

Sector Capability Grant Program - FY25

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Program Guidelines

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About the Aboriginal Housing Office

Who we are:

The Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) is a statutory body established under the [Aboriginal Housing Act 1998 \(NSW\)](#) to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have access to affordable, quality housing.

The AHO is governed by an all-Aboriginal Board, which provides advice to the Minister for Housing in NSW. In addition, the AHO manages and coordinates an annual capital works program, along with developing and implementing financial and resourcing strategies.

It is the AHO's Vision to ensure every Aboriginal person in NSW has equal access to, and choice in, affordable housing. The AHO achieves this vision by ensuring they continue to provide support to a sustainable housing sector through accessible, culturally appropriate and affordable housing solutions for the Aboriginal people of NSW.

In line with this Vision, the AHO is pleased to offer this funding grant opportunity to the Aboriginal housing sector of New South Wales.

Sector Capability Grant Funding Program Overview

A key initiative of the Strong Family Strong Communities (SFSC) strategy is the Sector Capability Fund. This grant program supports Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (ACHPs) with improving their business growth, sustainability, compliance and supporting tenants by providing culturally appropriate and responsive housing to Aboriginal people across NSW.

The AHO is allocating \$1,500,000 to the Sector Capability Fund for FY 2024 / 2025. The AHO is inviting ACHPs, to apply for funding in relation to the Program Objectives under a Grant Application process.

The maximum funding available to each successful individual application will be either \$50,000 or \$100,000 (GST Inclusive) per ACHP.

Submitting an application will not guarantee funding. Allocation of Grant funds will be assessed based on applications meeting the Program Eligibility Criteria and Objectives, ACHP need and their ability to deliver, and total funding pool available. The ACHPs that are selected for funding will be managed under a Funding Agreement with support from the AHO through the engagement and delivery process.

Applications and assessment outcomes from the Grant Application process may be used for Sector Capability Grant FY 2025 / 2026 funding program.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Sector Capability Grant FY 2024 / 2025 funding grant, the following criteria must be met:

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- The Applicant must be located in New South Wales
- The Applicant must be an Aboriginal Community Housing Provider (ACHP)
- The applicant must be registered under the National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH) or NSW Local Scheme (NSWLS); or
- The applicant must be scheduled to undertake or is currently undertaking registration

Please Note: Aboriginal Community Housing Organisations (ACHOs) and Transitional Registered Providers are not eligible.

Instructions for Applicants

Before completing this application form, you should have read the program guidelines and conditions of application. Incomplete applications and / or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Application Number

This field is read only.

The identification number or code for this submission.

Disclaimer

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project, and the Department expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion;
- it must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this application and the Department does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected; and
- it has read the Funding Guidelines and Conditions of Application for the Program and has fully informed itself of the relevant program requirements.

Use of Information

By submitting this application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- if this project application is successful, the relevant details of the project will be made public, including details such as the names of the organisation (Applicant) and any partnering organisation (state government agency or non-government organisation), project title, project description, location, anticipated time for completion and amount awarded;
- the Department will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in-confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act); and
- in some circumstances the Department may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

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Privacy Notice

By submitting this Application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- the Department is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by the Department in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy (available at: <https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/privacy>);
- the information it provides to the Department in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act;
- it has taken steps to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that the Department and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal information, and has been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

Eligibility Confirmation

Please declare this application meets the Program eligibility criteria:

- It has been prepared by and is being submitted by an eligible applicant
- Project applications are specific to applicants located in NSW
- Approved activities / projects can only commence after executing a Funding Deed
- Applicants will notify the AHO if grant funding is secured from another source

I can confirm the applicant and project is eligible according to the criteria outlined in the Program Guidelines and Conditions of Application *

- Yes
 No

Applicant Details

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Organisation Details

Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Organisation ABN *

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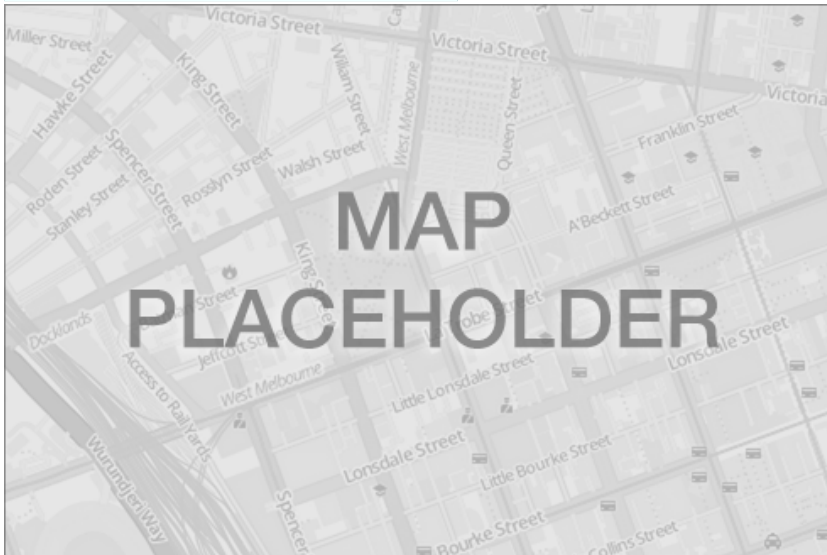
The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

Office Address *

Address



Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Country must be Australia and must be located in New South Wales

Postal Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Country must be Australia

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Office Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Office Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Website

Must be a URL.

Primary Contact Details

Primary Contact *

First Name

Last Name

This is the person we will correspond with about this grant

Primary Contact Position *

Primary Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Primary Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

Secondary Contact Details

Secondary Contact *

First Name

Last Name

This is the person we will contact if Primary is unavailable

Secondary Contact Position *

Secondary Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Secondary Contact Email *

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Must be an email address.

Funding Amount

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Please select what funding category you are applying under *

- Up to \$50,000
- Up to \$100,000

Eligibility Criteria

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Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must provide responses and evidence to meet the following eligibility criteria:

The applicants organisation is located in NSW. *

- Yes
- No

The applicants organisation must be in NSW, as determined by organisations address provided.

The applicant must be an Aboriginal Community Housing Provider. *

- Yes
- No

The applicant must be an ACHP.

The applicant must be registered under the National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH) or NSW Local Scheme (NSWLS) or Scheduled to undertake or is currently undertaking registration. *

- NRSCH Registered
- NSWLS Registered
- Currently scheduled to undertake NRSCH/ NSWLS Registration
- Currently undertaking NRSCH/ NSWLS Registration
- None of the above

If you have not selected any of the boxes above you may not be eligible to apply for this grant. Please contact the Sector Development Team at SectorDevelopment@aho.nsw.gov.au for advice.

Previous Funding and Performance

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Please select the correct options for the following questions that apply to your organisation:

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- Our organisation has previously received AHO grant funding.
- Our organisation has been on a performance improvement plan during the last 12 months.

If your organisation has previously received AHO grant funding, please provide details below including the name and year of funding and if funding was acquitted and reporting requirements were met

Word count:

If your organisation has been on a performance improvement plan in the last 12 months, please provide details below

Word count:

Assessment

Sector Capability Grant Funding Requirements

Refer to **Conditions of Application - Sector Capability Grant** for all background information to help with the response to the below questions.

Please select all appropriate objectives that your organisation plans to meet for the requirement of the Sector Capability Grant Program:

- Building on the foundations and momentum of the SFSC, AHO's 10-year Housing Strategy - Sector Growth (Pillar 3) initiatives to improve housing outcomes
- Advance community led objectives and targets outlined in Closing the Gap or the sector nominated Top 10 Priorities (Table B in Conditions of Application)
- Demonstrate the NSW Government's & AHO's commitment to providing culturally appropriate support and improve tenant experience and outcomes
- Support the Aboriginal housing sector to increase their capability and capacity, providing workforce development, and increasing long-term viability
- Support ACHPs to increase their capability and capacity to maintain dwellings across NSW in accordance with the AHO Asset Management Framework.
- Assist with registering and maintaining the registration of ACHPs to ensure they meet the requirements to provide housing services in accordance with the NRSCH/NSWLS Performance outcomes, AHO Provider Performance Framework and individual Management Agreements. (Table A in Conditions of Application)
- Assist with issues relating to ACHP performance and compliance in accordance with the AHO Provider Performance Framework (including Asset Management Framework)

Please Note: Your application and activities do not need to meet all of the above objectives.

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How will this grant assist your organisation in achieving or maintaining registration and compliance and / or improving business growth and sustainability?

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Detail activities that your organisation is planning to fund through the grant and demonstrate how they will address specific project objectives.

Activity Description

How will it address specific Project Objectives

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Detail why your organisation requires the activities nominated above.

Word count:

Benefits and Measures of Success

How will this grant benefit your organisation?

Word count:

Clearly outline the desired outcomes.

How will you measure the effectiveness of desired outcomes?

Cultural Impact

How will the grant benefit your tenants and / or the community?

Word count:

Budget

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Budget Breakdown

Provide a detailed cost breakdown of your initiative for each activity in the table below:

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Activity Description

Supporting Documentation \$ (attachment name)

Activity Description	Supporting Documentation \$ (attachment name)	
	For example: invoices, quotes, etc.	

Budget Total

Total Expenditure Amount *

This number/amount is calculated.
Budget Total can be no more than \$50,000

Evidence to support costs

Attach a file:

i.e. Third party quotes

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Provide a detailed cost breakdown of you initiative for activity in the table below:

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Declaration

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Authorised Individual

By signing this form, the Applicant acknowledges that the information and responses provided within the Application are true representations and factual statements. The applicant also confirms they are authorised representatives of the organisation.

Authorised Individual *

First Name

Last Name

Position of Authorised *

Authorised Email address *

Must be an email address.

Declaration of Information

By ticking this box, you confirm that the information you have provided is true and correct. *

Yes

*AHO may be reaching out to you for further information about your application. Providing false information will lead to the application being deemed ineligible.