

# HEALING AT HOME ON COUNTRY

## ELDERS AND MENTORS PROGRAM

### Cultural Grants Guide

#### **What is the purpose of the Healing at home on Country grants program?**

To provide Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO's) and for-profit Aboriginal businesses an opportunity to support culturally safe pathways for Aboriginal Adults returning home to their families and communities.

This grant provides a platform to be innovative, think outside the square and tailor a program to meet the needs of your communities.

#### **What are the opening and closing dates to apply for funding?**

- Applications Open: 10am Monday 4 May 2026
- Applications Close: 4pm Tuesday 30 June 2026

#### **Who can apply?**

- Not-for-profit ACCO based in NSW.
- An Aboriginal specific sole provider

#### **Eligibility Criteria?**

- Be able to enter a grant funding agreement with DCJ
- Have an Australian Bank account
- Have an Australia Business Number (ABN)
- Have Public Liability Insurance
- ACCO's and NSW Local Aboriginal Lands Council
- Indigenous Corporations
- Willing to work in partnership with Community Corrections, Corrective Services NSW

#### **Is there a limit on the amount of funding I can apply for?**

- Yes, you can apply for grants to the amount of \$5000 & \$10,000

#### **What if i want to apply but don't know how?**

- Our Grants Design and Support Team can support you in developing a grant proposal. Please email:  
*GrantDesignandSupport@dcj.nsw.gov.au*

## **What are the “criteria” for a successful application?**

- A project plan submission is required
- The project plan must outline how the organisation will collaborate with Community Corrections as a referral pathway
- Required to outline how you intend on doing things differently to improve the outcomes of Aboriginal people re-integrating in community from custody

## **What type of activities can be funded?**

- An example, but not limited to a Project, Program, Cultural Activities, Mentoring, Training

## **What can I use the funding for?**

- Resources to support effective facilitation of the program

## **What can't I use the funding for?**

- Any activity of a commercial nature that is for profit
- Existing Debt or Budget Deficits
- Capital works
- Permanent salaries/ wages or permanent equipment
- Business as usual costs

## **What is a 'rolling grant program'?**

- A rolling grant program lets you apply for funding any time whilst the program is open.
- Applications will not be assessed until the program has closed

## **Is it a competitive or non-competitive grant program?**

- Open Competitive. Your application will be assessed based on relevance, impact and implementation.
- Prioritisation will be given to projects that demonstrate creative and innovative ideas.

## **Who do I contact if i have any questions?**

- Please email: [GrantDesignandSupport@dcj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:GrantDesignandSupport@dcj.nsw.gov.au)