

Frequently Asked Questions

Aboriginal Culture and Healing Flood Recovery Grant Program – Round 2

When are applications open?

Applications are open now and close at 5pm on 19 August 2024.

How much money is available?

Grants of up to \$160,000 (excluding GST) per applicant are available from a total pool of \$1.2 million (excluding GST).

When will the work happen?

Successful projects will commence after their agreements are signed and be completed by 30 June 2025.

Who is eligible?

Eligible applicants will be an incorporated Aboriginal organisation based in one of the areas of Victoria affected by the October 2022 floods. Applicants must have a registered Victorian business address and may be supported by an eligible auspice organisation.

What are the flood-affected locations?

63 local government areas and one Alpine Resort are on the list of flood-affected areas, which you can find listed alphabetically on page 7-8 of the [funding guidelines](#).

I don't have an ABN. Can I still apply?

Yes. If an organisation isn't incorporated or doesn't have an ABN, it may still apply with support from an eligible auspice organisation that has agreed to manage the grant. Learn more about auspicings requirements on pages 6-7 of the [funding guidelines](#).

What kind of projects might be funded?

Some examples of activities that may be funded include:

- Employing Aboriginal Recovery Officers
- On-Country healing events
- Traditional Owner-led recovery projects
- Cultural heritage impact assessment and remediation work
- Assessment of flood impacts on bio-cultural values
- Projects healing Country and its values from ongoing flood impacts
- Recovery projects that also contribute to Country's resilience to future flood impacts
- Lease of assets to support recovery needs

Round 1 of the Aboriginal Culture and Healing Flood Recovery Grant Program funded six Aboriginal organisations to deliver projects included cultural knowledge workshops, nursery and infrastructure repairs, mapping damage to Country, cultural heritage assessments, and TAFE training for future flood resilience.

How do I apply?

- Carefully read the [funding guidelines](#)
- Complete the [application form](#)
- Send the completed application form to recovery@fvtoc.com.au before 5pm on 19 August 2024

Can someone help me with my application?

Yes. If you have any questions or need help with your application, you can contact the Federation's Grants Administration team at recovery@fvto.com.au, or specifically:

- Samitha Rao, Policy and Legal Officer, 0411 128 028
- Jill Webb, Manager, Nation Building Program, 0408 586 297

What are the reporting requirements if I get the grant?

Under Round 1 of the Aboriginal Culture and Healing Flood Recovery Grant Program, the Federation requested from successful applicants short written progress reports at six and twelve months into project delivery and conducted information-sharing meetings at three and nine months. Successful projects' grant agreements will specify reporting requirements.

Why should I apply – what are the benefits of this grant?

This grant provides funding for important cultural healing and resilience-building work that may be overlooked in traditional flood recovery initiatives, and welcomes applications from community-based organisations that don't traditionally work in natural resource management: it's a useful funding stream to drive new and important work.

What's the difference between relief and recovery?

This grant program's focus is on recovery: restoring the quality of life and community services back to pre-disaster levels. Relief means immediate humanitarian support during times of disaster – providing basic human needs, including food, water, sanitation and shelter.

My organisation doesn't do flood cleanup. Can I still apply?

Yes. Organisations that meet the eligibility requirements don't need to be working in flood recovery or emergency services. Applications from eligible community services are welcome.