



Stolen Generation Organisations Collective Healing Grants

2025-26 Grants Guidelines

The Healing Foundation's **Stolen Generations Organisations Collective Healing Grants** are designed to support Stolen Generations survivors and their descendants by addressing trauma and healing through culturally safe, community-led initiatives that support collective healing, commemorative activities and capacity building for the Stolen Generations sector.

Funding of up to **\$100,000** (GST exc) per organisation is available through the Collective Healing Grants.

The grants **replace** the previous Collective Healing Grants and Commemorative Activities Grants and **combine** them in one funding stream.

The grants support intergenerational connections, cultural preservation, commemorative celebration and capacity building within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities that are working to support the needs of Stolen Generations survivors, their descendants and families.

The main goal of the grants is to provide funding to Stolen Generations Organisations (SGOs), including Link-Up services, which are *services with demonstrated connections to Stolen Generations survivors and their descendants, proven capacity to deliver services and support to Stolen Generations survivors and demonstrated standing and trust with survivors.*

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.
- 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.

How much funding is available

For each organisation, in general a minimum grant of **\$10,000** (GST exc) and maximum grant of **\$100,000** (GST exc) will be available. Please submit a realistic budget that covers the needs of your project or projects, and we will assess your request considering the funding that is 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.

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

Further information on what the grant funds can be spent on is provided below.

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, SGOs are encouraged to use grants flexibly for survivor-led and survivor-focused projects, activities and initiatives as determined by your unique priorities and goals. Some examples are below.

- **Collective 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**
 - **Governance and Capacity Building to support healing** (initiatives to strengthen the way the organisation works and supports Stolen Generations survivors, scoping and planning larger projects and grants)

- **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.

Important Note:

If you are applying for events, funding is available in ranges:

- the average range for commemorative activities is **\$10,000 - \$20,000** (GST exc)
- the maximum amount for an event is **\$50,000** (GST exc), this would be for a significant Gala event such as an anniversary Gala dinner.

See the *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)* for more guidance on event funding.

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
- Memorials, genealogies and family reunions
- International travel
- Capital works.

How to apply

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

The Healing Foundation is now using the SmartyGrants system which 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.

If you would like a hard copy application form, please contact the Grants Team (Allan and Belinda) who can supply one.

Grants webinar

The Healing Foundation Grants Team is holding two information webinars to answer questions on the application process. To register your interest, email Allan Lake at funding@healingfoundation.org.au or call 0448 845 342.

WEBINAR1

Format: TEAMS

Date: Wed 29 Oct

Time: 3 pm AEST

WEBINAR 2

Format: TEAMS

Date: Wed 5 Nov

Time: 12 pm AEST

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.

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 20 October 2025
Information webinars	29 October 2025 & 5 November 2025
Applications close	Friday 21 November 2025 (5pm AEST)
Applications assessed	Nov – Dec 2025
Budget discussion with THF before signing grant agreement	Late Nov/Dec 2025
Letter of offer	Dec 2025 – January 2026
Grant agreement signed	Dec 2025 – January 2026
Grant payment made	End January 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)
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Important Note:

If you apply for funding for an Apology Day event, we will make your grant agreement a priority and will ask you to invoice us so we can make a payment before mid-January 2025.

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, to continue sharing your powerful stories.

The Healing Foundation is currently working with SGOs on an evaluation of the Collective Healing Grants. As part of this process, we are co-designing with SGOs a CHG Story of Change and outcome reporting. These measures will be included in reporting and evaluation as they become finalised and available.

Key documents

There are key documents that support or relate to your application including a draft grant agreement and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

You can find these key documents on the Healing Foundation website at

<https://healingfoundation.org.au/what-we-do/community-healing-initiatives/collective-healing-grants-2025-26/> 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*

Checklist

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

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