

# Stolen Generations Collective Healing Grants 2023

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What does “Collective Healing” mean?**

Healing enables people to address distress, overcome trauma and restore wellbeing. Ways to support healing include reconnecting with culture, strengthening identity, restoring safe and enduring relationships and supporting communities to understand the impact that their experiences have had on their behaviour and create change.

Collective Healing creates spaces and activities for Stolen Generations survivors, their descendants, and communities to come together for healing – just like Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have always done.

This form of healing is community-led, it can be with two people, or a whole community of people. It is the cultural layer of healing that brings people together to share and heal, helping and caring for one another.

It's coming together and healing as today's communities, seeking the restoration of resourcing to do so as needed. It's the means to centre spiritual, emotional, social health and wellbeing. Ensuring First Nations ways of keeping safe and well across community healing efforts is the priority always.

### **What does “Survivor-led” mean?**

Survivor-led means that the organisation is led by the advice, support and strong participation by the Stolen Generations survivors in their community.

This could include:

- ▶ Survivor governance structures such as survivor representation on the organisation's Boards, Reference Groups, and even informal processes of consultation with survivors on behalf of the organisation, and/or
- ▶ Established Relationships with survivors' groups, agencies within the organisation's community, and/or
- ▶ Stolen Generations survivors are assisted to connect with culture and strengthen their cultural identity and pride
- ▶ Organisational activities which focus on highlighting survivors, the support and the participation of survivors or collective healing of survivors in that/their community

### **What does “strengths based” mean?**

A strength-based approach is a way of working that focuses on abilities, knowledge and capacities rather than deficits, or things that are lacking. It recognises that people are resilient and are capable of growth.

## What activities cannot be funded?

- ▶ Projects that do not provide for Stolen Generations survivors and their descendants
- ▶ Any public inquiry of any kind
- ▶ Compensation of any kind
- ▶ Capital works
- ▶ Family reunions including travel to and from
- ▶ Deficits in organisational program funding or loss
- ▶ Funerals and Wakes: including travel to and from, accommodation, contributions
- ▶ Individual memorials: headstones/tombstones (including unveilings), sports sponsorships, corporate sponsorships (including bursaries and scholarships) and donations
- ▶ Personal genealogies: Native Title searches, costs towards individual history searches that aren't a part of organisation obligation
- ▶ International travel

Read the funding Guidelines for a full list of eligible and ineligible activities and criteria.

## Can I apply for more than one grant?

No. The Grants are for up to \$40,000 (excluding GST) but **you can apply for multiple projects in the one funding application**. You must only apply for the funding you require and have scoped the costs required.

It is advised that each separate proposed project be clearly outlined in the application and costed separately; especially if they are different in nature or purpose.

There are no other funding rounds proposed for 2023/24 financial year, so organisations are strongly encouraged to consider all projects (including Apology and Sorry Day events) for which they may require funding support.

## Can Aboriginal Shire Councils or Torres Strait Islands Regional Councils apply for a Collective Healing Grant?

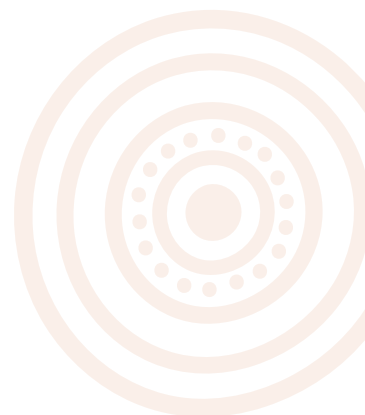
No, as they are considered "*Local Government Councils*".

See the [Australian Local Government Association](#) for facts and figures about Australian local government.

## Do I have to provide a report back to The Healing Foundation on the funded activity?

Yes. You are required to have a 3-month progress check in (online meeting) and submit a final report on the outcomes, impacts and success of your activity to The Healing Foundation, as well as a financial acquittal.

If you require any support in measuring outcomes and impacts during your project, The Healing Foundation can assist you.



## What information do I have to provide to apply?

You will need to submit a Collective Healing Grants Funding Application form (with all sections completed) along with copies of the documents requested, for your application to be considered for assessment. If you have any questions, or require support to complete your application, you can reach out to our Engagement and Delivery team at [funding@healingfoundation.org.au](mailto:funding@healingfoundation.org.au)

## How long will the application and approval process take?

As outlined in the Guide "Timelines". The Timeline is as follows:

- ▶ Applications open: *Tuesday 14th November 2023*
- ▶ Application close: *Tuesday 19th December 2023*
- ▶ Assessment panel: *Mid-January 2024*
- ▶ Successful Applications notified: *Late January 2024*
- ▶ Signed Funding Agreements due: *Mid February 2024*

Successful organisations will have **up to four months to initiate the project** from the time of signing the Funding Agreement. Activities must be completed within 12 months of the funding being released.

## What is the best way to contact The Healing Foundation about the status of my application?

You can email [funding@healingfoundation.org.au](mailto:funding@healingfoundation.org.au) or contact Royden Fagan, Senior Manager Engagement and Delivery on 0447 108 086.

