



# Indigenous Languages Grants 2020 Guidelines

## Overview

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The United Nations declared 2019 the International Year of Indigenous Languages to raise awareness about the importance of preserving, supporting and promoting Indigenous languages.

To commemorate 2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages, the Queensland Government launched the inaugural Indigenous Languages Grants, which sought to highlight the importance of preserving and reviving Australia's First Nations languages.

At the same time, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders worked in partnership with the Queensland Government to ensure that Aboriginal languages and Torres Strait Islander languages in Queensland remain strong and are acknowledged, maintained and accessible to all Queenslanders.

In 2020, Queenslanders can apply for a share in **\$200,000** to support Indigenous language preservation and revitalisation across the state.

## Purpose

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The Queensland Government Indigenous Languages Grants 2020 will support a range of activities across Queensland which recognises the importance of promotion, preservation and revival of traditional and contemporary languages in maintaining cultural identity and building the resilience of Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

## Objectives

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The objectives of the Indigenous Languages Grants 2020 are to preserve and revitalise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, and to ensure they remain accessible by supporting initiatives that:

- are **led by** Aboriginal people or Torres Strait Islander people, and are developed in collaboration with non-Indigenous individuals or organisations.
- promote **participation** in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language teaching and learning including support for language projects with a specific focus on supporting the career development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to teach, preserve and revive Indigenous languages.
- produce Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **language resources**, including digital technology in an accessible and culturally safe manner.
- **research, revive** and **document** Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language resources held in State Library or other state or national archives.
- support the **development and promotion** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, knowledge and **cultural heritage** through language focused arts initiatives.



## Who can apply?

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An applicant wishing to apply for an Indigenous Languages Grant must:

- be based in Queensland and the proposed activity must be delivered in Queensland
- have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN)

## Eligible applicants

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- a company incorporated in Australia
- a company limited by guarantee<sup>1</sup>
- an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
- an incorporated association
- a partnership
- a registered charity or not-for-profit organisation
- a local government body
- a Queensland Government approved kindergarten program provider
- a school parent association (schools are encouraged to work with their school parent association)

## Not eligible to apply

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- a Queensland Government department, agency or statutory authority
- an Australian Government department, agency or statutory authority
- a Member of Parliament
- an individual
- an unincorporated association without an auspicing body
- an organisation not delivering services in Queensland
- a state or non-state #school (schools are encouraged to work with their school parent association or another eligible local community organisation to apply for school-based initiatives)

***#where a school does not have a school parent association, please contact the Culture and Reconciliation Team via email at [ilg@datsip.qld.gov.au](mailto:ilg@datsip.qld.gov.au) or phone (07) 3003 6394 for further guidance.***

## Activity eligibility criteria

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The activity must be aligned with the objectives of the Indigenous Languages Grants 2020.

If the activity produces a language learning resource/tool/service it should be made freely available to the public and/or be reusable to allow as many people as possible to benefit from it.

You are encouraged to think about how your activity can be inclusive and accessible to people with a disability.

### **Types of activities that will be considered for grants include:**

- Production of culturally appropriate language learning apps that can be adapted for different Indigenous languages across Queensland
- Visual or performing arts projects that utilise and promote Aboriginal languages or Torres Strait Islander languages
- Language revival programs that support community members to speak language again
- Preservation and renewal projects drawing on communities' oral tradition where language speakers do not have full language knowledge

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<sup>1</sup> "a company limited by guarantee" is a specialised form of public company designed for non-profit organisations. In Australia companies limited by guarantee are subject to the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and administered to by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).



- Language reclamation programs relying on historical and archived sources
- Statewide youth or adult language leaders and language champion initiatives
- Language teaching study tours and professional learning activities between different language owner groups
- Language learning programs where language is taught to a range of learners in school or community settings
- Initiatives that support the transfer of language from older to younger generations
- Projects to record Elders and community members and provide safe local storage of recorded material, to be used in the production of community resources or education programs
- Projects focused on increasing awareness of the ongoing loss of First Nations languages
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language signage, place names and projects developing bi-lingual communications

This list is not exhaustive and you are encouraged to submit a proposal for a different type of program that fits within the criteria listed in the guidelines.

**Grant funding cannot cover costs associated with:**

- staffing (including matching of volunteer fees)
- insurances
- prizes or gifts
- administration and overhead costs
- routine operations of the applicant
- retrospective activities
- capital equipment or works
- activities or goods not directly related to the activity

**Grant tiers and criteria**

Applications for grants of up to **\$25,000** (exclusive of GST) are now being accepted:

Grant tier	Maximum amount	Number of grants	Description
<b>Statewide impact initiative</b>	\$25,000	<b>1</b>	<p><b>Queensland-based initiatives with <u>statewide</u> reach.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The initiative must clearly demonstrate the promotional outcomes and benefits for a range of Indigenous language groups across the state.</li> <li>• The initiative must align with the objectives of the Indigenous Languages Grant (refer to 'Objectives' on page 1 of the guideline).</li> <li>• The organisation (grant applicant) has the potential to make a reasonable contribution either in-kind or financially to the project.</li> </ul>
<b>Regional and significant impact initiatives</b>	\$15,000	<b>4</b>	<p><b>Queensland-based initiatives with <u>regional</u> or <u>significant</u> reach.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The initiative must clearly demonstrate the promotional outcomes and benefits for a range of Indigenous language groups across a number of communities.</li> <li>• The initiative must align with the objectives of the Indigenous Languages Grant (refer to 'Objectives' on page 1 of the guideline).</li> <li>• The organisation (grant applicant) has the potential to make a reasonable contribution either in-kind or financially to the project.</li> </ul>
<b>Local community impact initiatives</b>	\$5,000	<b>23</b>	<p><b>Queensland-based initiatives with <u>local</u> <u>community</u> reach.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The initiative must clearly demonstrate the promotional outcomes and benefits for an individual, or a range of, Indigenous language groups within the local community.</li> <li>• The initiative must align with the objectives of the Indigenous Languages Grant (refer to 'Objectives' on page 1 of the guideline).</li> <li>• The organisation (grant applicant) has the potential to make a reasonable contribution either in-kind or financially to the project.</li> </ul>



The distribution of grant tier funding will be at the discretion of the assessment panel. The assessment panel will determine final grant tier allocations based on how applicants address each eligibility criteria and the benefit to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities.

## Key dates

<b>Sunday, 9 August 2020</b>	Grants open
<b>Tuesday, 6 October 2020</b>	Grants close. All applications must be submitted by 11.59pm (AEST)
<b>Monday, 23 November 2020</b> (week commencing)	Applicants advised of outcome
<b>Friday, 26 November 2021</b>	All activities/projects must be completed and delivered by this date

## Assessment criteria

Applications are assessed by an independent Assessment Panel against the following five criteria:

### 1. Quality

- Addresses one or more of the objectives of the Indigenous Languages Grants program.
- Presents a creative activity outline that is culturally safe and accessible to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### 2. Reach

- Identifies and engages specific audiences along with the broader community in an Indigenous Languages initiative.

### 3. Impact

- Commits to evaluation and continuous improvement through monitoring participant satisfaction, measuring outputs and outcomes and completing required reports.
- Clearly outlines the relevance of the activity and the expected outcomes and benefits for the targeted participants.

### 4. Viability

- Demonstrates links and established relationships with stakeholders including language owners, and other relevant organisations.
- Presents a budget that clearly outlines how the grant funding will be spent, is realistic, and provides value for money.
- Demonstrates capacity and suitable experience to undertake the proposed activity (planning, consultation, promotion, implementation, reporting and evaluation) within budget.

### 5. Co-contribution

- Contributes in-kind or financial support towards the activity.

## Support material

Applicants **must** include the following items in support of their application:

- Letter(s) of support from the relevant language owners, communities and partner organisations that provide confirmation of involvement and evidence that the required protocols, particularly Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property rights, have been followed.
- For School Parent Associations, evidence of support and confirmation of involvement from the relevant School Principal.



- For statewide and regional impact initiatives, quotes for substantial budget items (goods and/or services over \$5,000).

Submitting an application

**Applications close 11.59 pm (AEST) Tuesday, 6 October 2020.**

You can lodge your application:

1. online through SmartyGrants website <https://datsip.smartygrants.com.au/ilg2020> OR
2. if you are unable to access SmartyGrants, a paper copy form can be completed, scanned, and emailed to [ilg@datsip.qld.gov.au](mailto:ilg@datsip.qld.gov.au).

The application form is designed to provide information to allow detailed consideration of all submissions by the assessment panel. All sections of the application form must be completed. Late or incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible and will not be assessed.

DATSIP staff from regional offices can assist applicants to upload an application form on SmartyGrants. Forms can be downloaded from [www.datsip.qld.gov.au/ilg](http://www.datsip.qld.gov.au/ilg) and will also be available from the department's regional offices.

### Acquittal process

By submitting an application, all applicants acknowledge that, if successful, they will be required to provide Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships with a brief final report detailing the outcomes of the project, and a financial statement detailing how departmental funds were spent.

Where there is any unspent funding, the Department may require you to refund the unspent funding.

### Contact us

For more information about the grants, including the guidelines, terms and conditions and how to apply, visit or contact us via:

- Web: [www.datsip.qld.gov.au/ilg](http://www.datsip.qld.gov.au/ilg)
- Email: [ilg@datsip.qld.gov.au](mailto:ilg@datsip.qld.gov.au)
- Phone: (07) 3003 6394

### Regional offices

For more information about local or regional support, please contact the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships regional office/service centre closest to you.

Region	Location	Phone Number
Cape and Torres	Aurukun	07 4082 4507
	Cairns	07 4252 5138
	Cooktown	07 4082 2000
	Thursday Island	07 4212 3201
	Weipa	07 4082 4501
Cairns and Hinterland	Cairns	07 4252 5204
North Queensland	Townsville	07 4796 7870
	Mount Isa	07 4744 9789



Region	Location	Phone Number
	Mackay	07 4862 7001
Central Queensland	Hervey Bay (Pialba)	07 4183 9100
	Rockhampton	07 4887 1600
South West Queensland	Ipswich, Charleville, Toowoomba	07 3819 7606
South East Queensland (North)	South Brisbane	07 3003 6483
	Caboolture	07 5294 8400
South East Queensland (South)	Logan Central	07 3080 4700