# First Nations Heritage Grant Program – Round 1 Grant Opportunity

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## First Nations Heritage Grant Program – Round 1 processes

**The First Nations Heritage Grants Program – Round 1 is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives**

This grant opportunity is part of the above grant program which contributes to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)’s Outcome 2, which aims to conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas. DCCEEW works with stakeholders to plan and design the grant program according to the [*Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs)*.](https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-guidelines)

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**The grant opportunity opens**

We publish the grant guidelines on [business.gov.au](https://business.gov.au/) and [GrantConnect](http://www.grants.gov.au/).

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**You complete and submit a grant application**

You complete the application form, addressing all the eligibility and assessment criteria in order for your application to be considered.

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**We assess all grant applications**

We assess the applications against eligibility criteria and notify you if you are not eligible. We assess eligible applications against the assessment criteria including an overall consideration of value with money and compare it to other eligible applications.

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**We make grant recommendations**

We provide advice to the decision maker on the merits of each application.

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**Grant decisions are made**

The decision maker decides which applications are successful.

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**We notify you of the outcome**

We advise you of the outcome of your application. We may not notify unsuccessful applicants until grant agreements have been executed with successful applicants.

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**We enter into a grant agreement**

DISR will enter into a grant agreement with successful applicants. The type of grant agreement is based on the nature of the grant and will be proportional to the risks involved.

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**Delivery of grant**

You complete the grant activity as set out in your grant agreement. DISR manage the grant by working with you, monitoring your progress and making payments.

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**Evaluation of the First Nations Heritage Grants Program - Round 1**

DCCEEW will evaluate the specific grant activity and First Nations Heritage Grants Program - Round 1 as a whole. We base this on information you provide to us and that we collect from various sources.

### Introduction

These guidelines contain information for the First Nations Heritage Grants Program - Round 1.

This document sets out:

* the purpose of the grant program/grant opportunity
* the eligibility and assessment criteria
* how we consider and assess grant applications
* how we notify applicants and enter into grant agreements with grantees
* how we monitor and evaluate grantees’ performance
* responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity.

This grant opportunity and process will be administered by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the department/DISR) on behalf of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).

We administer the program according to the [*Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines* (CGRGs)](https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-guidelines)[[1]](#footnote-2).

We have defined key terms used in these guidelines in the glossary at section 14.

You should read this document carefully before you fill out an application.

## About the grant program

The First Nations Heritage Grants Program (the program) supports the Australian Government’s 2022 election commitment to add Indigenous heritage values to World Heritage and National Heritage-listed places and will run over three years from 2023-24 to 2025-26, with a total funding value of $5.5 million.

The program supports projects on-Country where First Nations people lead the identification, assessment, recording and protection of First Nations cultural heritage.

The objectives of the program are to:

* support the addition of Indigenous values to existing World Heritage and National Heritage‑listed properties
* better protect First Nations heritage and improve engagement with First Nations Peoples to support their heritage.

The intended outcomes of the program are:

* recognition, conservation and preservation of World Heritage and National Heritage-listed places
* better protected First Nations heritage.

### About the First Nations Heritage Grant Program – Round 1 grant opportunity

The First Nations Heritage Grant Program – Round 1 grant opportunity will provide up to $2 million to support the Australian Government’s election commitment to add Indigenous values to National Heritage and World Heritage-listed properties. The objectives of thegrant opportunity are:

* identifying new Indigenous heritage values at existing World Heritage and National Heritage-listed places
* preparing submissions for the addition of Indigenous heritage values to existing World Heritage and National Heritage listings, as applicable
* increasing protection of World Heritage and National Heritage-listed places with Indigenous heritage values that may or may not be recognised in the heritage listing for the place
* improving management of World Heritage and National Heritage-listed places with Indigenous heritage values that may or may not be recognised in the heritage listing for the place.

The intended outcomes of the grant opportunity are:

* addition of Indigenous values to Australia’s World Heritage and National Heritage-listed places
* increased public engagement and awareness of First Nations heritage places.

World Heritage and National Heritage-listed places are referred to as ‘listed places’ in these guidelines. All listed places recognised for their World and National Heritage values as outlined in the listed place’s gazette notice are eligible to apply for funding under this grant opportunity. All listed places, and links to their information about their heritage values are provided in Appendix A.

## Grant amount and grant period

### Grants available

For this grant opportunity, $2 million (ex GST) is available in total. You can apply for, and receive, up to two grants per listed place through this grant opportunity. You must be able to deliver each project independently.

* The minimum grant amount is $25,000.
* The maximum grant amount is $250,000.

The grant amount will be up to 80 per cent of eligible expenditure.

You are responsible for the remaining 20 per cent of eligible and all ineligible project costs.

Contributions to your project may be cash or in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions must be assigned a monetary value and be auditable.

Contributions to your project can come from any source, excluding other Commonwealth grants, including state, territory and local government grants.

Under exceptional circumstances, you can request an exemption from the contribution to project costs as part of your application. Exemption requests will be considered as part of the grant selection process as per section 8. To receive an exemption you must clearly demonstrate that your organisation is unable to meet 20 per cent of project costs through either financial or in-kind contributions. Circumstances may include, but are not limited to, physical and fiscal impacts to World Heritage and National Heritage-listed places by natural disasters, severe weather events and COVID 19.

We cannot fund your project if it receives funding from another Commonwealth government grant for the same project activities.

You can apply for a grant for your project under more than one Commonwealth program, but if your application is successful, you must choose either the First Nations Heritage Grant Program - Round 1 grant or the other Commonwealth grant.

### Project period

The maximum project period is 24 months.

You must complete your project by 30 April 2026.

## Eligibility criteria

We cannot consider your application if you do not satisfy all eligibility criteria.

### Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

First Nations communities are strongly encouraged to apply, regardless of the type of heritage values a site is currently listed for. The program is also open to non-Indigenous applicants.

To be eligible you must:

* have an Australian Business Number (ABN), unless you are not entitled to an ABN, and
* be a First Nations individual, group or organisation that is also the owner/manager of a listed place (Appendix A), or
* be a First Nations individual, group or organisation that is not the owner/manager of the listed place and have evidence of the support of the listed place owner/manager for your project (Appendix A), or
* be a non-First Nations owner/manager of the listed place (Appendix A) and have evidence of the involvement and support of relevant First Nations communities for the implementation of your project, or
* be a third party and:
  + have evidence of the involvement and support of relevant First Nations communities for the implementation of your project, and
  + have evidence of the support of the listed place owner/manager for your project (Appendix A).

and be one of the following entities:

* an Australian state/territory Government agency or body
* an Australian local government agency or body as defined in section 14
* a Commonwealth corporate entity
* an entity, incorporated in Australia (this includes Indigenous land management organisations registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations)
* a registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land council
* a partnership
* a publicly funded research organisation (PFRO) as defined in section 14
* an individual.

If you are applying as:

* an incorporated association or not for profit organisation and you do not have an active state or territory incorporated association or ACNC registration at the time of application, provide the Constitutional documents and/or Articles of Association that demonstrate the character of the organisation
* a partnership, provide a copy of your partnership agreement
* an individual, you must be 18 years of age or older.

Joint applications are acceptable, provided you have a lead organisation who is the main driver of the project and is eligible to apply. For further information on joint applications, refer to section 7.2.

### Additional eligibility requirements

In addition to the eligibility criteria above, you must:

* be able to meet your share of project costs (a minimum 20 per cent of total eligible expenditure) unless you are granted an exemption
* provide the relevant mandatory attachments
* agree that you will deliver your project in accordance with relevant legislation, policies and industry standards (listed at section 10.2)
* agree that you have, or will obtain, any licenses or approvals, required to undertake the project.

We may waive the requirement to meet your share of project costs under exceptional circumstances, where you can clearly demonstrate that your organisation is unable to meet this through either financial or in-kind contributions.

### Who is not eligible to apply for a grant?

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

* an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the [National Redress Scheme’s website](http://www.nationalredress.gov.au/) on the list of ‘Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme’
* an employer of 100 or more employees that has [not complied](https://www.wgea.gov.au/what-we-do/compliance-reporting/non-compliant-list) with the Workplace Gender Equality Act (2012)
* an unincorporated association
* a trust (however, an incorporated trustee may apply on behalf of a trust)
* a non-corporate Commonwealth entity.

## What the grant money can be used for

### Eligible grant activities

To be eligible your project must:

* support First Nations people to identify, record and/or protect Indigenous heritage values that have not been previously identified, recorded and/or protected at listed places
* include eligible activities and eligible expenditure
* be completed by 30 April 2026.

Eligible activities must be directly related to the project and can include:

* research to identify Indigenous heritage values that have not already been identified at listed places, including engagement of consultants and preparation of heritage nominations
* preparing and updating management plans to include new or protect existing Indigenous heritage values that are not already included in the management plan for the place
* providing access for Traditional Owners and Elders to undertake cultural practice to assist the identification of new Indigenous heritage values or improve the management of Indigenous heritage
* enabling First Nations people who are recognised as being authorised to speak for the specific site concerned, to promote the Indigenous heritage values of a place to others
* facilitating workshops to impart technical skills to First Nations people to assist them in the identification and recording of new Indigenous heritage values of the specific site they have association with and belonging to e.g. the use of remote sensing equipment, mapping tools etc.
* paying for on ground works for the protection of, or improvement of the condition of, Indigenous heritage values of World Heritage and/or National Heritage sites.

We may also approve other activities. The program delegate (who is a manager within the department with responsibility for administering the program.) makes the final decision on eligible project activities.

A list of Australia’s World and National Heritage places is at Appendix A. Any place added to the World Heritage List and/or National Heritage List prior to the grant opportunity closing date will be considered a listed place and be eligible under the grant opportunity.

Note that projects that require approval under the [*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc) (the EPBC Act) must allow for this approval process, which may take a number of months. The approval process may influence your ability to deliver the proposed works within the required timeframe (Refer to section 10.2 of the Act or the [Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1 – Matters of National Environmental Significance](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/publications/significant-impact-guidelines-11-matters-national-environmental-significance)).

### Eligible expenditure

You can only spend the grant on eligible expenditure you have incurred on an agreed project as defined in your grant agreement.

Not all project expenditure may be eligible for grant funding. The program delegate makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure.

To be eligible, expenditure must be a direct cost of the project.

Eligible expenditure items include:

* salaries for staff working on the project, and on-costs (up to 30 per cent). For existing staff this is on a pro-rata basis relative to time spent on the project activities
* contractor costs or expert advice
* research costs
* on-ground works where they directly protect newly identified Indigenous heritage values or those Indigenous heritage values that have not already been protected under previous works and/or a management plan
* communication and promotional costs
* costs you incur to obtain planning, environmental or other regulatory approvals from non-Commonwealth government agencies
* materials and equipment hire/purchase
* domestic travel including meals, accommodation and transportation. These must be commensurate with the size and location of the project
* catering required to conduct project activities such as workshops at the heritage site locality. These must be commensurate with the size and location of the project
* project contingency costs up to a maximum of 10 percent of the eligible project costs (note that payments are based on actual costs incurred)
* administrative costs related to the project at no more than 15 percent of the grant funding requested.

You must incur the project expenditure between the project start and end date for it to be eligible.

You must not commence your project until you execute a grant agreement with the Commonwealth.

During the course of your project, you may need to reallocate expenditure to different heads of expenditure in your project budget. You may do this, as long as it does not materially change the activity or any milestones that have been set out in your grant agreement. You must seek prior written approval from the Program delegate if you propose to change any item expenditure by more than 20%.

### What the grant money cannot be used for

Expenditure items that are not eligible are:

* administrative costs and overheads related to the ongoing operations of an organisation or an individual’s commercial operation (e.g. project coordination, office accommodation, office equipment hire, phone/internet costs, electricity costs, printing/photocopying, insurance costs, costs associated with legally required documents such as cultural heritage place searches, permits etc.)
* associated fees paid to the Commonwealth government for costs you incur to obtain planning, environmental or other regulatory approvals during the project period
* international travel expenses
* salaries and labour related to the ongoing operations of your organisation or commercial operation
* commercial tourism developments
* helipads
* amenity upgrades, except where these are demonstrated to directly relate to accessibility improvements or improved engagement with, and awareness of, the World and National Heritage Values of one or more of the listed places, e.g. repair of existing facilities where they form part of the heritage values
* camp kitchens
* facilities, including function and office facilities
* retrospective funding for activities already underway
* establishing or upgrading food outlets on listed places
* the purchase, lease, transfer or acquisition of land or property
* expenditure related to heritage values of a listed place that are not Indigenous heritage values.

## The assessment criteria

You must address all assessment criteria in your application. We will assess your application based on the weighting given to each criterion.

The application form asks questions that relate to the assessment criteria below. The amount of detail and supporting evidence you provide in your application should be relative to the project size, complexity and grant amount requested. You should provide evidence to support your answers. The application form displays character limits for each response.

We will only consider funding applications that score at least 50 per cent against each assessment criterion as these best represent value with relevant money.

### Assessment criterion 1

**The extent to which the project focuses on the identification, protection and management of new and/or previously unprotected Indigenous heritage values of the listed place (40 points).**

You must describe the activity and provide information that demonstrates:

* 1. how your project:
* intends to identify, protect and/or manage Indigenous heritage values that are not already identified and/or protected at a listed place
* will communicate any newly identified Indigenous heritage values, if applicable.
  1. what your project intends to do with any newly identified Indigenous heritage values (whether part of this project or not), e.g. add values to new or existing heritage management plans, pursue addition of these values to World Heritage and/or National Heritage listings
  2. how your project is led by or partners with, the relevant First Nations communities.

### Assessment criterion 2

**Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project (30 points)**

You must demonstrate this by:

* 1. detailing the resources and capacity you have to conduct the project activities. This could include:
* describing how you will manage the project including budget and risk management
* proving your track record, and project partner track record (if you have project partners), to successfully carry out similar projects
* outlining any relevant experience that describes how you would manage the project
  1. identifying your strategy to maintain the project outcomes beyond the term of grant funding.

### Assessment criterion 3

**Impact of grant funding on your project (30 points)**

You must demonstrate this by justifying:

* 1. the funding amount requested with respect to the project activities and intended outcomes
  2. the need for grant funding including the urgency of the project, for example, an urgent need to record knowledge before it disappears.

## How to apply

Before applying you should read and understand these guidelines, the sample application form and the sample grant agreement published on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.

Applicants should read all eligibility and assessment criteria closely and attach detailed evidence that supports the assessment criteria.

You will need to set up an account to access our online [portal](https://portal.business.gov.au/). You can only submit an application during a funding round.

To apply, you must:

* complete and submit the application through the online [portal](https://portal.business.gov.au/)
* provide all the information requested
* address all eligibility and assessment criteria
* include all necessary attachments.

You are responsible for making sure your application is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the [*Criminal Code Act 1995*](http://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/legis/cth/consol_act/cca1995115/sch1.html)*.* If we consider that you have provided false or misleading information, we may not progress your application. If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should call us immediately on 13 28 46.

After submitting your application, we can contact you for clarification if we find an error or any missing information, including evidence that supports your eligibility/merit. The acceptance of any additional information provided after the submission of your application is at the discretion of the program delegate. Additional information should not materially change your application at the time it was submitted and therefore may be refused if deemed to be purely supplementary.

You can view and print a copy of your submitted application on the portal for your own records.

If you need further guidance around the application process, or if you have any issues with the portal, [contact us](https://www.business.gov.au/contact-us) at business.gov.au or by calling 13 28 46.

### Attachments to the application

You must provide the following documents with your application:

* where you are a First Nations individual, group or organisation that is the **owner** of the listed place you do not need to provide ownership or management documents
* where you are a First Nations individual, group or organisation that is the **manager** of the listed place you must provide:
  + an outline of the current management arrangements or a current letter of support for the First Nations Heritage Grant program Round 1 application from the site owner/s (refer to the sample at Appendix B).
* where you are a First Nations individual, group or organisation that is **not the owner/manager** of the listed place you must provide:
  + a current letter of support for the First Nations Heritage Grant program Round 1 application from the site owner and/or site manager of the listed place/s for your project (refer to the sample at Appendix B).
* where you are the **owner/manager** of the listed place that is **not** a relevant First Nations individual, group or organisation you must provide:
  + a current letter of support or similar document for the First Nations Heritage Grant program Round 1 application from First Nations people associated with the listed place.
* where you are **not** the owner/manager of the listed place or a First Nations individual, group or organisation, you must provide:
  + a current letter of support for the First Nations Heritage Grant program Round 1 application from the site owner and/or site manager of the listed place/s for your project (refer to the sample at Appendix B) and
  + a current letter of support or similar for the First Nations Heritage Grant program Round 1 application from First Nations people associated with the listed place.
* a project plan to support your claims against assessment criterion 2, including:
  + a summary of your project including key objectives and outcomes
  + a background of your organisation and your key management staff
  + scope of the project and overview of project activities, including milestones
  + project timeline
  + a breakdown of roles and responsibilities
  + a communication plan outlining how you will disseminate information about the project
  + a risk management framework identifying risks, impacts and mitigation strategies
  + project budget/costing.
* a project budget
* a risk management/mitigation plan
* for joint applications, a letter of support from each of the project partners (refer to section 7.2)
* trust deed (if applicable)
* proof of identity documentation outlined in section 7.3 (if applicable)
* if you are applying as an incorporated association or not for profit organisation and you do not have an active state or territory incorporated association registration or ACNC registration at the time of application, Constitutional documents and/or Articles of Association that demonstrate the character of the organisation
* if you are applying as a partnership, a copy of your partnership agreement.

You should attach the following documents to support your application:

* Your application will be stronger if you clearly demonstrate partnerships with the relevant First Nations communities. You should attach evidence of this through any product of decision making that shows that the proposed project aligns with the priorities of the Traditional Owners for management of the site, e.g. minutes of meetings, governance agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, Country-based plans, seasonal calendars, prioritising instruments.

You may also attach:

* excerpts of the relevant sections from the following documents where applicable for the listed place to support your claims against the assessment criterion 1:
  + management plan for the listed place (where it exists)
  + strategies and priorities for the listed place
  + broader national and regional plans and priorities relative to the listed place.

These documents should indicate that the proposed project activities align with the priorities of the Traditional Owners for management of the site.

You may provide one or more of the following as proof of eligibility:

* Letters of support – may be hard copy, electronic/emails
* Minutes of the relevant organisation that record resolutions of support for the project, eg. a joint management board, land council or World Heritage advisory committee.
* Video/audio (verbal) references of support
* Partnership agreements
* Memoranda of Understanding
* Management Plans.

You must attach supporting documentation to the application form in line with the instructions provided within the form. You should only attach requested documents. The total of all attachments cannot exceed 20MB.

### Joint (consortia) applications

We recognise that some organisations may want to join as a group to deliver a project. In these circumstances, you must appoint a lead organisation. Only the lead organisation can submit the application form and enter into the grant agreement with the Commonwealth. The application must identify all other members of the proposed group and include a letter of support from each of the project partners. Each letter of support must be for the First Nations Heritage Grant Program - Round 1 application and include:

* details of the project partner
* an overview of how the project partner will work with the lead organisation and any other project partners in the group to successfully complete the project
* an outline of the relevant experience and/or expertise the project partner will bring to the group
* the roles/responsibilities the project partner will undertake, and the resources it will contribute (if any)
* details of a nominated management level contact officer.

You must have a formal arrangement in place with all parties prior to execution of the grant agreement.

### Proof of identity documentation

If you are applying as an individual, you must provide one primary source document and one secondary source document listed below. This can include:

Primary source

* Australian driver licence (all states and territories)
* Current Australian passport
* Australian Visa
* Birth Certificate
* Change of name certificate.

Secondary source

* Medicare card
* Marriage certificate
* Enrolment with the Australian Electoral Commission
* Bank or financial institution statement (including bank book, credit, savings or cheque accounts)
* Centrelink pensioner concession card or Department of Veteran Affairs card or other entitlement card issued by Australian Government
* Australian Tax Office assessment
* Home insurance papers
* Motor vehicle registration.

### Timing of grant opportunity processes

You can only submit an application between the published opening and closing dates. We cannot accept late applications.

If you are successful, we expect you will be able to commence your project around April 2024.

Table 1: Expected timing for this grant opportunity

| Activity | Timeframe |
| --- | --- |
| Assessment of applications | 8 weeks |
| Approval and announcement of successful applicants | 4 weeks |
| Negotiations and award of grant agreements | 4 weeks |
| Notification to unsuccessful applicants | 2 weeks following awarding of grant agreements |
| Earliest start date of project | April 2024 |
| Project completion date | 30 April 2026 |
| End date of grant commitment | 30 August 2026 |

### Questions during the application process

If you have any questions during the application period, [contact us](https://www.business.gov.au/contact-us) at business.gov.au or by calling 13 28 46.

## The grant selection process

### Assessment of grant applications

DISR first review your application against the eligibility criteria.

If eligible, your application will be assessed against the assessment criteria. Only eligible applications will proceed to the assessment stage.

We consider your application on its merits, based on:

* how well it meets the criteria
* how it compares to other applications
* whether it provides value with relevant money.

When assessing the extent to which the application represents value with relevant money, we will have regard to:

* the overall objective/s of the grant opportunity
* the evidence provided to demonstrate how your project contributes to meeting those objectives
* the relative value of the grant sought.

### Who will assess applications?

If successful, we will refer your application to the departmental assessment committee, which includes representatives from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. The committee may also seek additional advice from independent technical experts.

The committee will review your application against the assessment criteria and compare it to other eligible applications in a funding round before recommending which projects to fund.

The committee will also consider the following factors:

* the extent to which the proposed project focuses on identification, recording and/or protection of new Indigenous heritage values of a place (projects with this focus will be prioritised)
* the extent to which the applicant has demonstrated partnerships with relevant First Nations communities in the implementation of the project
* urgency of activities
* geographical spread of projects
* any non-compliance in relation to previous Commonwealth heritage grant activity.

If applications are scored the same, the committee will consider value for money and the above factors to recommend applications for funding.

The committee will be required to perform their duties in accordance with the *Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines.*

To recommend a project for funding it must score at least 50 per cent against every assessment criterion. While we assess all eligible applications against the same assessment criteria, we will score your application relative to the project size, complexity and grant amount requested. The evidence you provide to support your application should be proportional to the size and complexity of your project.

If the selection process identifies unintentional errors in your application, we may contact you to correct or clarify the errors, but you cannot make any material alteration or addition.

### Who will approve grants?

The Minister decides which grants to approve taking into account the recommendations of the committee and the availability of grant funds.

The Minister’s decision is final in all matters, including:

* the grant approval
* the grant funding to be awarded
* any conditions attached to the offer of grant funding.

We cannot review decisions about the merits of your application.

The Minister will not approve funding if there are insufficient program funds available across relevant financial years for the program.

## Notification of application outcomes

We will advise you of the outcome of your application in writing. If you are successful, we advise you of any specific conditions attached to the grant.

You can submit a new application for the same (or similar) project in any future funding rounds. You should include new or more information to address the weaknesses that prevented your previous application from being successful. If a new application is substantially the same as a previous ineligible or unsuccessful application, we may refuse to consider it for assessment.

### Feedback on your application

If you are unsuccessful, we will give you an opportunity to discuss the outcome with us.

## Successful grant applications

### The grant agreement

You must enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the Commonwealth. Our selection will depend on the size and complexity of your project. Each grant agreement has general terms and conditions that cannot be changed. The grant agreement has general terms and conditions that cannot be changed. A sample grant agreement is available on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.

We will manage the grant agreement through the online portal. This includes issuing and executing the grant agreement. Execute means both you and the Commonwealth have accepted the agreement. You must not start any First Nations Heritage Grants Program - Round 1 activities until a grant agreement is executed. We are not responsible for any expenditure you incur and cannot make any payments until a grant agreement is executed.

The approval of your grant may have specific conditions determined by the assessment process or other considerations made by the program delegate or Minister. We will identify these in the offer of grant funding.

If you enter an agreement under the First Nations Heritage Grants Program - Round 1, you cannot receive other grants for the same activities from other Commonwealth granting programs.

State, Territory or local government funding may contribute to the required 20 per cent co‑contribution of eligible project expenditure or any ineligible expenditure, or fund additional or complementary project activities which meet project outcomes.

The Commonwealth may recover grant funds if there is a breach of the grant agreement.

We will use a standard grant agreement.

You will have 30 days from the date of a written offer to execute this grant agreement with the Commonwealth. During this time, we will work with you to finalise details.

The offer may lapse if both parties do not sign the grant agreement within this time. Under certain circumstances, we may extend this period. We base the approval of your grant on the information you provide in your application. We will review any required changes to these details to ensure they do not impact the project as approved by the program delegate.

### Specific legislation, policies and industry standards

You must comply with all relevant laws, regulations and Australian Government sanctions in undertaking your project. You must also comply with the specific legislation/policies/industry standards that follow. It is a condition of the grant funding that you meet these requirements. We will include these requirements in your grant agreement.

In particular, you will be required to comply with:

* [The Burra Charter](https://australia.icomos.org/publications/burra-charter-practice-notes/#bc)[[2]](#footnote-3) (The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance) 2013 (Burra Charter)
* [Engage early](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/publications/engage-early)[[3]](#footnote-4) guidance for proponents on best practice Indigenous engagement for environmental assessments under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)
* [Arrive Clean, Leave Clean](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/invasive-species/publications/arrive-clean-leave-clean)[[4]](#footnote-5) (how to prevent the spread of invasive plant diseases and weeds during activities such as weeding and revegetation)
* [*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*](http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc) (the EPBC Act)[[5]](#footnote-6). A project that may have a significant impact on the National Heritage Values of the listed place must refer that action to the Minister for a decision on whether assessment and approval is required under the EPBC Act. It may need to undergo an approval process that takes a number of months. Note that the approval process may influence the timeframe within which you can deliver your proposed works. Please refer to the [Significant Impact Guidelines](http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/42f84df4-720b-4dcf-b262-48679a3aba58/files/nes-guidelines_1.pdf)[[6]](#footnote-7) for further guidance.

#### 10.3.1 Child safety requirements

You must comply with all relevant legislation relating to the employment or engagement of anyone working on the project that may interact with children, including all necessary working with children checks.

You must implement the [National Principles for Child Safe Organisations](https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/childrens-rights/national-principles-child-safe-organisations)[[7]](#footnote-8) endorsed by the Commonwealth.

You will need to complete a risk assessment to identify the level of responsibility for children and the level of risk of harm or abuse and put appropriate strategies in place to manage those risks. You must update this risk assessment at least annually.

You will also need to establish a training and compliance regime to ensure personnel are aware of, and comply with, the risk assessment requirements, relevant legislation including mandatory reporting requirements and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

You will be required to provide an annual statement of compliance with these requirements in relation to working with children.

### How we pay the grant

The grant agreement will state the:

* maximum grant amount we will pay
* proportion of eligible expenditure covered by the grant (grant percentage)
* any in-kind contributions you will make
* any financial contribution provided by you or a third party.

We will not exceed the maximum grant amount under any circumstances. If you incur extra costs, you must meet them yourself.

For grants up to and including $50,000, we will make an initial payment of 90 per cent of the grant on execution of the grant agreement.

For grants over $50,000, we will make an initial payment on execution of the grant agreement. We will make a subsequent payment six months in advance based on forecast eligible expenditure and adjusted for unspent amounts from previous payments. Payments are subject to satisfactory progress on the project.

We set aside 10 per cent of the total grant funding for the final payment. We will pay this when you submit a satisfactory end of project report demonstrating you have completed outstanding obligations for the project. We may need to adjust your progress payments to align with available program funds across financial years and/or to ensure we retain a minimum 10 per cent of grant funding for the final payment.

### Grant Payments and GST

If you are registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST), where applicable we will add GST to your grant payment and provide you with a recipient created tax invoice. You are required to notify us if your GST registration status changes during the project period. GST does not apply to grant payments to government related entities[[8]](#footnote-9).

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the [Australian Taxation Office](https://www.ato.gov.au/). We do not provide advice on tax.

## Announcement of grants

If successful, your grant will be listed on the GrantConnect website 21 calendar days after the date of effect.

We will publish non-sensitive details of successful projects on GrantConnect. We are required to do this by the [*Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines*](https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-guidelines), Section 5.3. We may also publish this information on business.gov.au. This information may include:

* name of your organisation
* title of the project
* description of the project and its aims
* amount of grant funding awarded
* Australian Business Number
* business location
* your organisation’s industry sector.

## How we monitor your grant activity

### Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your project or organisation.

We need to know of any key changes to your organisation or its business activities, particularly if they affect your ability to complete your project, carry on business and pay debts due.

You must also inform us of any changes to your:

* name
* addresses
* nominated contact details
* bank account details.

If you become aware of a breach of terms and conditions under the grant agreement, you must contact us immediately.

You must notify us of events relating to your project and provide an opportunity for the Minister or their representative to attend.

### Reporting

You must submit reports in line with the [grant agreement](file://prod.protected.ind/User/user03/LLau2/insert%20link%20here). We will provide the requirements for these reports as appendices in the grant agreement. We will remind you of your reporting obligations before a report is due. We will expect you to report on:

* progress against agreed project milestones and outcomes
* project expenditure, including expenditure of grant funds
* contributions of participants directly related to the project.

The amount of detail you provide in your reports should be relative to the project size, complexity and grant amount.

We will monitor the progress of your project by assessing reports you submit and may conduct site visits to confirm details of your reports if necessary. Occasionally we may need to re-examine claims, seek further information or request an independent audit of claims and payments.

#### 12.2.1 Progress reports

Progress reports must:

* include details of your progress towards completion of agreed project activities
* show the total eligible expenditure incurred to date
* include evidence of expenditure
* be submitted by the report due date (you can submit reports ahead of time if you have completed relevant project activities).

We will only make grant payments when we receive satisfactory progress reports.

You must discuss any project or milestone reporting delays with us as soon as you become aware of them.

#### 12.2.2 Ad-hoc reports

We may ask you for ad-hoc reports on your project. This may be to provide an update on progress, or any significant delays or difficulties in completing the project.

#### 12.2.3 End of project report

When you complete the project, you must submit an end of project report.

End of project reports must:

* include the agreed evidence as specified in the grant agreement
* identify the total eligible expenditure incurred for the project
* include a declaration that the grant money was spent in accordance with the grant agreement and to report on any underspends of the grant money
* be submitted by the report due date.

### Audited financial acquittal report

We may ask you to provide an independent audit report. An audit report will verify that you spent the grant in accordance with the grant agreement. The audit report requires you to prepare a statement of grant income and expenditure. The report template is available on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.

### Grant agreement variations

We recognise that unexpected events may affect project progress. In these circumstances, you can request a variation to your grant agreement, including:

* changing project milestones
* extending the timeframe for completing the project but not beyond 30 April 2026.

The program does not allow for an increase of grant funds.

If you want to propose changes to the grant agreement, you must put them in writing before the project grant agreement end date. You can submit a variation request via our online portal.

If a delay in the project causes milestone achievement and payment dates to move to a different financial year, you will need a variation to the grant agreement. We can only move funds between financial years if there is enough program funding in the relevant year to allow for the revised payment schedule. If we cannot move the funds, you may lose some grant funding.

You should not assume that a variation request will be successful. We will consider your request based on factors such as:

* how it affects the project outcome
* consistency with the program policy objective, grant opportunity guidelines and any relevant policies of the department
* changes to the timing of grant payments
* availability of program funds.

### Compliance visits

We may visit you during the project period, or at the completion of your project to review your compliance with the grant agreement. We will provide you with reasonable notice of any compliance visit.

### Record keeping

We may also inspect the records you are required to keep under the grant agreement.

### Evaluation

DCCEEW will evaluate the grant opportunity to measure how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved. We may use information from your application and project reports for this purpose. We may also interview you, or ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the program was in achieving its outcomes.

We may contact you up to two years after you finish your project for more information to assist with this evaluation.

### Acknowledgement

If you make a public statement about a project funded under the program, including in a brochure or publication, you must acknowledge the grant by using the following:

‘This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.’

If you erect signage in relation to the project, the signage must contain an acknowledgement of the grant.

## Probity

We will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair, according to the published guidelines, incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct and is consistent with the CGRGs.

### Enquiries and feedback

For further information or clarification, you can contact us on 13 28 46 or by [web chat](https://www.business.gov.au/contact-us) or through our [online enquiry form](http://www.business.gov.au/contact-us/Pages/default.aspx) on business.gov.au.

We may publish answers to your questions on our website as Frequently Asked Questions.

Our [Customer Service Charter](https://www.business.gov.au/about/customer-service-charter) is available at [business.gov.au](http://www.business.gov.au/). We use customer satisfaction surveys to improve our business operations and service.

If you have a complaint, call us on 13 28 46. We will refer your complaint to the appropriate manager.

If you are not satisfied with the way we handle your complaint, you can contact:

General Manager  
Business Grants Hub

Department of Industry, Science and Resources

GPO Box 2013  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You can also contact the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/) with your complaint (call 1300 362 072). There is no fee for making a complaint, and the Ombudsman may conduct an independent investigation.

### Conflicts of interest

Any conflicts of interest could affect the performance of the grant opportunity and/or program. There may be a [conflict of interest](http://www.apsc.gov.au/publications-and-media/current-publications/aps-values-and-code-of-conduct-in-practice/conflict-of-interest), or perceived conflict of interest, if our staff, any member of a committee or advisor and/or you or any of your personnel:

* has a professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who is able to influence the application selection process, such as an Australian Government officer
* has a relationship with or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the applicants from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently or
* has a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain because the organisation receives a grant under the grant program/grant opportunity.

As part of your application, we will ask you to declare any perceived or existing conflicts of interests or confirm that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest.

If you later identify an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, you must inform us in writing immediately.

Conflicts of interest for Australian Government staff are handled as set out in the Australian [Public Service Code of Conduct (Section 13(7))](http://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/legis/cth/consol_act/psa1999152/s13.html) of the [*Public Service Act 1999*](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A00538). Committee members and other officials including the decision maker must also declare any conflicts of interest.

We publish our [conflict of interest policy](https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/conflict-interest-policy)[[9]](#footnote-10) on thedepartment’s website. The Commonwealth policy entity also publishes a conflict of interest policy on its website.

### Privacy

Unless the information you provide to us is:

* confidential information as per below, or
* personal information as per below.

we may share the information with other government agencies for a relevant Commonwealth purpose such as:

* to improve the effective administration, monitoring and evaluation of Australian Government programs
* for research
* to announce the awarding of grants.

We must treat your personal information according to the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) and the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). This includes letting you know:

* what personal information we collect
* why we collect your personal information
* to whom we give your personal information.

We may give the personal information we collect from you to our employees and contractors, and other Commonwealth employees and contractors, so we can:

* manage the program
* research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities.

We, or the Minister, may:

* announce the names of successful applicants to the public
* publish personal information on the department’s websites.

You may read our [Privacy Policy](https://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/privacy-policy)[[10]](#footnote-11) on the department’s website for more information on:

* what is personal information
* how we collect, use, disclose and store your personal information
* how you can access and correct your personal information.

### Confidential information

Other than information available in the public domain, you agree not to disclose to any person, other than us, any confidential information relating to the grant application and/or agreement, without our prior written approval. The obligation will not be breached where you are required by law, Parliament or a stock exchange to disclose the relevant information or where the relevant information is publicly available (other than through breach of a confidentiality or non-disclosure obligation).

We may at any time, require you to arrange for you; or your employees, agents or subcontractors to give a written undertaking relating to nondisclosure of our confidential information in a form we consider acceptable.

We will treat the information you give us as sensitive and therefore confidential if it meets all of the following conditions:

* you clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential
* the information is commercially sensitive
* disclosing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else
* you provide the information with an understanding that it will stay confidential.

We may disclose confidential information:

* to our Commonwealth employees and contractors, to help us manage the program effectively
* to the Auditor-General, Ombudsman or Privacy Commissioner
* to the responsible Minister or Assistant Minister
* to a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

We may also disclose confidential information if

* we are required or authorised by law to disclose it
* you agree to the information being disclosed, or
* someone other than us has made the confidential information public.

### Freedom of information

All documents in the possession of the Australian Government, including those about the program, are subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act)*.*

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give members of the public rights of access to information held by the Australian Government and its entities. Under the FOI Act, members of the public can seek access to documents held by the Australian Government. This right of access is limited only by the exceptions and exemptions necessary to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons in respect of whom the information relates.

If someone requests a document under the FOI Act, we will release it (though we may need to consult with you and/or other parties first) unless it meets one of the exemptions set out in the FOI Act.

## Glossary

| **Term** | **Definition** |
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| Access | The means or opportunity to promote greater awareness, knowledge and engagement with National Heritage Listed place/s through improved:   * information on heritage places through new or existing information platforms (such as websites, new technologies or specialised applications such as social media, apps or other site-specific applications) to interpret the National Heritage Values of the place or present the heritage stories for which the place is listed * design of resources, products, devices, services or environments to improve informational access to the place * design of resources, products, devices, services or environments to improve physical access to the place. |
| Application form | The document issued by the program delegate that applicants use to apply for funding under the program. |
| Assessment criteria | The specified principles or standards, against which applications will be judged. These criteria are also used to assess the merits of proposals and, in the case of a competitive grant opportunity, to determine application ranking. |
| [*Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs)*](https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-and-guidelines) | Establish the overarching Commonwealth grants policy framework and articulate the expectations for all non-corporate Commonwealth entities in relation to grants administration. Under this overarching framework, non-corporate Commonwealth entities undertake grants administration based on the mandatory requirements and key principles of grants administration. |
| Conservation | Conservation means all the processes of looking after a place to retain its environmental and cultural significance. |
| Department | The Department of Industry, Science and Resources. |
| Eligible activities | The activities undertaken by a grantee in relation to a project that are eligible for funding support as set out in 5.1. |
| Eligible application | An application or proposal for grant funding under the program that the program delegate has determined is eligible for assessment in accordance with these guidelines. |
| Eligibility criteria | Refer to the mandatory criteria which must be met to qualify for a grant. Assessment criteria may apply in addition to eligibility criteria. |
| Eligible expenditure | The expenditure incurred by a grantee on a project and which is eligible for funding support as set out in 5.2. |
| First Nations | May be an individual, Partnership or Trust that identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, an organisation that is more than 50 percent First Nations owned, a Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC), a Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) or an Elders Group who are recognised as having the authority to speak for the site concerned. First Nations applicants/partners must be those persons recognised as traditionally associated with the site and having authority to speak for that site. |
| Gazettal notice (National Heritage List) | An official publication for the purpose of notifying the actions and decisions of the Australian Government for the inclusion of places in the National Heritage List and their National Heritage Values pursuant to section 324JJ of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999. |
| Grant | For the purposes of the CGRGs, a ‘grant’ is an arrangement for the provision of financial assistance by the Commonwealth or on behalf of the Commonwealth:   * 1. under which relevant money[[11]](#footnote-12) or other [Consolidated Revenue Fund](https://www.finance.gov.au/about-us/glossary/pgpa/term-other-crf-money) (CRF) money[[12]](#footnote-13) is to be paid to a grantee other than the Commonwealth; and   2. which is intended to help address one or more of the Australian Government’s policy outcomes while assisting the grantee achieve its objectives. |
| Grant activity/activities | Refers to the project/tasks/services that the grantee is required to undertake |
| Grant agreement | A legally binding contract that sets out the relationship between the Commonwealth and a grantee for the grant funding, and specifies the details of the grant. |
| Grant funding or grant funds | The funding made available by the Commonwealth to grantees under the program. |
| Grant opportunity | Refers to the specific grant round or process where a Commonwealth grant is made available to potential grantees. Grant opportunities may be open or targeted, and will reflect the relevant grant selection process. |
| Grant program | A ‘program’ carries its natural meaning and is intended to cover a potentially wide range of related activities aimed at achieving government policy outcomes. A grant program is a group of one or more grant opportunities under a single Portfolio Budget Statement Program. |
| [GrantConnect](http://www.grants.gov.au/) | The Australian Government’s whole-of-government grants information system, which centralises the publication and reporting of Commonwealth grants in accordance with the CGRGs. |
| Grantee | The individual/organisation which has been selected to receive a grant |
| Guidelines | Guidelines that the Minister gives to the department to provide the framework for the administration of the program, as in force from time to time. |
| In-kind contributions | A contribution that is not a financial contribution. It may include providing labour, equipment or materials. In-kind contributions must be able to be assigned a monetary value and be auditable. |
| Listed place | A place included in Australia’s World and/or National Heritage List. |
| Local government agency or body | A local governing body as defined in the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Cth). |
| Management plan | A plan intended to provide sufficient information for managers to protect and manage the National Heritage Values of National Heritage Listed places. A management plan should:   * comprehensively describe the place, state its official National Heritage Values and identify any other heritage listings * specify the objectives, policies and principles that will govern the management of the place’s National Heritage Values * guide day-to-day management * assist in decision-making * provide guidance on the preparation of project proposals to ensure that there are no adverse impacts on National Heritage Values * support local, state and Commonwealth approval processes. |
| Minister | The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water |
| National Heritage List | The National Heritage List is Australia’s list of natural, historic and Indigenous places of outstanding significance to the nation. The List has been established to list places of outstanding heritage significance to Australia. |
| Newly identified Indigenous heritage values | Indigenous heritage values that are not already identified at a World Heritage or National Heritage-listed site, regardless of that site’s primary heritage classification (ie. Indigenous, historic, natural). For example, in the case of a site already classified for its Indigenous heritage, new values may be additional Indigenous heritage values that are not already known and listed. In the case of a site listed for its historic or natural heritage significance, there may also be Indigenous heritage values that are present but not yet identified or listed. |
| non-income-tax-exempt | Not exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cth) or under Division 1AB of Part III of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Cth). |
| National Heritage Values | The heritage value/s that causes the National Heritage List place to meet one or more of the National Heritage Criteria and is prescribed under the [*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*](https://www.environment.gov.au/epbc).  The [Australian Heritage Database](http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/ahdb/search.pl) documents how each National Heritage List place meets one or more of the 9 National Heritage Criteria (Criterion A to I). |
| Personal information | Has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) which is:  Information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable:  whether the information or opinion is true or not; and  whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not. |
| Publicly funded research organisation (PFRO) | All higher education providers listed at Table A and Table B of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (Cth) and corporate Commonwealth entities, and state and territory business enterprises which undertake publicly funded research. |
| Preservations | As per the Burra Charter preservation means maintaining a place in its existing state and retarding deterioration. |
| Program delegate | A manager within the department with responsibility for administering the program. |
| Program funding or program funds | The funding made available by the Commonwealth for the program. |
| Project | A project described in an application for grant funding under the program. |
| Project Partner | An entity which brings relevant experience and expertise to the project and joins the lead organisation to deliver the project. |
| Project Partner – Formal Arrangement | This is an arrangement between you and your project partners. It may be in the form of an exchange of letters or emails, or more formal such as a Memorandum of Understanding. Each arrangement should outline the resources contributed by the project partner, the length of the arrangement and any other detail you think is relevant to the project. |
| Site Manager | The individual or organisation engaged to manage the National Heritage Listed place or part of a place. For larger National Heritage places with more than one manager, the Site Manager is the manager of the site on which the project is being undertaken.  Contact details for the site managers can be obtained by contacting us at 13 28 46. |
| Site Owner | The individual or organisation identified by DCCEEW as being the designated site owner for the National Heritage place. For larger National Heritage places with more than one owner, the Site Owner is the owner of the site on which the project is being undertaken.  Contact details for the site owners can be obtained by contacting us at 13 28 46. |
| Third Party | In the case of an applicant; a party that is not the owner/manager of a WHL or NHL place.  In the case of a financial contributor; an eligible party that is not the applicant. |
| World Heritage List | The World Heritage List is a list of places that are of Outstanding Universal Value to humanity and as such, have been inscribed by UNESCO on the World Heritage List to be protected for future generations to appreciate and enjoy. References to the World Heritage List in these Guidelines specifically pertain to Australian sites on the World Heritage List. |
| value with money | Value with money in this document refers to ‘value with relevant money’ which is a judgement based on the grant proposal representing an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources and determined from a variety of considerations.  When administering a grant opportunity, an official should consider the relevant financial and non-financial costs and benefits of each proposal including, but not limited to:   * the quality of the project proposal and activities; * fitness for purpose of the proposal in contributing to government objectives; * that the absence of a grant is likely to prevent the grantee and government’s outcomes being achieved; and * the potential grantee’s relevant experience and performance history. |

1. Australia’s World and National Heritage Listed Places

Contact details for the site owners and site managers can be obtained by contacting us at 13 28 46.

**Australia`s National Heritage List**

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| Places | Location |
| [Abbotsford Convent](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/abbotsford-convent) | VIC |
| [Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/adelaide-parklands) | SA |
| [Australian Academy of Science Building](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/academy-of-science) | ACT |
| [Australian Alps National Parks and Reserves](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/australia-alps) | NSW, ACT, VIC |
| [Australian Cornish Mining Sites (Burra)](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/australian-cornish-mining-sites) | SA |
| [Australian Cornish Mining Sites (Moonta)](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/australian-cornish-mining-sites) | SA |
| [Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Naracoorte)](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/australian-fossil-mammal-sites) | SA |
| [Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Riversleigh)](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/australian-fossil-mammal-sites) | QLD |
| [Australian War Memorial and the Memorial Parade](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/war-memorial) | ACT |
| [Batavia Shipwreck Site and Survivor Camps Area 1629 - Houtman Abrolhos](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/batavia) | WA |
| [Bondi Beach](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/bondi) | NSW |
| [Bonegilla Migrant Camp - Block 19](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/bonegilla) | VIC |
| [Brewarrina Aboriginal Fish Traps (Baiames Ngunnhu)](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/brewarrina) | NSW |
| [Brickendon Estate](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/brickendon-estate) | TAS |
| [Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape - Mt Eccles Lake Condah Area](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/budj-bim) | VIC |
| [Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape - Tyrendarra Area](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/budj-bim) | VIC |
| [Cascades Female Factory](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/cascade-female-factory) | TAS |
| [Cascades Female Factory Yard 4 North](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/cascade-female-factory) | TAS |
| [Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/castlemaine-diggings) | VIC |
| [Centennial Park](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/centennial-park) | NSW |
| [Cheetup Rock Shelter](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/cheetup) | WA |
| [City of Broken Hill](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/city-broken-hill) | NSW |
| [Coal Mines Historic Site](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/coal-mines) | TAS |
| [Cockatoo Island](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/cockatoo-island) | NSW |
| [Coranderrk](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/coranderrk) | VIC |
| [Cuttlefish Coast Sanctuary Zone](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/national/cuttlefish-coast-sanctuary-zone) | SA |
| [Cyprus Hellene Club - Australian Hall](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/cyprus-hellene) | NSW |
| [Dampier Archipelago (including Burrup Peninsula)](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/dampier-archipelago) | WA |
| [Darlington Probation Station](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/darlington-probation-stn) | TAS |
| [Dinosaur Stampede National Monument](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/dinosaur-stampede) | QLD |
| [Dirk Hartog Landing Site 1616 - Cape Inscription Area](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/national/cape-inscription) | WA |
| [Echuca Wharf](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/echuca-wharf) | VIC |
| [Ediacara Fossil Site - Nilpena](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/ediacara) | SA |
| [Elizabeth Springs](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/elizabeth-springs) | QLD |
| [Erawondoo Hill](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/national/erawondoo-hill) | WA |
| [Eureka Stockade Gardens](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/eureka-stockade) | VIC |
| [First Government House Site](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/first-government-house) | NSW |
| [Fitzgerald River National Park](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/fitzgerald-river-national-park) | WA |
| [Flemington Racecourse](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/flemington) | VIC |
| [Flora Fossil Site - Yea](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/yea-flora) | VIC |
| [Fremantle Prison (former)](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/fremantle-prison) | WA |
| [Glass House Mountains National Landscape](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/glass-house-mountains) | QLD |
| [Glenrowan Heritage Precinct](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/glenrowan) | VIC |
| [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/gondwana) | NSW, QLD |
| [Governors' Domain and Civic Precinct](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/governors-domain-civic-precinct) | NSW |
| [Grampians National Park (Gariwerd)](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/grampians) | VIC |
| [Great Barrier Reef](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/gbr) | QLD |
| [Great Ocean Road](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/great-ocean-road) | VIC |
| [Greater Blue Mountains](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/blue-mountains) | NSW |
| [HMAS Sydney II and HSK Kormoran](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/sydney-kormoran) | WA |
| [HMS Sirius](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/national/sirius) | EXT |
| [HMVS Cerberus](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/hmvs-cerberus) | VIC |
| [Heard and McDonald Islands](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/heard-mcdonald) | EXT |
| [Hermannsburg Historic Precinct](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/hermannsburg) | NT |
| [High Court - National Gallery Precinct](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/high-court-national-art-gallery) | ACT |
| [High Court of Australia (former)](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/high-court-former) | VIC |
| [Hyde Park Barracks](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/hyde-park) | NSW |
| [ICI Building (former)](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/ici-building) | VIC |
| [Jordan River Levee](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/jordan-river-levee) | TAS |
| [Kakadu National Park](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/kakadu) | NT |
| [Kamay Botany Bay: botanical collection sites](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/kamay-botany-bay) | NSW |
| [K’gari (Fraser Island)](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/kgari-fraser-island) | QLD |
| [Kingston and Arthurs Vale Historic Area](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/kavha) | EXT |
| [Koonalda Cave](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/koonalda) | SA |
| [Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Lion, Long and Spectacle Island Nature Reserves](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/ku-ring-gai-chase) | NSW |
| [Kurnell Peninsula Headland](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/kurnell) | NSW |
| [Lesueur National Park](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/lesueur-national-park) | WA |
| [Lord Howe Island Group](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/lord-howe) | NSW |
| [Macquarie Island](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/macquarie-island) | TAS |
| [Mawsons Huts and Mawsons Huts Historic Site](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/mawsons-hut) | ANTA |
| [Melbourne Cricket Ground](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/mcg) | VIC |
| [Melbourne's Domain Parkland and Memorial Precinct](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/melbourne-domain-parkland-memorial-precinct) | VIC |
| [Moree Baths and Swimming Pool](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/moree-baths) | NSW |
| [Mount William Stone Hatchet Quarry](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/mount-william) | VIC |
| [Murtoa No. 1 Grain Store](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/murtoa-grain-store) | VIC |
| [Myall Creek Massacre and Memorial Site](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/myall-creek) | NSW |
| [Newman College](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/newman) | VIC |
| [Ngarrabullgan](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/ngarrabullgan) | QLD |
| [North Head - Sydney](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/north-head) | NSW |
| [Old Government House and the Government Domain](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/old-government-house) | NSW |
| [Old Great North Road](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/north-road) | NSW |
| [Old Parliament House and Curtilage](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/old-parliament-house) | ACT |
| [Parkes Observatory](https://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/parkes-observatory) | NSW |
| [Parramatta Female Factory and Institutions Precinct](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/parramatta-female-factory-and-institutions-precinct) | NSW |
| [Point Cook Air Base](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/point-cook) | VIC |
| [Point Nepean Defence Sites and Quarantine Station Area](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/point-nepean) | VIC |
| [Porongurup National Park](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/porongurup) | WA |
| [Port Arthur Historic Site](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/port-arthur) | TAS |
| [Purnululu National Park](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/purnululu) | WA |
| [QANTAS hangar - Longreach](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/qantas-hangar) | QLD |
| [Queen Victoria Market](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/queen-victoria-market) | VIC |
| [Quinkan Country](https://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/quinkan-country) | QLD |
| [Recherche Bay (North East Peninsula) Area](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/recherche) | TAS |
| [Richmond Bridge](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/richmond) | TAS |
| [Rippon Lea House and Garden](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/rippon-lea) | VIC |
| [Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/royal-exhibition) | VIC |
| [Royal National Park and Garawarra State Conservation Area](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/royal-park) | NSW |
| [Shark Bay, Western Australia](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/shark-bay) | WA |
| [Sidney Myer Music Bowl](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/sidney-myer-music-bowl) | VIC |
| [Snowy Mountains Scheme](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/snowy-mountains-scheme) | NSW |
| [South Australian Old and New Parliament Houses](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/sa-parliament-houses) | SA |
| [Stirling Range National Park](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/stirling-range) | WA |
| [Sydney Harbour Bridge](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/sydney-harbour-bridge) | NSW |
| [Sydney Opera House](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/sydney-opera-house) | NSW |
| [Tasmanian Wilderness](http://www.environment.gov.au/node/19816) | TAS |
| [The Burke, Wills, King and Yandruwandha National Heritage Place](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/burke-wills-king-yandruwandha) | QLD, SA |
| [The Goldfields Water Supply Scheme](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/goldfields) | WA |
| [The Ningaloo Coast](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/ningaloo) | WA |
| [The Victorian Trades Hall](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/national/victorian-trades-hall) | VIC |
| [The West Kimberley](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/west-kimberley) | WA |
| [Tree of Knowledge and curtilage](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/tree) | QLD |
| [Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/uluru) | NT |
| [Warrumbungle National Park](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/warrumbungle) | NSW |
| [Wave Hill Walk Off Route](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/wave-hill) | NT |
| [Western Tasmania Aboriginal Cultural Landscape](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/western-tasmania) | TAS |
| [Wet Tropics of Queensland](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/wet-tropics) | QLD |
| [Wilgie Mia Aboriginal Ochre Mine](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/wilgie-mia) | WA |
| [Willandra Lakes Region](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/willandra) | NSW |
| [Witjira-Dalhousie Springs](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/national/witjira-dalhousie-springs) | SA |
| [Woolmers Estate](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/woolmers-estate) | TAS |
| [Wurrwurrwuy Stone Arrangements](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/wurrwurrwuy) | NT |

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| [Australian Convict Sites - Brickendon Estate](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/convict-sites) | TAS |
| [Australian Convict Sites - Cascades Female Factory](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/convict-sites) | TAS |
| [Australian Convict Sites - Coal Mines Historic Site](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/convict-sites) | TAS |
| [Australian Convict Sites - Cockatoo Island](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/convict-sites) | NSW |
| [Australian Convict Sites - Darlington Probation Station](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/convict-sites) | TAS |
| [Australian Convict Sites - Fremantle Prison (former)](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/convict-sites) | WA |
| [Australian Convict Sites - Hyde Park Barracks](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/convict-sites) | NSW |
| [Australian Convict Sites - Kingston and Arthurs Vale Historic Area](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/convict-sites) | EXT |
| [Australian Convict Sites - Old Government House and the Government Domain](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/convict-sites) | NSW |
| [Australian Convict Sites - Old Great North Road](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/convict-sites) | NSW |
| [Australian Convict Sites - Port Arthur Historic Site](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/convict-sites) | TAS |
| [Australian Convict Sites - Woolmers Estate](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/convict-sites) | TAS |
| [Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Naracoorte)](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/australian-fossil-mammal-sites) | SA |
| [Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Riversleigh)](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/australian-fossil-mammal-sites) | QLD |
| [Budj Bim Cultural Landscape](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/budj-bim) | VIC |
| [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia - Barrington Tops Area](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/gondwana) | NSW |
| [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia - Focal Peak Group](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/gondwana) | QLD |
| [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia - Focal Peak Group](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/gondwana) | NSW |
| [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia - Hastings-Macleay Group](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/gondwana) | NSW |
| [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia - Iluka Nature Reserve](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/gondwana) | NSW |
| [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia - Main Range Group](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/gondwana) | QLD |
| [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia - Main Range Group](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/gondwana) | NSW |
| [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia - New England Group](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/gondwana) | NSW |
| [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia - Shield Volcano Group](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/gondwana) | QLD |
| [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia - Shield Volcano Group](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/gondwana) | NSW |
| [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia - Washpool and Gibraltar Range](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/gondwana) | NSW |
| [Great Barrier Reef](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/gbr) | QLD |
| [Greater Blue Mountains Area](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/blue-mountains) | NSW |
| [Heard and McDonald Islands](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/heard-mcdonald) | EXT |
| [Kakadu National Park](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/kakadu) | NT |
| [K’gari (Fraser Island)](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/kgari-fraser-island) | QLD |
| [Lord Howe Island Group](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/lord-howe) | NSW |
| [Macquarie Island](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/macquarie-island) | TAS |
| [Purnululu National Park](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/purnululu) | WA |
| [Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/royal-exhibition) | VIC |
| [Shark Bay, Western Australia](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/shark-bay) | WA |
| [Sydney Opera House](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/sydney-opera-house) | NSW |
| [Tasmanian Wilderness](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/tasmanian-wilderness) | TAS |
| [The Ningaloo Coast](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/ningaloo) | WA |
| [Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/uluru) | NT |
| [Wet Tropics of Queensland](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/wet-tropics) | QLD |
| [Willandra Lakes Region](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/world/willandra) | NSW |

1. Letter of support from site owner or site manager

**First Nations Heritage Grants Program – Round 1**

I am the [site owner/site manager] of the listed site at [include address].

I confirm my support for the proposed project to be undertaken by [name of organisation] and their application for a grant under the First Nations Heritage Grants Program – Round 1 program.

I understand the proposed project involves the following:

[brief description of project]

I note that if successful, [name of organisation] will enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth Government, and that the outcome of the project will become the property of the site owner.

Signature

Name:

Position title:

Date:

1. <https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-guidelines> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. https://australia.icomos.org/publications/burra-charter-practice-notes/#bc [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/invasive-species/publications/arrive-clean-leave-clean> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/invasive-species/publications/arrive-clean-leave-clean> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc> [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/nes-guidelines_1.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/childrens-rights/national-principles-child-safe-organisations> [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. See Australian Taxation Office ruling GSTR 2012/2 available at ato.gov.au [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. <https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/conflict-interest-policy> [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
10. <https://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/privacy-policy> [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
11. Relevant money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 8, Dictionary. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
12. Other CRF money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 105, Rules in relation to other CRF money. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)