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# Native Title Anthropologist Grant Program 2025-2028

## Feedback for Applicants

The Attorney-General's Department (the department) has provided the following general feedback for applicants of the Native Title Anthropologist Grant Program grant opportunity.

Assessment of applications was in accordance with the procedure detailed in the grant opportunity guidelines (the guidelines) and outlined in the selection process below.

## Overview

The application submission period opened on 7 January 2025 and closed on 25 February 2025.

The Native Title Anthropologist Grant Program seeks to address the shortage of appropriately skilled anthropologists in the native title system by funding activities that support the entry and training of prospective and early-career anthropologists, provide professional development opportunities, and encourage links between academic and practicing anthropologists. Native title anthropologists play a crucial role in the native title system, including in the resolution of native title claims and in the management of native title rights and interests once determined. This work supports the recognition and protection of native title, contributes to land tenure certainty and supports economic opportunities First Nations people.

## Selection Process

The Community Grants Hub (the Hub) undertook the initial screening for organisation eligibility and compliance against the requirements outlined in the guidelines. This information was provided to the department's grant opportunity delegate for final decisions on whether an application met the eligibility and compliance criteria.

The department assessed and considered eligible and compliant applications through an Open Competitive grant process.

The selection advisory panel (panel) established by the department comprised of subject matter experts who assessed applications and provided advice to inform the funding recommendations to the Financial Delegate.

The panel's consideration of assessed applications was based on:

- the objectives of the grant program
- whether the proposed project is in scope
- conformance with eligibility criteria
- the extent to which the application demonstrates it will contribute to meeting the outcomes/objectives of the 2025-28 grant round

- the extent to which the applicant demonstrates a commitment to the program
- the risks, financial, fraud and other, that the applicant or project poses for the department
- the risks that the applicant or project poses for the Commonwealth

## Selection Results

There was a strong interest in the grant opportunity and applications were of a high standard. The preferred applicants demonstrated their ability to meet the grant requirements outlined in the guidelines based on the strength of their responses to the assessment criteria.

The Hub notified applicants of the outcome in writing, where their applications did not meet the requirements outlined in the guidelines.

This feedback is provided to assist grant applicants to understand what comprised a strong application and what was quality responses to the assessment criteria.

## Criterion 1

Outline how your proposal will address one or more program objectives (section 2).

When addressing this criterion, strong applicants:

- demonstrated how the proposal enhanced capacity for anthropology work in the native title system
- demonstrated how the proposal addressed the identified needs of the native title system.

### Strong applications:

- identified one or more key system needs, proposed a compelling and clearly articulated corrective solution, and convincingly and credibly established how the proposal would contribute to anthropological capacity in the native title system.

## Criterion 2

Describe how the delivery of your proposal will help achieve program outcomes (section 2).

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants:

- clearly explained the activities they would use to deliver their proposal (for example, training courses, professional development workshops, mentoring programs and so on)
- clearly explained how the implementation of their proposal would increase the availability of highly skilled anthropologists to support the needs of the native title system
- outlined the risks associated with the development and implementation of the proposal and how they would mitigate and manage risks.

### Strong applications:

- clearly outlined the activity or activities that would be used to deliver the proposal, linked these activities to one or more program outcomes and set out identified risks and appropriate mitigations.

## Criterion 3

### Organisational capability

Demonstrate your capability to effectively deliver the proposal on time and within budget.

When addressing this criterion, strong applicants:

- provided evidence of delivery of similar activities in the past
- demonstrated cultural safety and competency
- described the key staff that would manage and deliver the activity and outlined their relevant capabilities (experience, skills and qualifications)
- outlined how the activity demonstrates value for money
- demonstrated their ability to effectively develop, implement, manage and monitor activities to achieve program objectives.

#### **Strong applications:**

- provided clear evidence of successful past delivery of activities comparable to those proposed in the application, outlined a range of active measures to ensure cultural safety and competency both organisationally and in activity delivery, provided credible and specific information about the qualifications and relevant experience of key staff and outlined their role in activity delivery, demonstrated the proposal's value for money and convincingly and credibly set out the applicant's ability to develop and implement the activity(ies) to achieve program objectives.

## Individual feedback

Individual feedback will be provided for this grant opportunity.

Individual feedback will be available upon request. Applicants seeking individual feedback should submit requests to [native.title@ag.gov.au](mailto:native.title@ag.gov.au). Requests for individual feedback will only be accepted within 10 business days of receipt of the outcome of your application.

To request individual feedback please follow the instructions as set out in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines section 9.1.