

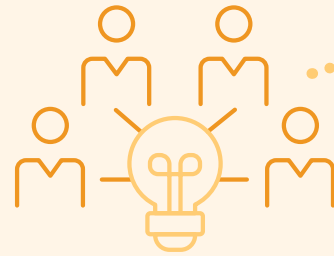
# Community Impact and Innovation Grants **Guidelines**

NTAIC's **Community Impact and Innovation Grants** provide grant funding for medium-scale Aboriginal community-led projects in the NT.

The **objective** of Community Impact and Innovation Grants is to support projects that seek to achieve a **cultural, social and/or economic Impact**, demonstrate an **Innovative** solution, or both, for the benefit of Aboriginal community members.



**Innovation** means demonstrating a fresh way of doing things. It may include listening to community to design solutions or drawing on cultural practice and knowledge and applying it to a situation or challenge. It may also include creating new things or solutions that rely on technology (but doesn't need to be).



**Impact** means the long-term difference or change that your project will make in the NT Aboriginal communities in which it is delivered, such as improving lives, solving problems, advancing knowledge, or creating value. We are focused on social, cultural and/or economic impacts that will benefit Aboriginal Territorians.

## **1** Grant overview

\$10 million in grant funding is available each financial year to support Community Impact and Innovation Grants.

Grants are competitive, which means that your application will be competitively assessed against specific criteria and against other applications received by NTAIC. This process ensures that NTAIC's grant funding delivers the highest potential benefits to Aboriginal Territorians.

### **Community Impact and Innovation Grant:**

You can apply for up to \$1 million, with a minimum of \$300,000 (GST exclusive).

There will be one grant funding round per financial year. See our website for grant round timeframes.

Applications that meet the eligibility criteria will be assessed and you will be notified of the outcome within three months of the grant round closing.

NTAIC encourages applicants to use a Community Impact and Innovation Grant in conjunction with funding and other support from government and other organisations.

## 2 Eligibility criteria

### Who can apply

#### You must be a Traditional Owner organisation or Aboriginal community-controlled organisation that meets all of the following:

- ✓ Incorporated under relevant legislation.
- ✓ Not-for-profit.
- ✓ Based in the NT, unless you are a cross-border Australian entity with operations and cultural links to the NT (by exception only).
- ✓ Controlled by Aboriginal people and operated for the benefit of Aboriginal people.
- ✓ Connected to the community, or communities, whose members will benefit from the grant funding.
- ✓ Governed by a majority-Aboriginal governing body, where at least 51% of the governing body is made up of Aboriginal persons.
- ✓ Have organisational purposes or objectives aimed at progressing the wellbeing of Traditional Owners and/or Aboriginal communities and people.

### What can be funded

#### To be eligible to apply, your project must meet all of the following:

- ✓ Seek to achieve a cultural, social or economic **Impact**, demonstrate an **Innovative** solution, or both, for the benefit of Aboriginal community members (see page 1 for definitions).
- ✓ Be delivered within NT borders.
- ✓ Be seeking grant funding for costs required to complete the project (including project-specific staffing or administration costs).

### What can't be funded

- ✗ Projects that only benefit an individual.
- ✗ Infrastructure if you do not have an existing legal right or permission to install the infrastructure or access the land on which the infrastructure will be built.
- ✗ Vehicles that do not demonstrate a strong link to achieving project outcomes.

**We encourage applications for projects that include co-contributions (funding or other support) from government and other organisations.**

## 3 Before you apply

### You must:

- Gather all supporting documents needed for your application. Here's a [checklist](#).
- Get formal itemised quotes and include with your application.
- Read our [NTAIC Common Grants Guidelines](#), which set out further guidelines and criteria that apply to your application.

## 4 How NTAIC will assess your application

Key assessment criteria that we will assess your application on are:

### 1. Opportunity and outcomes:

- Evidence of Aboriginal community need for the project.
- Strength of the **Impact** or **Innovation** the project will deliver (see page 1 for definitions).
- Strength of the link between your project activities and proposed **Impact** or **Innovation** (see page 1 for definitions).
- Aboriginal business opportunities that your project will create.
- Aboriginal employment opportunities that your project will create.

### 2. Project design:

- Does your project have a clear and achievable plan for delivery?
- Were Aboriginal community members engaged in the project planning?

### 3. Value for money:

- Is the project good value for money considering the:
  - Cost,
  - Quality,
  - Purpose,
  - Intended outcomes, and
  - Overall community benefit?

### 4. Capability:

- Have you effectively demonstrated your ability to manage, deliver, monitor and report back on the project?
- Does your organisation demonstrate good governance and operations?
- Does your project team have skills to deliver the project and experience with similar projects or activities? If yes, how did you perform?
- Are Aboriginal community members involved in governance of the project?

### 5. Financial Health:

- Does your organisation demonstrate the ability to maintain sound financial performance and position over the long-term to ensure project outcomes are sustained?

### 6. Other Funding:

- Have you demonstrated efforts to secure funding from other sources for the project?

For further guidelines and criteria, including details on the application process, see NTAIC's Common Grants Guidelines.