



# Stolen Generation Organisations Collective Healing Grants

## 2025-26 Collective Healing Grants Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### What are the Collective Healing Grants?

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 help sustain the Stolen Generations sector.

### Can I apply for funding?

You can apply for funding if you meet the eligibility criteria set out in the guidelines. If you aren't sure about whether you are eligible, contact The Healing Foundation Grants Team on [funding@healingfoundation.org.au](mailto:funding@healingfoundation.org.au) to discuss your proposal.

### When is funding available?

Applications open on Monday 20 October 2025, closing Friday 21 November 2025. We expect to announce grants by mid December 2025.

Invoices must be received by 30 January 2026.

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

### How much funding is available?

For each organisation, The Healing Foundation will generally award a minimum grant of **\$10,000** (GST exc) and maximum grant of **\$100,000** (GST exc).

The Healing Foundation will allocate funds in consultation with each organisation and based on factors including:

- How much funding is requested
- Organisational size and capacity
- Geographic location and remoteness
- How an organisation has managed previous grants and acquitted funds.

## Why are the two grants being combined?

The Collective Healing Grants and Commemorative Activities Grants are being combined to make the application, delivery and administration process more efficient for SGOs. Rather than applying for and reporting against two grants, we are making the process more streamlined, less administrative so organisations can keep their focus on supporting Stolen Generations survivors.

## What can we use the funding 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 such as the National Apology and Sorry Day)
- **Governance and Capacity Building** for organisations that support healing (initiatives to improve the way the organisation manages its work 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)

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

- the average range for commemorative activities is **\$10,000 - \$20,000** (GST exc) – this is the amount previously provided for commemorative events such as Apology Day and National Sorry Day
- 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.

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.

## We want to apply for an event. How much funding can we apply for?

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The Healing Foundation is able to support major events that are significant for and support the involvement of a large number of Stolen Generations survivors. For these events, the most you can apply for is \$50,000 (GST exc). Your organisation can apply for multiple events up to a total of \$100,000 (GST exc).

**Example 1:** You want to run a gala dinner commemorating your organisation's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary including supporting survivors and descendants to attend **plus** a National Sorry Day event in two locations **plus** a breakfast for Stolen Generations survivors that recognises the anniversary of the National Apology.

You can apply for total funding of up to \$100,000 (GST exc) to cover all events.

**Total funding you can apply for: \$100,000 (GST exc).**

**Example 2:** You want to run a National Sorry Day breakfast **plus** a project on intergenerational healing for Stolen Generations survivors that you support and their descendants.

Your Sorry Day breakfast is budgeted at \$25,000 (GST exc) leaving you up to \$75,000 (GST exc) that you can apply for the intergenerational healing project.

**Total funding you can apply for: \$100,000 (GST exc).**

**Example 3:** You want to run a National Sorry Day breakfast for local survivors and families (total \$30,000) that you have budgeted \$15,000. You want to pay a local videographer \$3,000 to record the event. You are also planning other healing activities for a total of \$32,000.

You can apply for funding of \$18,000 (GST exc) to cover the Sorry Day event.

**Total funding you can apply for: \$50,000 (GST exc).**

## How do we apply for funding?

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

The Healing Foundation uses 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 a hard copy application form, please contact the Grants Team who can supply one, on [funding@healingfoundation.org.au](mailto:funding@healingfoundation.org.au).

## How will my application be assessed?

We will use an Assessment Process that includes senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff from the Healing Foundation with strong knowledge and understanding of Stolen Generations history and contexts, and endorsement through The Healing Foundations Governance and/or Board.

The process will assess your application to confirm its eligibility 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?

## When will we find out about our application?

The key dates for your application and grant agreement are below. Please note these may change. The Healing Foundation will aim to keep you 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)

## When is the webinar?

There are two time slots for the online webinar.

**Format:** TEAMS meeting

**Webinar 1:** Wednesday 29 October, 3pm AEST

**Webinar 2:** Wednesday 5 November, 12pm AEST

**Register** by emailing [funding@healingfoundation.org.au](mailto:funding@healingfoundation.org.au) and we'll send you a link to the TEAMS meeting.

## How do I fill out the milestone table in the online application form?

The purpose of the milestone table is to help you and The Healing Foundation set goals for the overall timeline; progress and final reporting; and financial acquittal. We suggest that you fill out the table using these sections as a guide.

Dates are indicative only and will be negotiable with The Healing Foundation when we work with you to put together grant agreements.

However, because of our head agreement with National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), in this funding round all activities must be completed by 30 September 2026.

The timeline in the milestone table should work towards September 2026 as the final date for project closeout.

If you are delivering multiple projects, please combine all the deliverables in one table.

Milestone stage	Description	Start date	End date
Start of Project	For example, this could be the kick-off meeting, initial planning, confirmation of Stolen Generations survivor engagement		
Phase 1 Delivery	Outline what you are doing in the first stage of activities, for example running events, healing camps, conducting filming. If you are gathering any early feedback from survivors, you could include that here		
Mid-Project Review	This phase will be where THF does a progress report check-in and mid-project budget review. You can outline here if you're evaluating your progress and adjusting plans based on feedback from participants		
Phase 2 Delivery	Outline the next stages of the project, for example any further activities		
Phase 3 Delivery	If there are further stages add them here		
Final Evaluation	Any evaluation you are undertaking, survivors debriefing and gathering metrics and evaluation data		
Final report	Final report and financial acquittal		
Project closeout	End of project/ celebration with survivors		

Please note, The Healing Foundation team is available to support you at any stage of your project

and will use progress check-ins as an opportunity to ensure you are on track or have any need for further support.

## How do I fill out the budget table in the online application form?

Please outline the expected costs of running the project/s including how much grant funding you are requesting. Organisations will generally be funded between \$10,000 (GST exc) and \$100,000 (GST exc), however please outline all expected costs and The Healing Foundation will explore budget options.

Reminder: a maximum of \$50,000 (GST exc) can be spent on any single event and up to \$20,000 on a commemorative activity.

Please use these categories to describe your expenditure. All amounts must be GST exclusive.

Expenditure item	Expenditure description	Expenditure amount (\$ (GST exc))
Contractor costs	For example:  Payment for project coordinators, cultural advisors, and community facilitators, wellbeing support staff  - Please describe briefly what you need for your project. Add extra rows as needed for individual items.	
Cultural Procurement Fees	For example:  Payment for Elders, traditional healers, cultural mentors, and/or knowledge holders  - Please describe briefly what you need for your project. Add extra rows as needed for individual items.	
Materials and Equipment	For example, any supplies, resources, and tools needed for community activities  - Please describe briefly what you need for your project. Add extra rows as needed for individual items.	
Travel Costs	Transport, meals, catering and accommodation.	

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Community Engagement	Hosting yarnning circles, cultural events, and Collective Healing programs  - Please describe briefly what you need for your project. Add extra rows as needed for individual items.	
Other	Other costs including unexpected costs. - Add a new row for each new Expenditure type	
		Total budget up to \$100,000 (GST exclusive)

## Can I talk to someone about my application?

To yarn with someone about your application, contact the Healing Foundation Grants Team on [funding@healingfoundation.org.au](mailto:funding@healingfoundation.org.au). The Grants Team will also be holding information webinars on 29 October and 5 November – to sign up please email or call us.

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