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About the Grant Program

Instructions for Applicants

Please complete this form to submit an application for funding under the ACCOs GROW Grant Program. Before starting the application please read the [Grant Program Guidelines](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions FAQs](#) to ensure all requirements are clear.

Please Note:

- Eligibility and submission of an application does not guarantee funding.
- This grant is one-off funding with a fixed 12 months term ending 30 June 2027.
- Grant funding must be spent within 12 months of an executed Grant Funding Agreement.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit a Final Report and Acquittal in SmartyGrants no later than 30 days after your project end date.
- The cost of preparing an application is the responsibility of the applicant.
- All projects must be located within NSW and must be delivered in full within 12 months.
- Your organisation must be based in NSW and maintain current and adequate Public Liability insurance (minimum \$10 million) per claim or be willing to purchase it.
- Submissions close on **19th March 2026 at 4pm.**
- **Applications that are incomplete or received after the closing date will not be considered. Once an application is submitted, your form cannot be varied.**

Support available:

If you need support or have any questions about the grant program, please contact the Aboriginal Sector Engagement and Pathways Team at: aboriginalsectorengagementpathways@dcj.nsw.gov.au

Application Number

This field is read only.

Grant Program Details

The NSW Government is investing up to \$1 million (excl GST) to:

- encourage sustainable growth of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs), particularly those supporting children and their families.
- fund organisational capability building activities that empower ACCOs to grow sustainably.
- support small and/or emerging ACCOs. Please note, the grant is not for the establishment of new ACCOs.

The initiative responds to feedback from the sector and contributes to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap Priority Reform 2 by increasing support for building the Aboriginal community-controlled sector.

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Disclaimer

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project, and the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) 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 DCJ does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected; and
- it has read the [Grant Program Guidelines](#) 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;
- DCJ 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 DCJ 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.

Privacy Notice

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

- DCJ 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 DCJ in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy (available at: <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/statements/privacy/privacy-policy.html>);
- the information it provides to DCJ 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

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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 DCJ 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.

Applicant's Eligibility

* indicates a required field

To be eligible to apply for the grant program you **must be**:

- a not-for-profit Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (**ACCO**) in NSW as set out in Clause 44 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. 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:- incorporated under relevant legislation and not-for-profit- controlled and operated by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people- connected to the community, or communities, in which they deliver the services- governed by a majority Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander governing body.

Please see the link for further information on how DCJ defines and works with [Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations](#).

- delivering or wanting to deliver programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families in NSW.
- have an Australian Business Number and be registered for GST.

A non-aboriginal organisation, even if they are working in partnership with an Aboriginal organisation, cannot apply.

Is your organisation an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisation (ACCO), per the definition above? *

- Yes No

Is your organisation based in NSW, and will the project be carried out in NSW? *

- Yes No

Does your organisation currently deliver or want to deliver programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families? *

- Yes No

What is your organisation's legal structure?

Select which type of eligible applicant are you? *

- Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of NSW (AH&MRC)
 Incorporated registered and approved as a not-for-profit body by NSW Fair Trading

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- Incorporated organisations that are registered and approved as not-for-profit bodies by NSW Fair Trading
- Indigenous Corporations (must be registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations)
- NSW Local Aboriginal Land Councils
- Not-for profit companies limited by guarantee, registered in NSW (must have ACNC registration and/or DGR status)
- National Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO)

Evidence of Legal Structure

Evidence that the Applicant organisation is a "not-for-profit" body and an ACCO. This may include a registration certificate from: • NSW Fair Trading • Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC) • the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) • Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of NSW • National Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) • Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) • Supply Nation • NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce

And your organisation's Constitution Articles or Memorandum to demonstrate the organisation is over 50% controlled, operated and governed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Please attach evidence of the Applicant organisation legal structure selected above: *

Attach a file:

Please note: Incorporated organisations and associations should upload a copy of their certificate of incorporation from NSW Fair Trading. Not-for-profit companies should upload a copy of their ACNC certificate or certification of DGR status. Indigenous Corporations should attach a copy of their registration certificate from the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC)

Please upload your Organisation's Constitution - evidence it is over 50% controlled, operated and governed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. *

Attach a file:

Insurance

Grant recipients must maintain current and adequate insurance appropriate to the activities/ services funded under this grant to cover any liability of the grant recipient that might arise in connection with the performance of its obligations under a Grant Funding Agreement. This must include a minimum of \$10 million Public Liability Insurance or a willingness to purchase it.

Does the applicant organisation have at least \$10 million in public liability insurance, or is willing to obtain \$10 million in public liability insurance? *

- Yes
- No, but willing to obtain

Applicants are required to hold at least \$10 million public liability insurance in order to enter into a grant funding agreement with DCJ. If you are successful you will be required to provide a copy of the certificate of currency.

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Evidence of Insurance

Please provide a certificate of currency that fulfils the following criteria:

- Currently valid
- Issued to, or confirms coverage for the applicant organisation
- Covers “Public Liability” for at least **\$10,000,000**

Please upload a current and valid copy of your Public Liability Insurance *

Attach a file:

HINT: PLI must be a minimum value of \$10,000,000

Eligibility Confirmation

Please declare this application meets the eligibility criteria as listed above, as well as the additional mandatory criteria below:

- I have read and understand the **Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) Governance, Resilience, Opportunities and Workforce (GROW) Grant Program Guidelines** and the **FAQs**.
- Proposed project aligns with the objectives of the program that are included in the Grant Program Guidelines.
- Proposed project will be located in NSW.
- Project will be completed by 30 June 2027.
- If successful, the applicant organisation can maintain adequate and current insurance cover as appropriate. This may include, but not limited to Workers Compensation Insurance, Professional Indemnity Insurance, Personal Accident Insurance, and a **minimum of \$10 million Public Liability Insurance**.
- Applicant organisation does not have a Redress Obligation under the [NSW National Redress Scheme](#).
- Applicant organisation does not have any outstanding acquittals with DCJ.

I confirm that I have read and understand the Grant Program Guidelines and the information above and I can confirm this grant submission meets the requirements for the ACCOs GROW Grant Program: *

Yes

Not eligible

Based on the responses you have provided above you are not eligible to apply for this grant.

If you have further queries please email Aboriginal Sector Engagement and Pathways Team at: aboriginalsectorengagementpathways@dcj.nsw.gov.au

Organisation Details

* indicates a required field

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DCJ will only provide a grant to a single organisation. Organisations can work together through one lead organisation using subcontracting arrangements between them. For more information about subcontracting please refer to the [DCJ Subcontracting policy](#). All partnering organisation must meet the eligibility criteria.

Note: A non-Aboriginal organisation, even if they are working in partnership with an Aboriginal organisation, cannot apply.

Which of the following applies? *

- The Applicant organisation is applying as a single organisation.
- The Applicant organisation is applying in partnership with other ACCO(s).

Organisation Details

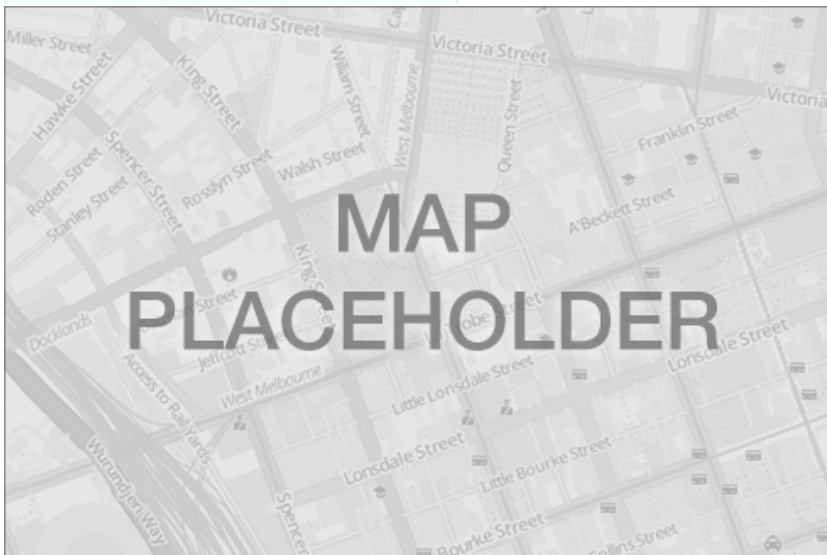
Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Primary Address

Address



Postal Address

Address

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Primary Phone Number *

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

Other Phone Number

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

Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Website

Must be a URL.

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

Yes No

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	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

About your organisation

Please outline the purpose of your organisation and the programs you operate, particularly those supporting children and families *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

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 *

Must be an email address.

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

Applicant Bank Details

Applicant Bank Account *

Account Name

BSB Number Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

Please provide a recent bank statement of the account you would use to receive the grant funding if you are successful. *

Attach a file:

You do not have to show transaction details, however, the statement must:

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- Be for an account in the name of the applicant organisation
- Clearly show the BSB, account number and name of the account holder
- Be a statement on financial institution letterhead
- Not be an online transaction list

Finance Contact

Should your application be successful, this person may be contacted by our payments team to confirm payment of your grant.

Finance Contact *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Authorised Signatories

- The Authorised Organisation Contact will receive formal correspondence from DCJ and will be the organisation's **authorised delegated contact and sign the Grant Funding Agreement**.
- Grant Funding Agreements can only be signed by authorised officers of your organisation. This may be a member of the executive/committee as deemed under the Articles of Association or Constitution for a not-for-profit organisation, or the General Manager or delegated officer if you are a council.
- DCJ will add your contact details to the Payment and Contracting system. **Please note that each email address must be unique and cannot be associated with more than one individual.**
- It is your responsibility to update DCJ of any contact detail changes during the delivery of the project.

Note: More information on [DCJ authorised signatories](#) is available on our [website](#). The 2 authorised signatories have delegated authority to sign on behalf of the organisation and should be the General Manager, CEO or Executive Officer, President, Organisation Board or Committee of Management Chair. It is your responsibility to update DCJ of any contact details change during the delivery of the project.

Applicant First Authorised Signatory *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

First Authorised Signatory Position *

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First Authorised Signatory Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

First Authorised Signatory Email *

Must be an email address.

Must be a unique and individual email address to the person not the organisation. Please do not include a generic or mailbox address.

Applicant Second Authorised Signatory

Second Authorised Signatory *

Title First Name Last Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Second Authorised Signatory Position *

Second Authorised Signatory Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Second Authorised Signatory Email *

Must be an email address.

Must be a unique and individual email address to the person not the organisation. Please do not include a generic or mailbox address.

Details of Partnering organisation

Name of Partnership organisation *

Organisation Name

Address of Partnership organisation

Address

Primary Contact Person at Partnership organisation *

Title First Name Last Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Contact Person - Position at Partnership organisation *

HINT: For example, Manager, CEO

Contact Person - Phone Number at Partnership organisation *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Contact Person - Email Address at Partnership organisation *

Must be an email address.

Must be a unique and individual email address to the person not the organisation. Please do not include a generic or mailbox address.

Partnership organisation's 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	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

Please attach a valid and current letter of arrangement from the partnership organisation *

Attach a file:

Letter must be signed by an appropriately authorised person (e.g. manager, CEO, Board Chair) and must include, name, position, signature and date.

Confirm that you are aware of the Department's procedures on subcontracting, and that you have policies and procedures in place, and adhere to them, on the selection and evaluation of subcontractors. *

Yes

No

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* indicates a required field

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 *

Include an outline on how you plan to use the grant. Please refer to the FAQs for a list of examples of projects and activities that can be supported by the grant.

Anticipated start date *

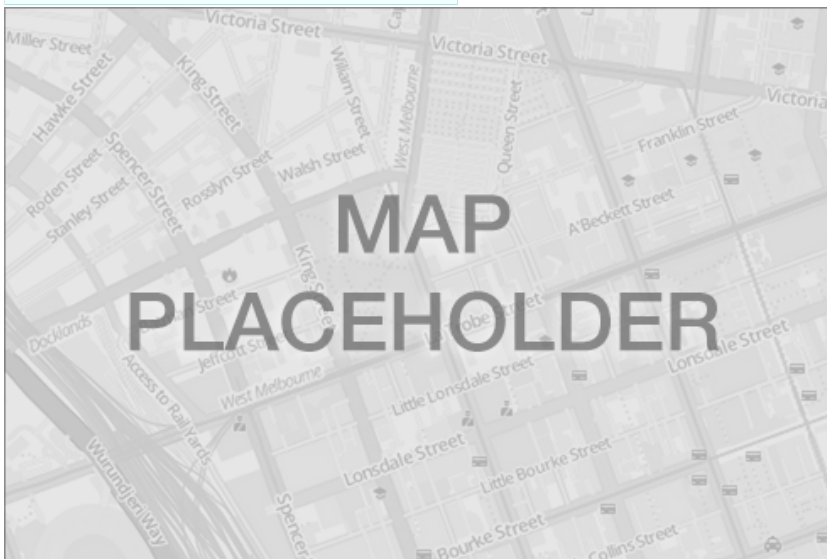
Must be a date and no earlier than 1/7/2026.

Anticipated end date *

Must be a date and no later than 30/6/2027.

Primary location of your initiative

Address



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.

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Project planning

- All successful projects must start on **1 July 2026** and end no later than **30 June 2027**.
- Please list here key activities/milestones for your project.

You can answer this question in the activity table provided or upload a document.

Please choose one option: *

- Complete the activity table
- Upload a project plan / milestones table

Activity Table

Click 'Add More' at the bottom of the table to add additional rows if required.

Activity	Anticipated start date	Anticipated end date
One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional activities. Must be no more than 25 words.	Must be a date and no earlier than 1/7/2026.	Must be a date and no later than 30/6/2027.

Upload Document

Please upload your project plan /milestones document *

Attach a file:

Assessment Criteria

* indicates a required field

All eligible applications must meet the following assessment criteria to be considered for funding:

1. Relevance:

- The proposed activity/ies clearly align with the objectives of the grant program.
- The applicant has a plan for how outcomes will be measured, and learnings will be applied beyond the grant period.

2. Impact:

- The proposed activity/ies deliver positive results and strengthen the ACCO's capacity to deliver services that benefit Aboriginal children and their families in NSW.
- The applicant has appropriate community relationships and capability to engage with community in a culturally respectful manner.

3. Implementation:

- The applicant has the necessary experience and resources to complete the project on time and within budget, ensuring good participation and value for money.

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- The budget is clear, reasonable and realistic, and proportionate to expected outcomes.

4. Prioritisation:

- Priority will be given to small and/or emerging ACCOs, including those looking to expand into other child and family program areas. This will be considered based on responses in your application form.
- Applications may also be prioritised geographically to support an equitable spread of funds and projects across NSW.

Criteria 1 - Relevance

C1 - How does your proposed activity align with the objectives of this grant program as outlined in the section 2.1.2 of the Grant Program Guidelines? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

C1a - What is your plan for measuring outcomes and applying the learnings beyond the grant period? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Criteria 2 - Impact

C2 - How will your proposed activity deliver positive results and strengthen your ACCO's capacity to provide services that benefit Aboriginal children and their families in NSW? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

C2a What existing community relationships and strategies will you use to engage with Aboriginal communities in a culturally respectful way? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Criteria 3 - Implementation

C3 - What previous experience, resources, and strategies will you use to complete the project on time within budget, and meet the expected outcomes of the project? *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Criteria 4 - Prioritisation

C4 - Describe how this project will support the growth of your ACCO's capacity and, where relevant, enable expansion into new child and family program areas. Please outline your organisation's current scale and growth stage to contextualise the expected impact. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

C4a Where will your project be delivered, and how will this location help ensure Aboriginal children and families in NSW have fair access to services? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Project Budget

* indicates a required field

Funding Category selection

A one-off funding for 12 months. The total funding allocated to this program is \$1M over 12 months. Grant funding must be spent by 30 June 2027.

There will be two funding categories available to apply for:

- **Category 1: grants amounts from \$3,000 up to \$15,000**
- **Category 2: grants amounts from \$15,001 up to \$50,000**

DCJ may offer successful applicants a lower amount than requested.

Please select from the dropdown list which grant category you are applying for? *

Total Amount Requested

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Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents) and between 3000 and 50000.

Enter the total financial support you are requesting under this grant. Note: funding amount excludes GST

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Grant Funding Exclusions

Organisations must use the grant funds, including any interest earned, for the purposes of the grant.

Items or activities that funding cannot be used for include:

- Any activity of a commercial nature that is for profit
- Existing debt or budget deficits
- Capital works, including building work
- Permanent salaries/wages (costs for temporary tutors/instructors for your program or activity can be included)
- Permanent equipment purchases (unless considered Minor Equipment <\$5,000)
- Purchase of vehicles
- Business as usual costs or general operating expenses
- Programs and activities coordinated by NSW Government Departments and Statutory Authorities
- The same project twice. For example, two different organisations cannot apply for funds for the same program or activity.

Please confirm that you will not spend grant funding on the above excluded items. *

Yes

Applicant's Budget (Grant Funding):

- Please include all expenditure items that you are seeking to fund under the grant.
- Note, these items must be eligible under the grant according to the guidelines.

Description	Amount Budgeted (ex. GST)
List the items you will pay for using grant funding	Must be a dollar amount.

Total Grant Program funded expenses *

This number/amount is calculated.

This figure must match the Total Amount Requested (above).

Proposed Expenditure Total

- **To have an equal budget the number below must equal "0"**
- The total amount requested MUST match your total amount expenditure.

Total Amount Requested minus Total Expenditure *

This number/amount is calculated.

To have an equal budget the number must equal "0"

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Declaration and Authorisation

* indicates a required field

Declaration

Below you are asked for the details of the person who can provide 'Authorisation' of your application.

As an authorised signatory you agree to the following statements:

- I certify that the information in this application is true and correct.
- I declare that I have the appropriate authority to submit this application on behalf of my organisation.
- I acknowledge that this is one-off grant funding.
- I agree that if successful, details about the outcomes may be used by NSW Department of Communities and Justice for informative and evaluation purposes.

***Please tick the 'check box' below if you agree to these statements**

Registered Name of Organisation *

Authorisation

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

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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.

Submission

- **Once you have submitted your application, no further editing or uploading of support materials is possible.**

You will not be able to submit your application until all the compulsory questions are completed. When you submit your application, you will receive an automated confirmation email with a copy of your submitted application attached. This will be sent to the email you supplied under Organisation's Details.

If you do not receive a confirmation of submission email then your application has **NOT** been submitted. Please email Grant Design and Support at grantdesignandsupport@dcj.nsw.gov.au, please quote your Application ID in all correspondence.

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