the 2025 NAIDOC Week theme: *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*.

What are the opening and closing dates for applications?

- Applications open – Monday 10 March 2025, 10am
- Applications close – Monday 21 April 2025, 4pm

Who can apply?

- Local Aboriginal Land Councils, Aboriginal corporations, incorporated Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups, incorporated not-for-profit organisations, NSW local councils, incorporated Parents and Citizens groups, incorporated cooperatives and trustees can apply.
- Unincorporated Aboriginal community groups can also apply if they are auspiced by an eligible organisation. You can [find out more in our FAQs](#).

What should I do if I want to apply for a NAIDOC grant but I'm not sure how?

- Our team at Aboriginal Affairs NSW can support you in developing a grant proposal. Please contact your nearest regional team or email grants@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au.
- Details for our regional offices are available [on our website](#).

Is there a limit on the amount of funding I can apply for?

- Yes, we are offering grants between \$500 and \$5,000.
- Please note, there are also some caps on grant funding for non-Aboriginal applicants such as local councils and not-for-profits. You can [find out more in the FAQs](#).

Are there restrictions on when I host my NAIDOC event or activity?

- Yes, projects funded under NAIDOC grants must take place between 1 July and 30 November 2025.

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What is a ‘competitive grant program’?

- It means that your application will be assessed against the other applications we receive.
- We will assess and rank applications based on how well they meet the criteria.



What criteria will you use to assess my application?

- Alignment with 2025 NAIDOC theme
- Alignment with the purpose of NAIDOC
- Your organisation’s capacity to deliver the event or activity
- Value for money



What kinds of activities can be funded?

Here are some examples (but your project does not need to be limited by these examples):

- 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



What can I use the grant funding for?

- To purchase materials and consumables such as art or catering supplies (excluding alcohol) for your event or project
- To pay workshop facilitators, artists or Elders
- To pay hire fees for a venue
- Merchandise (there are strict guidelines on what can be funded)

Please [see the FAQs for full details](#) on what can be funded.



What can’t I use the grant funding for?

- Activities or events that have already been held
- Activities and events held outside NSW
- Capital purchases and works such as construction or renovations
- Equipment such as office supplies and IT equipment
- Operating and administrative costs
- Gifts

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Got questions? Contact us at grants@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au