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Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Grant Fund (SA)

Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisation (ACCO) Fund (SA)



**2023-24
grants**

Round
One
Now
Open

Round one is now open to eligible South Australian Aboriginal-owned and Controlled Organisations.

Apply for grants of up to \$150,000.

Grants will build the capability and capacity of ACCOs.

Building the Aboriginal community-controlled sector is one of four key priority reforms of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

Applications for round one close 11.59pm on 23 May 2023.

[agd.sa.gov.au/aboriginal-affairs-and-reconciliation/closing-the-gap](https://www.agd.sa.gov.au/aboriginal-affairs-and-reconciliation/closing-the-gap)



Who can apply?

All Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO's) in SA can apply.

What is the Grant Fund?

The ACCO Grant Fund is a Closing the Gap initiative and has been developed in partnership with the SAACCON and the SA Government. Five funding rounds totaling \$2.7M are scheduled.

Funding Guidelines, Fact Sheets and FAQ can be found at:

<https://www.agd.sa.gov.au/aboriginal-affairs-and-reconciliation/closing-the-gap/aboriginal-community-controlled-organisation-grant-fund-sa>

To apply, visit

<https://dcsi.smartygrants.com.au/ACCO-Round1>

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Funding Round One

Grants of up to \$150,000 will be awarded to eligible ACCO's for projects or initiatives that support Priority Reform Two of the National Agreement Closing the Gap, 'Building the Aboriginal Community Controlled Sector'.

The Fund will support projects that enable ACCOs to strengthen their operations and programs or undertake new initiatives. The grant funding can support a single project or multiple activities.

Eligible projects include:

- improvements to programs, services or new initiatives
- business capability and governance projects
- projects, infrastructure/equipment upgrades or system improvements
- staff development
- in support of ACCO participation in Closing the Gap initiatives.

If you have any questions about applying for this grant or would like to discuss a project proposal please email Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation at acco-fund@sa.gov.au

Recent Events



Closing the Gap Day

Thank you to everyone who came and said hello to us at our Closing the Gap stall at the Wayville Showgrounds on 16 March.

It was great to yarn with so many of our member organisations and hear about their work. We also took the opportunity to chat with community about the amazing work of our members, and our efforts to work alongside government to make real change.

KWY Summit 2023

Thank you to KWY for hosting The National Aboriginal Child Safety and Domestic Violence Summit over 3 days in March.

The generosity of the key note speakers, and the breadth of knowledge shared throughout the week was inspiring and provided opportunity to reconsider how systems and programs can best support families.



Cultural Awareness & Karna Language Workshop

Thank you to Jack Buckskin and Anthony Wilson from Kuma Kaaru who facilitated the cultural awareness and Karna language workshops attended by Secretariat staff. Hosted by 'Behind Closed Doors,' the 3 sessions provided a chance to practice our Karna greetings and learn a quick acknowledgement of country in language.



Ongoing & Recent Actions



- March and April were filled with conversations with various SA Government agencies for Partnership Agreement Negotiations
- Liaising with the Department for Environment and Water and members re DEW's proposed letter to COP.
- Consultation with members for the DSS First Nations EAW [End Violence Against Women and children] action plan.
- Meeting with SACOSS to discuss CTG and Community Infrastructure, specifically relating to water.
- Defining guiding principles, establishing and developing working group.
- Draft Partnership Agreement between SAACCON and NAIDOC.
- Partnership Agreement, Conversation with VACCA re how they have developed and challenges.

SAACCON Members

The Secretariat is committed to ensuring that our members are supported to continue to provide effective and culturally responsive services and to increase opportunities for our people within South Australia.

We continue to work with the Coalition of Peaks and engage in partnerships with Governments to shape policy and legislative developments on Closing the Gap.

We just want to take the time out to thank you all for a great start to the year. It's been great to see most members at the important meetings with government and also attending our SAACCON General Meetings.

NEW AND UPCOMING

INCORPORATION

SAACCON are very happy our recent incorporation application outcome.

After many hurdles we are **FINALLY INCORPORATED** and are so grateful to everyone who worked with us to get the application over the line.

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Sorry Day
26th May

Anniversary 1967 Referendum
27th May

National Reconciliation Week
27th - 3rd June

AIATSIS Summit
5-9 June

Youth Futures Summit
7-9 June

Maiam nayri Wingara National Indigenous Data Governance Summit
13 June

Lowitja Institute International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference
2023
14-16 June 2023

NAIDOC Week
3rd - 9th July

NAIDOC WEEK

This year SAACCON has the chance to be involved with NAIDOC Week 2023. We met with the chair of NAIDOC SA earlier in the

year to discuss SAACCON's priorities during NAIDOC Week.

Following the Chair stepping down, SAACCON is now taking on all NAIDOC Week events in Adelaide.