



Stolen Generations Grants – Open Round

2025-26 Stolen Generations Grants Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What are the Stolen Generations Grants?

The Healing Foundation supports Stolen Generations survivors — the many thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people taken, as babies and children, from loving families, communities, culture and Country under previous government policies.

We work closely with Stolen Generations survivors, descendants and organisations, as well as with governments, service providers and other stakeholders to address the priority needs of the Stolen Generations.

The Healing Foundation’s **Stolen Generations Grants** are designed to support Stolen Generations survivors and their descendants by addressing trauma and healing through culturally safe, community-led initiatives that support healing and commemorative activities.

Can I apply for a grant?

You can apply for a grant if you meet the eligibility criteria set out in the guidelines. If you aren’t sure about whether you are eligible, contact The Healing Foundation Grants Team on funding@healingfoundation.org.au to discuss your proposal.

Eligible for funding

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Community-Controlled Organisation (ACCO)

AND:

- Incorporated
- Not-for-profit
- Governed by First Nations people
- Your project has a direct focus on healing for Stolen Generations survivors and descendants.

Not eligible for funding

- Sole traders including individual applicants and consultants
- Local Councils except for Aboriginal-led Councils such as local Indigenous Shire Councils
- Non-Indigenous organisations.



When is funding available?

Applications open on Monday 24th November 2025 and close on Monday 22nd December 2025 at 5pm AEST. We expect to announce grants during early February 2026 at the latest.

Funding must be spent, acquitted and reported on by **30 September 2026**.

How much funding is available?

For each organisation, The Healing Foundation will generally award a minimum grant of **\$5,000** (GST exc) and maximum grant of **\$50,000** (GST exc).

The Healing Foundation will allocate funds based on factors including:

- How much funding is requested
- Organisational size and capacity
- Geographic location and remoteness
- How an organisation has managed previous grants and acquitted funds (if relevant).

What can we use the funding for?

The Healing Foundation strongly supports self-determination and flexibility in grant funding. The objective of the grants is to support healing and commemorative projects and activities that align with the recommendations of the *Bringing them home* report.

Within these goals, funding recipients are encouraged to use grants flexibly for survivor-led and survivor-focused projects, activities and initiatives as determined by priorities and goals established in consultation with Stolen Generations survivors. Some examples are below.

- **Healing**
 - **Healing** (healing camps, gatherings, workshops; peer support groups; trauma-informed training programs)
 - **Storytelling** (oral and written histories, documenting survivor stories through art, film, other creative media)
 - **Cultural Activities** (on-Country visits to significant cultural sites, yarning circles)
 - **Commemorative Activities** (celebrations of key dates such as the National Apology Anniversary and Sorry Day). If you are applying for events, the average range for commemorative activities is **\$5,000 - \$20,000** (GST exc).
- **Collaboration** with the Stolen Generations sector (organisations including Link-Up services that have established close relationships with Stolen Generations survivors, families and descendants) for healing, intergenerational, policy, research or other purposes

Within the key priorities, grant funding can be used for items such as:

- Project staff salaries including consultancy fees
- Travel and accommodation
- Events: venue hire, catering, entertainment, Welcome to Country, ceremonial fees
- Cultural activities
- Support for Stolen Generations survivors including transport, Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB), unexpected costs
- Materials and resources.

How do we apply for funding?

Applications can be submitted online at

<https://healingfoundation.smartygrants.com.au/StolenGenerationsGrants>

The Healing Foundation uses the SmartyGrants system which is user-friendly and has helpful learning and technical support including a phone Help Desk and information webinars.

How will my application be assessed?

Our Assessment Process includes senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff from the Healing Foundation with strong knowledge and understanding of Stolen Generations history and contexts, along with representation from the Healing Foundation's Stolen Generations Reference Group, and endorsement through The Healing Foundations Board.

The process will assess your application to confirm its eligibility against these criteria:

- Is the proposed project or activity **survivor-led**? How were survivors engaged in the development and design?
- Is the project/activity **survivor-centred**? How does it benefit the **community** of survivors, descendants and families?
- Is the project **culturally safe**? How does it take a strengths-based approach and use trauma-informed methods in its delivery?

When will we find out about our application?

The key dates for your application and grant agreement are below. Please note these may change. The Healing Foundation will aim to keep you up to date at all stages in the process.

Milestone	Date
Applications open	Monday 24 November 2025
Information webinar	4 December and 17 December 2025
Applications close	Monday 22 December 2025 (5pm AEST)
Applications assessed	Mid Jan 2025
Budget discussion with THF before signing grant agreement	End Jan 2025



Letter of offer	Early 2026
Grant agreement signed	End Feb 2026 – early March 2026
Grant payment made	March 2026 (final date for all invoices to be issued)
Project reporting and financial acquittal due	30 September 2026 (final date for all acquittals and reports)

When is the webinar?

Format: TEAMS meeting

When:

Webinar #1:

Thursday 4th December
12pm – 1pm AEST

Webinar #2

Wednesday 17th December
12pm – 1pm AEST

Register by emailing funding@healingfoundation.org.au and we'll send you a link to the TEAMS meeting.

How do I fill out the milestone table in the online application form?

The purpose of the milestone table is to help you and The Healing Foundation set goals for the overall timeline; progress and final reporting; and financial acquittal. We suggest that you fill out the table using these sections as a guide.

Dates are indicative only and will be negotiable with The Healing Foundation when we work with you to put together grant agreements.

However, because of our head agreement with National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), in this funding round all activities must be completed by 30 September 2026.

The timeline in the milestone table should work towards September 2026 as the final date for project closeout.

If you are delivering multiple projects, please combine all the deliverables in one table.

Milestone stage	Description	Start date	End date
Start of Project	For example, this could be the kick-off meeting, initial planning, confirmation of Stolen Generations survivor engagement		
Phase 1 Delivery	Outline what you are doing in the first stage of activities, for example running		



	events, healing camps, conducting filming. If you are gathering any early feedback from survivors, you could include that here		
Mid-Project Review	This phase will be where THF does a progress report check-in and mid-project budget review. You can outline here if you're evaluating your progress and adjusting plans based on feedback from participants		
Phase 2 Delivery	Outline the next stages of the project, for example any further activities		
Phase 3 Delivery	If there are further stages add them here		
Final Evaluation	Any evaluation you are undertaking, survivors debriefing and gathering metrics and evaluation data		
Final report	Final report and financial acquittal		
Project closeout	End of project/ celebration with survivors		

Please note, The Healing Foundation team is available to support you at any stage of your project and will use progress check-ins as an opportunity to ensure you are on track or have any need for further support.

How do I fill out the budget table in the online application form?

Please outline the expected costs of running the project/s including how much grant funding you are requesting. Organisations will generally be funded between \$5,000 and \$50,000 (GST exc), however please outline all expected costs and The Healing Foundation will explore budget options.

Please use these categories to describe your expenditure. All amounts must be GST exclusive.

Expenditure item	Expenditure description	Expenditure amount (\$ (GST exc)
Contractor costs	<p>For example:</p> <p>Payment for project coordinators, cultural advisors, and community facilitators, wellbeing support staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please describe briefly what you need for your project. Add extra rows as needed for individual items. 	
Cultural Procurement Fees	For example:	



	<p>Payment for Elders, traditional healers, cultural mentors, and/or knowledge holders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please describe briefly what you need for your project. Add extra rows as needed for individual items. 	
Materials and Equipment	<p>For example, any supplies, resources, and tools needed for community activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please describe briefly what you need for your project. Add extra rows as needed for individual items. 	
Travel Costs	<p>Transport, meals, catering and accommodation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please describe briefly what you need for your project. Add extra rows as needed for individual items. 	
Community Engagement	<p>Hosting yarning circles, cultural events, and Collective Healing programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please describe briefly what you need for your project. Add extra rows as needed for individual items. 	
Other	<p>Other costs including unexpected costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add a new row for each new Expenditure type 	
		Total budget up to \$50,000 (GST exclusive)

Can I talk to someone about my application?

To yarn with someone about your application, contact the Healing Foundation Grants Team on funding@healingfoundation.org.au. Please email or call us.

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