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UP TO \$15,000 AVAILABLE THROUGH AUSTRALIA DAY 2025 COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANT PROGRAM

In cities, suburbs and towns around the nation, Australians from all walks of life come together on Australia Day to reflect, respect, celebrate their national day, their way.

Local councils, Government entities and not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply for up to \$15,000 under the National Australia Day Council (NADC)'s Australia Day 2025 Community Events Grant Program.

Ensuring our national day is one that is accessible and inclusive of the stories and histories of all Australians is at the centre of the NADC's focus on promoting the meaning of Australia Day and being Australian.

Event hosts can apply for a fixed grant of \$10,000 to deliver inclusive events on Australia Day that use the NADC's 'Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.' messaging.

An additional \$5,000 is available for events that include significant Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander elements.

NADC Chief Executive Officer Mark Fraser AO CVO says councils and communities play a vital role in bringing communities together to reflect on the timeless history of our nation and that we are all shaped by our own experiences."

"Australia Day is about so much more than the events of one day," Mr Fraser said.

"It is about who we are as a nation and what we aspire to be. It reminds us of the common bond we share as Australians, connected by a desire for unity and the promise of safety, stability and prosperity."

Previous grant-funded events have included Welcomes to Country, citizenship ceremonies, morning teas, mornings of mourning, BBQs, live performances and storytelling with local Indigenous communities.

Applications open Monday 16 September 2024 and will close at 5pm (AEDT) Friday 11 October 2024.

To check eligibility, read the grant guidelines and apply for a grant, visit australiaday.org.au/grants.