

Stolen Generations Grants – Open Round

2025-26 Grants Guidelines

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.

Funding of **\$5,000 to 50,000** (GST exc) per organisation is available through the Stolen Generations Grants.

Who is eligible for funding

You can apply for funding if your organisation is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisation (ACCO) that meets the following requirements:

- Incorporated
- Operates on a not-for-profit basis.
- Controlled and governed by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.
- Your project serves communities with a direct focus on the healing of Stolen Generations survivors and their descendants.

Who is 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 are not eligible for funding.

How much funding is available

For each organisation, a minimum grant of **\$5,000** (GST exc) and maximum grant of **\$50,000** (GST exc) will be available. The Healing Foundation will allocate funds based on factors including:

- How much funding is requested
- The organisation's size and capacity

- Geographic location and remoteness
- How an organisation has managed previous grants and acquitted funds (if relevant).

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

What funding can be used 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, your organisation is 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, in particular the anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations (13 February) and National Sorry Day (26 May)
- **Other**
 - **Redress and Records** (community memorials and initiatives enhancing support for redress, access to records collections, engaging researchers for projects)
 - Other projects in consultation with the Healing Foundation.

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.

What funding can't be used for

The following items are not within scope of the grants and cannot be paid for by grant funding.

- Activities that do not support Stolen Generations survivors



- Duplication of services already available for Stolen Generations survivors
- Compensation
- Genealogies and family reunions
- International travel
- Capital works.

How to apply

Applications can be submitted online at <https://healingfoundation.smartygrants.com.au/OPEN>

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

If you would like support with your application, please contact the Healing Foundation Grants Team on funding@healingfoundation.org.au.

Grants webinar

The Healing Foundation Grants Team is holding two information webinars to answer questions on the application process. To register your interest, email Desiree Gordon at funding@healingfoundation.org.au or call 0455 407 081.

Webinar #1:
Thursday 4th December
12pm – 1pm AEST

Webinar #2
Wednesday 17th December
12pm – 1pm AEST

RSVP funding@healingfoundation.org.au

Assessment process and criteria

Your application will be assessed by 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.

Eligibility will be assessed 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?



Timeline

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

Milestone	Date
Applications open	Monday 24 November 2025
Information webinars	04 December 2025 & 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 Feb 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)

Important Note:

If you apply for funding for an Apology Day event, we will make your grant agreement a priority. We will ask you to invoice us so we can make a payment in early February 2026.

Reporting and evaluation

The Healing Foundation supports evaluation and reporting, which honours the legacy of Stolen Generations survivors and helps us understand what works to support healing.

We ask you to consider ways to evaluate your project or activity so that the community and other organisations working with Stolen Generations survivors and their descendants can learn about the work you are doing and what you have achieved.

At the end of your project, we ask you to complete a short final report that captures what has worked and what you would like others to learn.

We also invite you to join us in documenting your projects and share these on the Healing Foundation website and social media.

Key documents

To support your application, you can find key documents on the Healing Foundation website at <https://healingfoundation.org.au/what-we-do/survivor-grants/> or by asking the Grants Team.

- *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)*



- *Hard copy application form*
- *Sample funding agreement template*
- *Sample final report template including financial declaration*

Application Form Requirements

When you complete the online application form, you will be asked to fill out a budget.

You will also need:

- Your ICN, ACN or ABN
- Your bank account details
- Evidence that you have Public Liability insurance to a value of \$5 million.

Questions and support

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the Grants Team at funding@healingfoundation.org.au or reach out directly.

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