

NSW Social Cohesion Grants for Local Government Round 5 - Application Form

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About the grant

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Instructions for Applicants

Before completing this application form, you should have read the program guidelines.

Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Application Number

This field is read only.

Program Details

Dear applicants,

Thank you for your interest in participating in round five of the NSW Social Cohesion Grants for Local Government.

Applications are now open. You will have until 11.59pm, 22 April 2026 to apply.

Please note that we are unable to consider incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date.

Background

Local governments know and understand their communities, helping to deliver economic, environmental, and social outcomes that impact social cohesion.

Local governments are therefore well placed to design and implement initiatives that build stronger, more resilient, and more cohesive communities.

For this reason, in 2022 the NSW Government announced the NSW Social Cohesion Grants for Local Government program.

Since the inception of this grants program, the NSW Government has facilitated four rounds of grants, providing funding support to a range of local governments across the state. The Premier's Department (the Department) is now pleased to announce a fifth round of funding.

Please forward any inquiries regarding the grant to **connectedcommunities@premiersdepartment.nsw.gov.au**

Purpose and Objective

The overarching purpose of this grants program is to build stronger, more resilient, and more cohesive communities to reduce racism and intersectional experiences of discrimination.

In this round, the Department is seeking applications for funding which seek to uplift local government capacity to address racism and intersectional experiences of discrimination

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and inform the development of the grantee's tailored Anti-Racism Strategy (or related strategies)

It is our vision that, by supporting local governments through the NSW Social Cohesion Grants for Local Government:

- Connection and belonging within local communities will be strengthened
- Connection and belonging between local communities will be strengthened
- Connection and trust between local communities and institutions will be strengthened
- Local government will have enhanced capability to design, implement and evaluate social cohesion initiatives.

Grant Program Name

This field is read only.

The program this submission is in.

Disclaimer

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project, and the Department expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion;
- it must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this application and the Department does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected; and
- it has read the Funding [Guidelines](#) for the Program and has fully informed itself of the relevant program requirements.

Use of Information

By submitting this application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- if this project application is successful, the relevant details of the project will be made public, including details such as the names of the organisation (Applicant) and any partnering organisation (state government agency or non-government organisation), project title, project description, location, anticipated time for completion and amount awarded;
- the Department will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in-confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act); and
- in some circumstances the Department may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

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Privacy Notice

By submitting this Application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- the Department is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by the Department in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy (available at: <https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/privacy>);
- the information it provides to the Department in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act;
- it has taken steps to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that the Department and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal information, and has been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

Eligibility Confirmation

Please declare this application meets the Program eligibility criteria:

- It has been prepared by and is being submitted by an eligible applicant
- Applicants represents a NSW Local Government (operating under the Local Government Act 1993)
- Projects can commence within **3 months** and be completed within **12 months** of the funding deed commencing
- Applicants will notify the Department if grant funding is secured from another source
- The application is not for an existing project or funded from council or other sources.
- The application identifies and address one or more of the program outcomes, from the NSW Social Cohesion Grants for Local Government Program logic (see section 1.2 of the [Guidelines](#))

I confirm that the applicant and project is eligible according to the criteria outlined in the Program Guidelines *

Yes

Applicant Details

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Organisation Details

Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

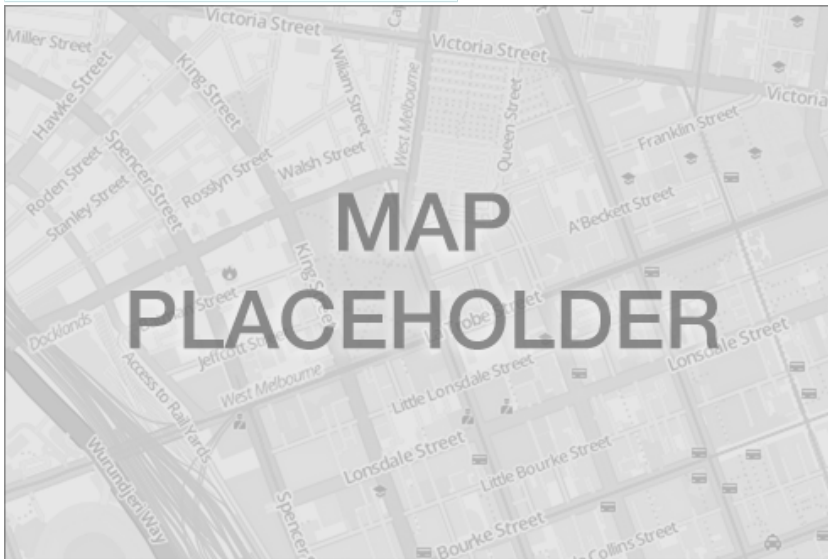
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For organisations: please use the organisations full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Applicant Primary Address

Address



Applicant Postal Address

Address

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Applicant Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Website

Must be a URL.

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Primary Contact Details

Primary Contact *

Title First Name Last Name

This is the person we will correspond with about this grant.

Primary Contact Position *

e.g., Manager, Board Member or Fundraising Coordinator.

Primary Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Email *

This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

Does the applicant have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? *

Yes No

Applicant ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

| Information from the Australian Business Register | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| ABN | |
| Entity name | |
| ABN status | |
| Entity type | |
| Goods & Services Tax (GST) | |
| DGR Endorsed | |
| ATO Charity Type | More information |
| ACNC Registration | |
| Tax Concessions | |

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Main business location

Must be an ABN.

Organisation Details

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Applicant Organisation Details

Does the applicant organisation have at least \$20 million in public liability insurance, or is willing to obtain \$20 million in public liability insurance? *

- Yes
 No, but willing to obtain

Applicants are required to hold at least \$20 million public liability insurance in order to enter into a funding deed with the NSW Government.

Please provide evidence that the applicant organisation holds Public Liability Insurance. *

Attach a file:

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Project Details

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Title *

Word count:

Must be no more than 25 words.

Provide a name for your initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive.

Brief description *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

Include a brief summary of who will benefit from this initiative, what activities you will do and what outcomes you expect from your activities.

Anticipated start date *

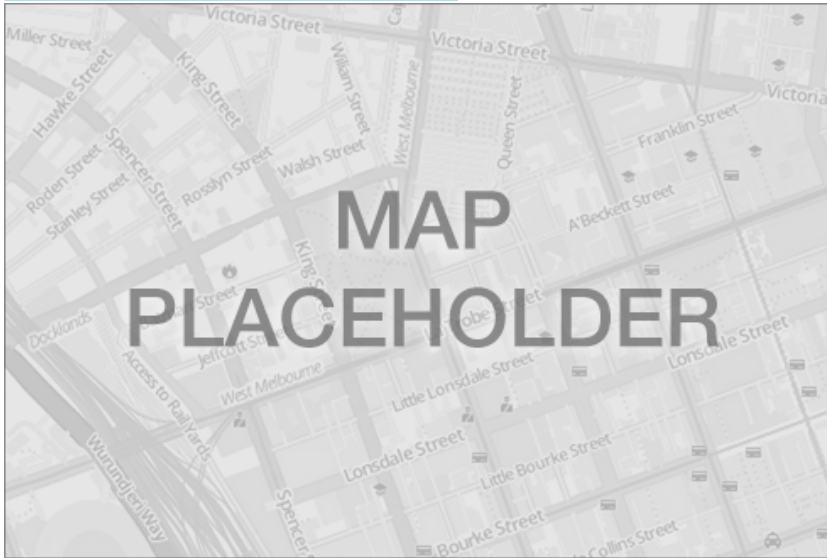
Anticipated end date *

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Primary location of your initiative

Address



Any, but at least one field is required. Country must be Australia
Primary location does not need to be a specific address, and can be postcode, suburb, state (NSW), etc
If delivered online, please specify the area of focus for delivery.

Project Focus

What are the primary areas of focus for this project/program? *

You may select up to five items. You can select items from any area of the list – all have equal value. Only select sub-categories if you want to be more specific. In this question we want to know about the field of work (e.g. arts, sport, health), rather than the types of people it will affect (e.g. young people, refugees).

Who are the expected primary beneficiaries of this project/program? *

Please choose only the group/s that are at the very core of this project/program. If your initiative is open to everyone, choose the first item, Universal – no particularly targeted beneficiaries

How is this project aligned with the purpose and objective of addressing racism and intersectional experiences of discrimination *

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Must be no more than 200 words.

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Explain why your initiative is needed, and why you believe the project you propose will respond to social cohesion challenges.

Project Milestones and Key Deliverables

Please detail the administrative stages or activities expected to be completed as part of the project.

| Milestone and Deliverables | Expected start date | Expected end date | Explanatory notes |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Please provide detail for one Milestone per row. e.g., Planning; recruitment; evaluation. Add more rows if you want to list additional milestones. Please include detail of all Deliverables that are part of the Milestone. | Must be a date. | Must be a date. | Add notes if you need to provide more context or details on how local services/businesses may be engaged for a deliverable. |
| | | | |

Risks and Dependencies

Please detail any risks or uncertainties in the delivery of the project, and how each of these will be managed.

Please include only one risk or dependency per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional risks or dependencies.

| Risk or dependency description | How the risk or dependency will be managed |
|--|--|
| For example, you may require approval, have stretched resources, or time constraints for delivery. | You should provide an explanation of how you will prevent or treat the risk or dependency. |
| | |

Outcomes, learnings and evaluations

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Outcomes

Please tell us about the outcomes you expect to result from your project. Outcomes are the changes you expect to occur for the beneficiaries (direct, indirect and/or intermediaries) of your project. Generally, outcomes can be framed as an increase or decrease in one or more of the following:

- Skills, knowledge, confidence, aspiration, motivation (these are generally immediate or short-term outcomes)
- Actions, behaviour, change in policy (these are generally intermediate or medium-term outcomes)

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- Social, financial, environmental, physical conditions (these are generally long-term outcomes)

Proposed projects must align to the NSW Social Cohesion Grants for Local Government Program Logic (Section 1.2 of the [grant guideline](#), marked with red numbers).

Applicants must respond to at least one anticipated outcome of;

- connectedness within communities (9)
- connectedness between communities (10)
- or connectedness between communities and institutions (11)
- *Additional outcomes from the NSW Social Cohesion Grants for Local Government Program Logic will also be considered*

Your outcomes

How does your intended outcome link to the Program outcomes?

Explanatory notes

| Your outcomes | How does your intended outcome link to the Program outcomes? | Explanatory notes |
|---|--|-------------------|
| What changes do you expect will occur as a result of your project (e.g. Enhanced physical fitness)? Please be brief. One per row. | Please explain how your intended outcome helps contribute to the Program Outcomes. | |
| | | |

Evaluation, Learnings and Program Logic

How does the project demonstrate commitment to program evaluation. Please tell us about how you expect to measure the success of your project and the methods you may use to approach this. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

How will learnings and techniques be taken from this project and be utilised for your local government or local government area? *

Word count:

Please upload a supporting program logic *

Attach a file:

Applicant program logics will be assessed based on the size and complexity of the project. i.e. small scale projects are not expected to be supported by elaborate program logics.

Budget

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Total Project Cost *

What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?

Total Amount Requested *

What is the total financial support you are requesting under this grant?

Applicant In-kind Contribution

Please detail any in-kind contributions the applicant will be making to the project.

How does this project represent value for money? *

Word count:

Max 200 words. Applicants may also consider social, environmental and cultural value and opportunities.

Expenditure

Please include all expenditure items (including the amount requested and any GST attracted) that you are seeking to fund under the grant.

Please note, these items must be eligible under the grant as according to the guidelines.

| Expenditure description | Expenditure type | Expenditure amount (ex. GST) | Expenditure GST | Expenditure amount (inc. GST) | Notes |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------|
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------|

| Expenditure description | Expenditure type | Expenditure amount (ex. GST) | Expenditure GST | Expenditure amount (inc. GST) | Notes |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| | | Must be a dollar amount. | Must be a dollar amount. | This number/amount is calculated. | |

Where relevant, please attach quotes for those expenditure (cost) items where external resources are procured.

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Payment and Supporting Documents

* indicates a required field

Bank Details

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Applicant Bank Account *

Account Name

BSB Number

Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

Upload any supporting documents

Attach a file:

Declaration and Authorisation

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Declaration

The Applicant represents and warrants that this application has been submitted by an authorised representative of the Applicant (e.g. CEO, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager, Director, Chair of the Board, President, authorised manager etc).

Where this Application is submitted in the course of employment by a representative of any kind (e.g. authorised representative or agent) of the Applicant, you: (i) acknowledge and agree that the Applicant is deemed to be jointly and separately bound by this application; and (ii) represent and warrant that you have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant as contemplated by this provision.

By submitting this application form I hereby declare that:

- I agree for my project to be automatically considered in other NSW funding programs;
- I have read and understood each of the acknowledgements, agreements, representations and warranties provided above, and that each of these are true and correct;
- All information provided including the responses to each question in the relevant sections of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
- Any information contained in this application may be disclosed to other Government agencies, staff administering the program, and to external stakeholders (including consultants, lawyers and other advisers) as part of the assessment of this application;
- I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of, and have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant;
- I understand that any false declaration may render this application ineligible/invalid; and
- All relevant conflicts of interest have been declared

Authorisation

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I agree *

Yes

Name of authorised person *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

Position *

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

How did you find the online application process?

Very easy

Easy

Neutral

Difficult

Very difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?

Estimate in minutes i.e. 1 hour 60

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider.

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