



Australia Day  
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2026  
**Community Events  
Grant Program**

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# Fact Sheet

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## AUSTRALIA DAY 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANT PROGRAM

Opening date:	13 August 2025
Closing Date and Time:	08 September 2025
Enquiries:	If you have any questions, contact <a href="mailto:grants@australiaday.org.au">grants@australiaday.org.au</a> (Contact Officer).

### GRANT OVERVIEW

The National Australia Day Council (NADC) invites Australian local councils, state or territory government agencies, and not-for-profit organisations to apply for support to run inclusive Australia Day events on 26 January 2026. Aligned with the theme “Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.” the 2026 Community Events Grant Program will allocate \$4.5 million (GST exclusive) to help communities deliver impactful, engaging and memorable activities nationwide.

### FUNDING

Applicants can choose to apply for the funding level that suits their needs:

- **Base Grant: \$10,000 (GST exclusive).** Covers the core costs of running a community Australia Day event.
- **Additional Grant: + \$5,000 (GST exclusive).** An additional \$5000 (on top of the base grant) for events with significant Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander elements.
- **Alternative Grant: \$2,000 (GST exclusive):** For smaller gatherings where a modest contribution makes a big difference.

### WHAT WE FUND

The grant program funds Australia Day events that invite broad community participation, particularly including people with disability and young people, and respectfully feature Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. It also encourages practical inclusion measures (eg, ramps, Auslan interpreters, sensory spaces), supports local businesses and community groups through event spending, and promotes the national Australia Day message, “Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.”. Funds may be used to cover performers, accessibility supports, safety measures, venue hire, local suppliers or other costs that help deliver a welcoming, high-quality event.

### WHO CAN APPLY

You can apply if you are:

- an **Australian local council**,
- a **state or territory government agency**, or
- an **Australian not-for-profit organisation**.

### KEY REQUIREMENTS

Your organisation must:

- hold **public liability insurance of at least \$10 million**.
- host an event that is open to everyone and includes a clear accessibility feature for people with disability.
- utilise NADC-approved materials to share the theme ‘**Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.**’
- list the event on the **Australia Day Event Register** (if funded).

### APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **Bookmark:** [www.australiaday.org.au/grants](http://www.australiaday.org.au/grants) to stay in the loop of all updates.
2. **Read:** Download the **Program Guidelines** and sample **Grant Agreement** as soon as they are published.
3. **Apply:** When the round opens, follow the secure link on the same page to the online application form. Submit before the closing date.

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