



**HEAL OUR PAST
BUILD OUR FUTURE**

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COMMEMORATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRINGING THEM HOME REPORT

Microgrant Funding Guidelines

May 2017

The Healing Foundation is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation that partners with communities to address the ongoing trauma caused by actions like the forced removal of children from their families. Our work helps create a different future.

26 May 2017 will mark 20 years since the landmark *Bringing them Home* (BTH) report was tabled in Federal Parliament.

The report made 54 comprehensive recommendations to address the impact of forcible removal on Stolen Generations members, their descendants and the communities left behind. These recommendations reflected the insight, knowledge and heartache shared by survivors. The majority of these recommendations have not yet been implemented. For many Stolen Generations members, this has created additional trauma and distress.

The report concluded that “Indigenous families and communities have endured gross violations of their human rights. These violations continue to affect Indigenous people’s daily lives.”

The Healing Foundation will be commemorating the 20th anniversary of the report to:

- raise awareness of key BTH recommendations and their relevance within the current Indigenous affairs context
- increase understanding of the healing needs of Stolen Generations members among state and federal politicians and policy makers
- obtain commitments from governments to develop policy and program initiatives that support Stolen Generations members and their families
- encourage the development of a coordinated national approach to the ongoing needs of Stolen Generations members and their descendants, including through the delivery of effective healing and trauma informed services

I am very pleased to announce that the Healing Foundation is partnering with communities, and state, territory and federal parliaments to hold special events to mark this significant milestone for Stolen Generations members and their families.

Funding is now available to support you to hold events in your communities. My hope is that this funding will continue to support our Stolen Generations and their descendants in their journey of healing.

Richard Weston
Chief Executive Officer



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Funding for community commemorations

The broad aims of *Heal the past build our future BTH20 microgrants* are to:

- celebrate our Stolen Generations and bear witness to their stories
- provide opportunities for communities to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the BTH report with our Stolen Generations and their descendants
- raise community awareness of the healing needs of our Stolen Generations
- celebrate and record the people, programs and activities in our communities that are providing healing to our Stolen Generations and strengthening our communities

This funding supports local events and activities in each state and territory. It is available to schools, Indigenous organisations and communities. Partnerships with non-Indigenous organisations, driven by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, are also supported.

Funding Criteria

1. Funding is a one off payment and is not available for capital, staffing or ongoing expenses. Events must be held within the period of 1 May to 26 May 2017.
2. Grants of up to \$700 are available.
3. Projects that align with the theme *Heal our past, build our future BTH20* that highlight the importance of addressing the unique healing needs of Stolen Generations and their descendants and sharing the experience of our Stolen Generations will be prioritised.
4. Examples activities for a grant:
 - Community events that celebrate our Stolen Generations and their contributions
 - Community events incorporating Stolen Generations members sharing their experiences/talking about the healing needs of Stolen Generations
 - Information stalls to engage the broader community in discussion about our Stolen Generations, the healing needs of Stolen Generations and their descendants and the ongoing place for healing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
 - Educational workshops for children and young people talking about the Stolen Generations, the BTH report anniversary, the healing needs of Stolen Generations and their descendants, and giving children the opportunity to think about their own healing journey
 - Community cultural showcases with ceremonial dance and song to connect community members with their culture and stories across the community



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- Cross community events that bring together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members, services, and the broader community to commemorate the BTH report anniversary and celebrate our Stolen Generations
 - Community gatherings on country including smoking ceremonies, cooking bush tucker and preparing bush medicines and talking circles about healing
5. Examples of costs:
 - Venue hire and associated costs
 - Catering
 - Cultural performances
 - Videography/photography
 - Advertising including t-shirts and other merchandise
 - Transport to and from the event
 6. Healing Foundation funding may be used to contribute towards events that are funded from multiple sources
 7. Funding cannot be used for delivery of specific healing programs under this round
 8. Lodgment of an application for funding is not a guarantee of your event being funded. A selection process will be undertaken and all applicants will be informed of the outcomes via email.
 9. Given funding limitations partial funding towards activities may be offered in some cases.
 10. Successful applicants will need to provide their ABN and bank account details. If you are not an incorporated organisation you will need to provide details of an auspicing body in your application.
 11. Successful applicants will be required to liaise with the Healing Foundation in promoting funded events through local media. This will include providing images of participants and a contact for media enquiries.
 12. Where possible applicants must provide photos, videos or recordings of their events and stories as well as notifying us of any media coverage.
 13. Successful applicants will be required **to complete the reporting requirements and financial acquittal by Friday 30 June 2017**. Reporting and acquittal is an essential component of the grant. Failure to complete these requirements by the due date may exclude the applicant from applying for future funding opportunities.



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Applying for Funding

To apply for funding please complete the application form and return to the Healing Foundation by **FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2017**. Email and fax details are on the application form and available on our website.

Please contact the Healing Foundation on 02 6272 7500 or funding@healingfoundation.org.au if you have enquiries.

Please note activities must be undertaken within the period of 1 May - 26 May 2017.

NO EXTENSIONS TO EVENTS WILL BE POSSIBLE.

Please ensure before applying that your organisation has capacity to hold your event in this time period and report on all activities within the required timeframe.



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