

NAIDOC Week Grant Program

2026 Grant Guidelines



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Introduction

The Northern Territory Government is proud to support remote communities across the Northern Territory in celebrating NAIDOC Week activities that honour the strength, culture and achievements of Aboriginal Territorians.

Aim of the Grant Program

To provide funding that supports the celebration of Aboriginal culture, language, history and achievements as part of the Northern Territory's NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Through this Grant Program, the Northern Territory Government aims to support and empower remote communities to lead NAIDOC Week celebrations that reflect their own stories, traditions and aspirations, ensuring that NAIDOC Week is meaningfully acknowledged across remote parts of the Northern Territory.

Applications opening and closing dates

Applications for the NAIDOC Week Grant Program will open in **June 2026 for a two-week period**.

Please read all sections of these Guidelines carefully before applying for the NAIDOC Week Grant Program. Applicants must be seeking funding for activities delivered in a remote or regional NT community.

Eligibility criteria

Who can apply?

- Northern Territory based non-governmental organisations (NGOs).
- Northern Territory based Aboriginal organisations and community groups.
- Northern Territory Aboriginal businesses.
- Northern Territory sports and social/leisure clubs.
- Northern Territory based Regional Councils.
- Northern Territory remote based Schools.

Individuals can apply, however must be able to demonstrate a link/support structure with an organisation in the Northern Territory and meet all criteria and acquittal requirements.

Organisations/individuals can only apply for one grant through this program.

All applicants must have a registered ABN.

Please note the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (the Department) will assess applications, with priority given to applicants of remote community locations across the Northern Territory.

What you can apply for

A grant of up to \$5000 to promote and manage an event/project/activity that celebrates and/or recognises Aboriginal culture, language, history and achievements as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations.

The event/activity and/or project that you are applying for funding towards must be completed during the period **5 July - 31 August 2026**.

Grants may be used to cover the following:

- venue hire and equipment costs;
- cost to promote the event/activity/project;
- catering costs (excludes alcohol); and
- other activity costs if outlined in application.

Funds cannot be made available for:

- Provision of alcohol.
- Any activity of a political nature.
- Any activity of a commercial or business nature.
- Any fundraising events.
- Purchase of capital equipment.
- Funding for projects that have already been completed or items that have been provided or previously purchased.
- Projects by organisations established for profit or financial gain to members.
- Interstate/overseas travel.
- Any other items that the panel assess as not meeting the aims and objectives of the grants.

Funds for wages or salaries will only be provided where significant community benefit can be demonstrated.

Application process

To apply for any grants with the Northern Territory Government, you will need to create an account and profile on the GrantsNT website at grantsnt.nt.gov.au

Applications will only be accepted if received online through the GrantsNT website.

If you do not have an account or an appropriate profile, refer to the help page on grantsnt.nt.gov.au for further information.

The online application is designed to provide detailed information for the consideration and comparison of applications. All required information in GrantsNT must be completed and appropriate documents attached before an application can be considered.

The person submitting the application on behalf of the organisation/business must be authorised by an office-holder of the organisation to do so.

Conditions of grant

The grant will be made subject to the signing of a funding agreement that includes the need for the grant to be:

- used for the agreed purpose;
- acquitted within the agreed time frame; and
- acquitted after the event by a statement that the event took place, accompanied by an income and expenditure statement.

GST is not payable on the grant.

Organisations and individuals with outstanding acquittals for previous Northern Territory Government funding are not eligible for the grant.

Privacy and promotion

The information you provide in this application is necessary to determine your suitability for Northern Territory Government funding under grants programs administered by the Department. If you do not provide the requested details, the Department may not be able to process your application.

If your application is successful, the Northern Territory Government may make details of the project publicly available. By signing the grant agreement, you consent to this information being provided to the Department and other agencies for the purpose of promoting and reporting the outcomes of the grant. This may include promotion of your event through an online calendar, through the national NAIDOC website as part of broader celebrations or through media releases Government may issue to promote the grants program and broader celebrations.

All event/project organisers will be provided with a Northern Territory Government logo to be used on all public promotional material to acknowledge the funding through the grant program.

As part of the acquittal process, we ask that you provide photographs or video of your event/project. These may be used on the Department's website, social media or other Government websites to promote the grant funding. If the photographs/video feature people who can be identified, please ensure each person has signed a talent release form giving their permission for the photograph to be used*. If this is difficult to manage, it is best to take photos/footage at a distance or from behind so faces are not identifiable.

**Talent release forms can be downloaded along with the acquittal form on GrantsNT.*

Financial and reporting accountability requirements

Within four weeks of completion of the project, funded organisations and individuals must provide the Department's Aboriginal Partnerships and Reform unit with an acquittal of grant funds. The acquittal form provided by the Department must be signed by an authorised office bearer of the organisation and include:

- a) A brief written report detailing the results of the funded project to assist in determining the success of the project and any issues encountered and planning for future events or activities.
- b) Photos or video of the event or activity.
- c) A detailed income and expenditure statement specifically related to the approved budget of the funded project.

Acknowledgment

Acknowledgment of the Government grant funding must be through the use of the Northern Territory Government logo and/or through verbal acknowledgement of the Government.

If you have any questions relating to acknowledgement, please contact the Department on the details provided.

Any questions?

For more information, contact Aboriginal Partnerships and Reform on:

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