

NSW Seniors Festival Application Form 2027

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NSW Seniors Festival Grant application form

The NSW Seniors Festival Grant Program 2027 provides \$200,000 in funding for community events and activities during the two-week festival period in March, which enables older community members to remain active, healthy and engaged.

Every year the festival provides hundreds of free and discounted programs and activities, with the grant program aiming for the best use and a broad distribution of funds to maximise the benefit for seniors across NSW.

There are two funding categories that can be applied for:

- **CATEGORY 1:** \$2,000 to \$5,000: open to all eligible applicants to host local community programs and activities
- **CATEGORY 2:** \$5,001 to \$10,000: open only to applications from local governments to host large-scale community and regional programs and activities

Seniors Festival Grant instructions for applicants.

Before completing this application form, you should have read the [NSW Seniors Festival 2027 Grant Program Guidelines](#)

Please Note:

- Eligibility and submission of an application does not guarantee funding.
- This grant is one-off funding
- The festival is proposed to run from, **Monday, 1 March to Sunday, 14 March 2027**
- Applications open on **Wednesday, 8 July 2026 and close at 4pm on Wednesday, 12 August 2026**
- Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Support available:

If you require any assistance or have any queries relating to this grant, please contact via email nswseniorsfestival@dcj.nsw.gov.au

Please ensure to quote your Application ID (in the text box below) for all correspondence with DCJ.

Application Number

This field is read only.

Program objectives and outcomes

The grant program encourages seniors in NSW to enjoy new experiences, continue learning, stay active and connected to their communities through:

- supporting a broad range of local community organisations

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- supporting programs and activities in rural and regional NSW
- fostering partnerships with community groups and services
- providing programs and activities for diverse communities in NSW
- supporting projects that empower older people to stay connected
- assisting organisations to increase capacity of current programs and activities

Applications can be for any size of number of activities to be held from **Monday 1 March to Sunday 14 March 2027.**

The NSW Seniors Festival Grant program aims for the best use and a broad distribution of funds to maximise the benefit for seniors in NSW.

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 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 the DCJ 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 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 the 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.

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Privacy Notice

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

- the 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 the DCJ in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the [Privacy Act and its privacy policy](#).
- the information it provides to the 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 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 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.

Organisation details

* indicates a required field

Applicant Details

Applicant *

☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

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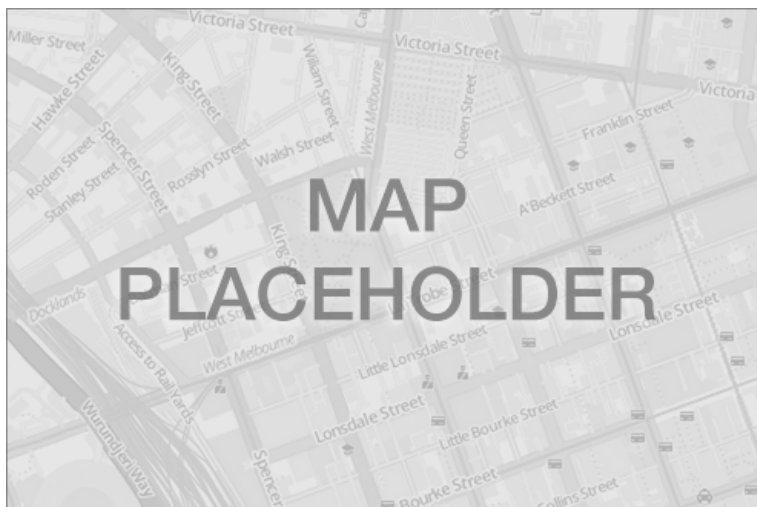
Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Primary Address

Address

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Postal Address

Address

Primary Phone Number *

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Must be an Australian phone number.

Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Other Phone Number

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Must be an Australian phone number.

Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Email Address *

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Must be an email address.

Website

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Must be a URL.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisations

The Department of Communities and Justice is committed to funding [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisations \(ACCO\)](#).

For the purpose of this grant, an ACCO delivers services that build the strength and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and people, and is:

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- 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; and
- governed by a majority Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander governing body.

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

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

PLEASE NOTE: If you are a NSW Local Aboriginal Land Council or you are registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) you are automatically considered an ACCO. If you are not a NSW Local Aboriginal Land Council or you are not registered with ORIC, you may be required to provide evidence under each of the four categories listed above during the assessment process.

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.

Legal status of your organisation

- ☐ Incorporated Non-Government registered and approved as Not for Profit by NSW Fair Trading
- ☐ NSW Local Council operating under the Local Government Act 1993
- ☐ Section 355 of Local Council
- ☐ Registered Association under an Act of Parliament
- ☐ Registered Co-operative under an Act of Parliament
- ☐ Not for Profit Company Limited by Guarantee, registered in NSW (must have ACNC registration and/or DGR status)
- ☐ NSW Local Aboriginal Councils
- ☐ Religious Organisations operating in NSW
- ☐ NSW non-government organisations established under an Act of Parliament
- ☐ Other:

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If your organisation is not on the list, please refer to the Guidelines as you may NOT be eligible.

Organisation ACN or AIN *

Enter Organisation ACN (Australian Company Number) or AIN (Association Incorporation Number) if ABN not there.

Primary Contact Details

Primary Contact *

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.

Eligibility

* indicates a required field

Please detail the primary activities or purpose of your organisation. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

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Mandatory eligibility

Does your organisation have any outstanding acquittals due to the Department of Communities and Justice? *

- ☐ Yes - you may be deemed ineligible for this grant program
☐ No

PLEASE NOTE: If your organisation has any outstanding acquittals due to the Department of Communities and Justice you may not be eligible for this grant program. Please complete any outstanding acquittals prior to submitting your application.

Please confirm that your organisation has not been publicly identified as declining to join the NSW National Redress Scheme OR failing to join the scheme at the expiry of six months after being notified to join the Scheme. *

- ☐ Yes, I confirm
☐ No, I cannot confirm (You may be deemed ineligible for this grant)

PLEASE NOTE: For more information on the NSW Government Redress Scheme Sanctions Policy, visit <https://arp.nsw.gov.au/c2021-13-nsw-government-redress-scheme-sanctions-policy/>

Does your organisation have at least \$10 million in public liability insurance? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicants are required to hold at least \$10 million public liability insurance in order to enter into a grant funding agreement with NSW Government.

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

Applicants are required to meet the program eligibility criteria:

Please declare this application meets the program eligibility criteria:

- Projects must be open to people in NSW aged 60+, 50+ for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as well as people with a life-long disability.
- The proposed project must be *free or heavily discounted* for the target audience.
- Project must be located within NSW and conducted between **Monday, 1 March - Sunday 14 March 2027**.
- Applicant must have appropriate and current Public Liability insurance minimum of \$10 million.
- Applicant must address the NSW National Redress Scheme sanctions.
- Applications will not be accepted from an organisation that has outstanding acquittal/s with the DCJ.

I confirm that the applicant (your organisation) and project is eligible according to the criteria outlined in the Program Guidelines? *

- ☐ Yes

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Project details

* indicates a required field

Grant category

Two funding categories are available to distribute \$200,000 across NSW, please note minimum amounts.

- Category 1: \$2,000 to \$5,000 for NSW local community programs and activities.
- Category 2: \$5,001 - \$10,000 **available only to NSW Local Councils** operating under the Local Government Act 1993 to hold large scale community and regional programs and activities.

Select your funding category *

- ☐ Category 1: \$2,000 to \$5,000 open to all eligible applicants for NSW local community programs and activities
- ☐ Category 2: \$5,001 to \$10,000 restricted to NSW Local Councils operating under the Local Government Act 1993, to hold large scale community and regional programs and activities

Note minimum amount is \$2,000

Title *

Must be no more than 25 words.

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

Brief description *

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 *

Must be a date and between 1/3/2027 and 14/3/2027.

Anticipated end date *

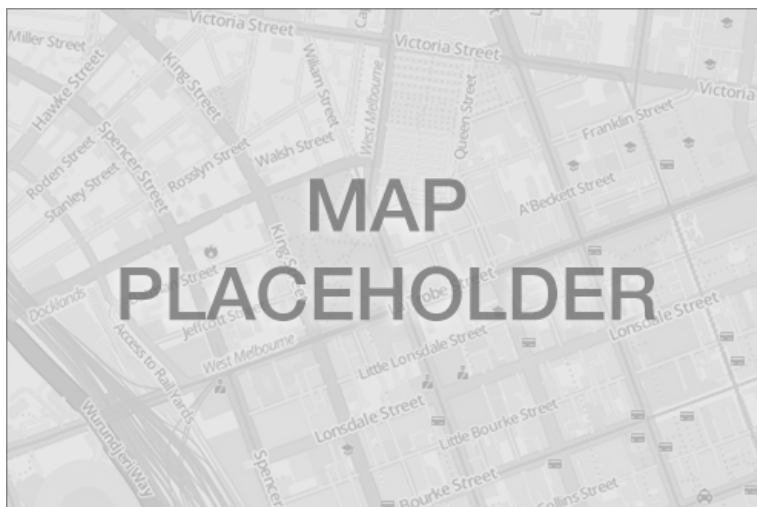
Must be a date and between 1/3/2027 and 14/3/2027.

Primary location of your initiative

Address

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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.

Expected participation numbers

How many people do you expect will participate in the project activities? *

Must be a number.

Activities

Please detail the activities intended to be undertaken with the grant funding.

If your activities will occur over multiple locations please list each location and activity separately.

Activity	Location	Explanatory notes
One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional activities. Must be no more than 25 words.	Where will your activity occur? Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.	Add notes if you need to provide more context. Must be no more than 50 words.

Assessment criteria

* indicates a required field

Eligible applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- 1.The application demonstrates how it meets the objectives and outcomes of the program.

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- 2.The project activities are engaging and accessible, wherever possible, to the target audience.
- 3.The proposal should represent value for money, offering a cost-effective approach, with efficient use of resources.
- 4.The applicant has organisational capacity and capability to deliver the project.
- 5.A demonstrated plan to collaborate and engage with relevant stakeholders.

C1. Please describe how your project addresses the program objectives and outcomes. *

Provide a clear explanation of how your activities contribute to the intended outcomes and goals of the program.

C2. Please outline what measures have been taken to make your program/ activities as engaging and accessible as possible. *

Outline any specific measures, resources, or design considerations that support inclusivity and accessibility.

C3. Please describe how your project will offer good value for money and shows an efficient use of resources. *

Demonstrate how your budget is cost-effective, how resources will be used efficiently, and what outcomes will be achieved relative to the investment.

C4. Describe what skills and experience your organisation have to run this project successfully? *

Include examples of past projects and any partnerships or collaborations that demonstrates your capacity.

C5. Describe your approach to engaging with local stakeholders as you plan and deliver your project. *

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Describe who was consulted, how feedback was gathered, and how it influenced the design and delivery of your project.

Budget

* indicates a required field

Total Amount Requested

*

\$

Total amount requested must equate to the funding category select on Page 4. Project Details. Please include whole numbers, no cents.

Grant funds exclusions

The following Items or activities will not be considered eligible for funding:

- 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, for example tables and computers
- business as usual costs or general operating expenses
- programs or activities that encourage gambling such as bingo, or the consumption of alcohol
- 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 items or activities. *

☐ Yes

Expenditure

Please include all expenditure items 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 Type

Expenditure amount

	\$
Must be no more than 25 words.	Must be a dollar amount.

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Expenditure totals

Total Expenditure Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Variance must be \$0

This number/amount is calculated.

Total expenditure must equal amount of funding requested.

Outcomes

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The NSW Seniors Festival aims to encourage seniors to enjoy new experiences, continue learning, stay active and to connect with their communities.

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.

Outcome

How does your intended outcome link to the Seniors Festival Grant 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. Must be no more than 25 words.	Please explain how your intended outcome helps contribute to the program outcomes. Must be no more than 50 words.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

Bank Details and Authorised signatories

* indicates a required field

Bank Details

Applicant Bank Account *

Account Name

BSB Number

Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

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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:

- Be for an account in the name of the applicant
- 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

Authorised signatories

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.

To enable the Adobe Acrobat Sign function to work correctly the authorised signatories email addresses must be unique to that individual.

First authorised signatory *

First Name

Last Name

Please ensure the authorised signatory has delegated authority to sign on behalf of the organisation.

Position title of first authorised signatory *

Contact number of first authorised signatory *

Email for first authorised signatory *

Must be a unique email address to the person not the organisation.

Second authorised signatory *

First Name

Last Name

Please ensure the authorised signatory has delegated authority to sign on behalf of the organisation.

Position title of second authorised signatory *

Contact number for second authorised signatory *

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Email of second authorised signatory *

Must be a unique email address to the person not the organisation.

Declaration and Authorisation

* indicates a required field

Declaration

Applicant's Declaration

I declare that all information provided as part of this application including the attachments is true and correct.

I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of the organisation making this application.

I acknowledge and agree with the Disclaimer, Use of Information and Privacy Notice clauses, as outlined on page one of this application form. Furthermore, I confirm this application meets the Program Eligibility Criteria.

I understand that information collected through this grant application may be disclosed to other government agencies and their staff, reviewers and assessors. And may be used for the promotion of the Program as well as other NSW Government initiatives.

I understand that any false declaration may render this application ineligible or invalid.

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

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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?

☐ Easy

☐ Neutral

☐ Difficult

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

☐ 15-30 mins

☐ 30-60 minutes

☐ 1-2 hours

☐ more than 2 hours

Do you have any further comment, or any suggestions about how we could improve the application process or form?

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