

# NAIDOC Grants

## Quick Reference Guide



### What is the purpose of the NAIDOC Grants program?

- To support holding Aboriginal-led community events and activities across NSW to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2026.

### What are the opening and closing dates for applications?

- Applications open – Monday 9 February 2026, 10am
- Applications close – Sunday 22 March 2026, 4pm

### Who can apply?

- Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations including Local Aboriginal Land Councils, Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups and Aboriginal Medical Services.
- Incorporated not-for-profit organisations who are able to demonstrate the delivery of culturally safe projects in collaboration Aboriginal organisations and/or communities.
- Not-for profit unincorporated Aboriginal groups that have entered into an agreement with an eligible organisation to auspice the funding.

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?

- We're here to help!
- Get in touch with your local Aboriginal Affairs NSW Regional Team via our [website](#) or email [grants@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:grants@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au).

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

- Yes, we are offering grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000.



### **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 31 October 2026.

### **What is a ‘competitive grant program’?**

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

### **What criteria will you use to assess my grant application?**

- Alignment with 2026 NAIDOC theme, ‘50 Years of Deadly’
- 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, gatherings and fun days
  - Cultural workshops
  - NAIDOC-themed sporting activities or competitions
  - Women’s, men’s and Elders-only activities.

### **What can I use the grant funding for?**

- Supplies like catering or art materials
- Paying workshop facilitators, artists and Elders
- Hiring equipment or venues for the activity or event
- NAIDOC 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
- Building, construction, renovations, housing costs or land
- Equipment such as office supplies and IT equipment
- Operating and administrative costs
- Gifts, including gift cards and vouchers of any kind

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**Got  
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