

Stolen Generations Collective Healing Grants 2023

Guidelines

The Healing Foundation is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation that provides a platform to amplify the voices and lived experiences of Stolen Generations survivors and their families.

We work with communities to create a place of safety, providing an environment for Stolen Generations survivors, and their families to speak for themselves, tell their own stories and be in charge of their own healing.

The *Stolen Generations Collective Healing Grants* are designed to meet the unique healing needs and aspirations of Stolen Generations survivors, with a focus on collective healing.

1. Goals

The aims of the *Stolen Generations Collective Healing Grants* are:

- ▶ Stolen Generations survivors are supported to develop and lead their own solutions to the profound trauma they, their families and community have experienced
- ▶ To provide healing responses that are culturally based, strengths focused, trauma aware and healing informed
- ▶ Stolen Generations survivors are assisted to connect with culture and strengthen their cultural identity and pride
- ▶ To build on current knowledge about the types of projects/responses that contribute to healing Stolen Generation survivors and their descendants
- ▶ To support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander controlled organisations who are delivering services to, and for, Stolen Generations survivors and their descendants focused on collective healing



2. Who is eligible to apply?

Grants are available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled-Organisations (ACCO) responding directly to the needs, concerns and healing of the Stolen Generations survivors, their descendants, and their communities.

The [National Agreement on Closing the Gap](#) sets the definition of an ACCO at Clause 44 which states that:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community control is an act of self-determination. Under this Agreement, an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisation delivers services, including land and resource management that builds the strength and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and people and is:

- a) Incorporated under relevant legislation and not-for-profit
- b) Controlled and operated by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
- c) Connected to the community, or communities, in which they deliver the services
- d) Governed by a majority Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander governing body

3. Who is not eligible to apply?

- ▶ Individuals and consultants
- ▶ Local Government Councils
- ▶ Non-First Nations organisations
- ▶ Organisations who have a current funding arrangement in place with The Healing Foundation that has not been completed
- ▶ Unincorporated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations or groups

4. What amount is available?

Funding can be sought for projects **up to a maximum amount of \$40,000 (excluding GST)**.

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.



5. What can be funded?

Activities that may be delivered under this funding initiative include:

- ▶ Structured workshops, forums, community meetings and events
- ▶ Healing gatherings and camps
- ▶ On country activities and visits to important cultural sites
- ▶ Documenting survivors' individual or group stories through mediums of poetry, song writing, storytelling, art, photography or drama, culminating in production of books, painting or murals, plays, song collections or films
- ▶ Peer support groups and yarnning circles
- ▶ Development of trauma aware, healing informed training programs and resources
- ▶ Activities and events to acknowledge and celebrate important dates including the National Apology and Sorry Day
- ▶ Scoping and planning larger projects, activities/programs or research, including grant application development
- ▶ Community memorials
- ▶ Activities to improve support for redress

Applications may put forward multiple activities up to \$40,000 inclusive e.g., an art workshop plus a separate Sorry Day event, in the one funding application. Each activity/program included in your application must be fully costed.

6. What the funding cannot be used for

The Healing Foundation is **unable to fund**:

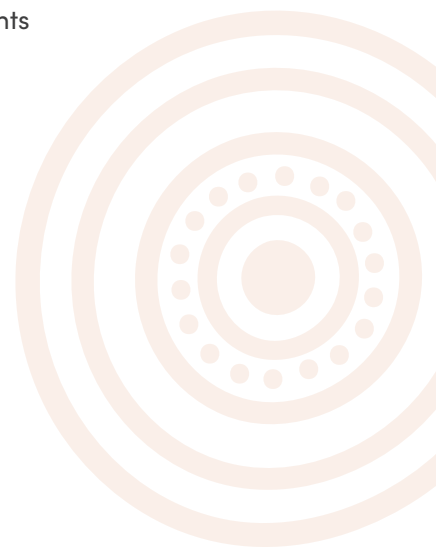
- ▶ Projects that do not provide for Stolen Generations survivors and their descendants
- ▶ Any public inquiry of any kind
- ▶ Compensation of any kind
- ▶ Capital works
- ▶ Funerals/Wakes
- ▶ Individual memorials
- ▶ Personal genealogies
- ▶ Family reunions (including travel to and from)
- ▶ International travel
- ▶ Deficits in organisational program funding or loss
- ▶ Monetary benefit to members of the requesting organisation

7. Application Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria in no particular order.

The project:

1. is survivor-led;
2. provides healing activities or services for Stolen Generations survivors, their families and/ or their communities;
3. is strengths based for survivors and their descendants and/or communities; and
4. demonstrates a sound knowledge of trauma experienced by survivors and their descendants and their healing in providing the proposed services and support to Stolen Generations survivors.



8. Application Requirements

- ▶ All sections of the application are addressed and required attachments provided
- ▶ The proposal aligns with the funding program goals and application criteria
- ▶ Have up-to-date insurances appropriate for the scale of projects/activities funding requested for
- ▶ Comply with relevant workers compensation regulations
- ▶ Have appropriate Working with Vulnerable People Checks, or Working with Children Checks if seeking to work with children

9. Submitting a Funding Application

Organisations should submit their completed Collective Healing Grants Funding Application form, along with any supporting documentation, via email to funding@healingfoundation.org.au

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10. Assessment Process

Following submission of the funding application, an assessment panel will be convened to review the application and make recommendations based on the assessment criteria about awarding of funds.

11. Funding Agreement

Any offer of a grant following the application process is conditional upon the successful applicant entering into a legally binding funding agreement with The Healing Foundation, on terms provided by The Healing Foundation. This includes but is not limited to:

- ▶ Provision of financial information reasonably required to enable The Healing Foundation to meet its reporting and grant acquittal requirements for the Commonwealth Funding. This includes a complete financial acquittal including copies of receipts and supporting documents that cover 95% of the expended funds; and
- ▶ Completion of a 3-month progress check in, final report and acquittal documents.

12. Timeline

- ▶ Applications open: *Tuesday 14 November 2023*
- ▶ Application close: *5pm AEDST, Tuesday 19th December 2023*
- ▶ Assessment panel: *Mid-January 2024*
- ▶ Successful Applications notified: *Late January 2024*
- ▶ Signed Funding Agreements due: *Mid February 2024*

13. Application Support

If you have any questions about the funding program, or require assistance completing your application, please contact Royden Fagan via email at funding@healingfoundation.org.au or on 0447 108 086.