Aboriginal Languages Trust
2023-2024 Aboriginal Languages Partnership Funding Program Frequently Asked Questions

Context

The Aboriginal Languages Trust (**ALT**) administers grant programs, referred collectively as the Aboriginal Languages Community Investment Program, to support the growth and nurturing of Aboriginal languages in NSW, consistent with the *Aboriginal Languages Act 2017.*

The Aboriginal Languages Community Investment Program has several funding streams, one of which is:

Aboriginal Languages Partnership Funding Program is a targeted, competitive program with eligible applicants invited to apply for grants between $60,000 to $500,000.

Aboriginal Languages Partnership Funding Program

The Aboriginal Languages Partnership Funding Program provides funding to Aboriginal Community organisations and groups to deliver targeted Languages projects. The program aims to support Communities to:

- Continue and build on successful Languages activities.
- Strengthen the capacity of Aboriginal groups and organisations who are doing Language work, to the grow Language activities.

How does it work?

This is a targeted round grant program, with eligible applicants invited to apply.

Applicants can apply for grants from $60,000 up to $500,000. The ALT has allocated $2,600,000 for Aboriginal Languages Partnership Funding Program in 2023-2024.

For projects delivered by recipients between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2026.

Applications open Wednesday 29 May 2024.

Applications close 11.59pm Wednesday 5 June 2024.

Applications are to be completed online at https://alt.smartygrants.com.au/

The ALT will open an application and send a link to the form following discussions regarding the project.

What do I need to do before I apply?

You should read the Program Guidelines to make sure your organisation or group and Language project is eligible for funding.

The Guidelines are available on the ALT's website: https://www.alt.nsw.gov.au/

Can I submit more than one application?

No, the Aboriginal Languages Partnership Funding Program provides one-off funding and applicants are limited to one application per funding year.

When can I submit application?

Applications open Wednesday 29 May 2024

Application close 11.59pm Wednesday 5 June 2024.

Application will be assessed by 10 June 2024 and applicants will be notified by 14 June 2024.

Applications can be submitted online through SmartyGrants while funds are available https://alt.smartygrants.com.au/

Can I get support with my application?

If you need support with the application process or are in a remote community with limited access to internet to apply, please contact the ALT:

- Email: grants@alt.nsw.gov.au

My organisation has a great project idea – can we submit?

This is a closed round grant program, with eligible applicants invited to apply.

The Program awards grants to eligible Aboriginal organisations and groups – the ALT encourages all eligible organisations to apply.

You should read the Program Guidelines to make sure your organisation or group and Language project is eligible for funding. The Guidelines are available on the ALT's website: https://www.alt.nsw.gov.au/

Please ensure your local Community supports your Language project.

Letters of support will need to be included in your application.

What happens during the assessment phase?

All applications will be screened by ALT staff for project eligibility (refer to section 2.1 "Eligibility criteria" in the Program Guidelines) and the applicant may be contacted for verification or for further information at this stage.

If an application is found to be ineligible, the applicant will be notified in writing and will not proceed to Stage 2: Assessment.

Applications that pass the eligibility assessment will be referred to an Assessment Panel consisting of four (4) members, including:

- an ALT staff representative,
- an independent representative with experience in grant administration, and
- two (2) Community Language practitioners.

Eligible applications will be assessed based on the assessment criteria (refer to section 2.2 "Assessment criteria" in the Program Guidelines) within two (2) weeks of submission by the applicant.

If my project is ineligible, will I be told?

If your project or organisation is deemed ineligible by the assessment team, you will notified in writing advising you of this. If you need more information, you can contact the ALT:

- Email: grants@alt.nsw.gov.au

How do I provide feedback on the Program or process?

If an applicant wishes to provide feedback or make a complaint about the Program, they should contact the Community Investment team at:

- Email: grants@alt.nsw.gov.au

If successful, how much time do I have to complete the project?

Projects must be completed by 30 June 2026.

Project completion reports and acquittals are due within 90 days of project completion.