

# Rapid Response Referendum Grant Round Guidelines

As part of our ongoing efforts to amplify community voices in support of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament, Australian Communities Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of the [Rapid Response Referendum Grant Round \(RRR Grant Round\)](#).

Rapid Response Referendum Grants are available to organisations and community groups across Australia undertaking initiatives that elevate and amplify First Nations voices and leadership within the YES campaign, and enable accessibility of information and resources about Voice, Treaty, Truth, and the upcoming Referendum process.

Rapid deployment of these grants is intended to meet immediate needs and fulfill resourcing gaps as they arise in the coming months.

## PRINCIPLES OF PRACTICE

- **Efficiency:** The application process is designed to get funds where they are needed as quickly and easily as possible for those doing the work.
- **Solidarity:** This grant round is a show of solidarity between ACF and those campaigning for Voice, Treaty and Truth to enable a fairer and more sustainable Australia. We also seek to support and foster solidarity between diverse groups doing this work through our support.
- **Commitment:** We are committed to supporting First Nations justice and self-determination, including constitutional recognition of First Peoples, and we will fund on that basis.

## PRIORITIES

All funded initiatives must elevate and amplify First Nations voices and leadership, and enable greater accessibility of information and resources relating to efforts mobilising for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice in the upcoming Referendum.

The RRR Grant Round will prioritise initiatives that:

- are led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, or meaningfully include First Nations voices and leadership.
- engage diverse or hard to reach communities in the YES campaign.
- may not otherwise have the capacity to participate in the campaign.
- complement and strengthen existing or ongoing initiatives in their geographic area and/or engage their intended audience.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Funding is available to formal and informal not-for-profit entities. These include:

- Registered charities (DGR1 desirable as the funding pool is greater for organisations in this category)
- Not-for-profit companies and associations
- Unincorporated community groups (funds must be received by a not-for-profit organisation on a group's behalf)

Funding is not available to individuals or for-profit entities.

## **GEOGRAPHY**

The RRR Grant Round supports initiatives all over Australia. Organisations and community groups in rural and remote areas are strongly encouraged to apply, and to factor in any additional expenses associated with conducting activities in these locations when making their submission.

## **USE OF FUNDS**

Funding can be used for any activities that contribute to the goals of the RRR Grant Round. These include but are not limited to:

- Events, rallies, convenings
- Information sessions
- Dissemination of information
- Activation of public spaces
- Production of materials
- Collaboration with other groups
- Operational costs associated with carrying out the above.

Funding cannot be used for:

- Non-charitable, partisan, retrospective, or illegal activities
- Dissemination of discriminatory or divisive messaging / materials
- Costs not associated with the delivery of aligned activities.

## **GRANT VALUES AND TIMEFRAMES**

One-off grants of between \$2,500 and \$15,000 are available.

Once funds are fully expended, recipients will be asked to submit a short acquittal report. It is expected that all funds will be expended prior to the referendum date.

## EOI PROCESS

- Eligible groups are encouraged to submit an EOI here: [grantinterface.com.au/sl/oxLNxC](https://grantinterface.com.au/sl/oxLNxC)
- Download a preview of the EOI form [here](#).
- Funding decisions and distributions are made fortnightly on a rolling basis by the ACF First Nations Advisory Group, during the period/s that the fund is active.

## CONTACT

For enquiries, please contact our Grants Team on 03 9412 0412 or email [grants@communityfoundation.org.au](mailto:grants@communityfoundation.org.au)

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### **Additional information about the Rapid Response Referendum Grant Round**

Australian Communities Foundation's First Nations Advisory Group has developed a simple and culturally appropriate application process, including clear guidelines and a transparent decision-making framework. The RRR Grant Round will enable funding to organisations with DGR1 status with some limited funds for those without.

Recognising the unique role that ACF can play through its capacity for responsive grantmaking, the RRR Grant Round exists alongside and complements the Yes Alliance Capacity Fund being overseen by Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition (AICR). The Yes Alliance Capacity Fund focuses on funding efforts that support the Yes23 campaign strategy, while the RRR Grants Pool enables funding for efforts for referendum-related campaigning more broadly. Applicants are welcome to apply for support from both funds if needed.

For more information on ACF's broader Voices for Impact program of work, head to [communityfoundation.org.au/voices-for-impact](https://communityfoundation.org.au/voices-for-impact)