



Australia-Indonesia Institute Grants Program - 2026-27 Grant Round Guidelines

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1 Australia-Indonesia Institute Grants Program – 2026-27 Grant Round processes

The Australia-Indonesia Institute Grants Program is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives

This grant opportunity is part of the Grants Program which contributes to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Outcome 1¹ in the Portfolio Budget Statements. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Australia-Indonesia Institute works with stakeholders to plan and design the **Australia-Indonesia Institute Grants Program** according to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 \(CGRPs\)](#).



The grant opportunity opens

We publish the grant guidelines on [GrantConnect](#).



You complete and submit a grant application

You complete the application form and address all the eligibility and assessment criteria to be considered for a grant.



We assess all grant applications

We first assess all applications against eligibility criteria. We then assess your eligible application against the assessment criteria including an overall consideration of value with relevant money and compare it to other applications. The Australia-Indonesia Institute's advisory Board assesses the highest-ranked applications and makes recommendations to the Program Delegate.



Grant decisions are made

The Program Delegate decides which grant applications are successful.



We notify you of the outcome

We advise you of the outcome of your application. We may not notify unsuccessful applicants until grant agreements have been executed with successful applicants.



We enter into a grant agreement

We will enter into a grant agreement with you if you have been successful. The type of grant agreement is based on the nature of the grant and will be proportional to value and risks involved.



Delivery of grant

You undertake the grant activity as set out in your grant agreement. We manage the grant by monitoring your progress and making payments.



Evaluation of the Australia-Indonesia Institute 2026-27 Grant Round

We evaluate your specific grant activity and the Australia-Indonesia Institute 2026-27 Grant Round as a whole. We base this on information you provide to us and that we collect from various sources.

¹ The advancement of Australia's international strategic, security and economic interests including through bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement on Australian Government foreign, trade and international development policy priorities.

1.1 Introduction

These grant opportunity guidelines contain information for the **Australia-Indonesia Institute Grants Program - 2026-27 Grant Round**.

You must read these grant opportunity guidelines before filling out an application.

This document sets out:

- the purpose of the grant program/grant opportunity
- the eligibility and assessment criteria and how to apply
- how grant applications are considered and selected
- how grantees are notified and receive grant payments
- how grantees will be monitored and evaluated
- responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity.

We administer the program according to the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs).²

2 About the grant program

The [Australia-Indonesia Institute](#) (All) Grant Program (the Program) contributes to Outcome 1³ Program 1.6⁴ in the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio Budget Statements.

The Program is an ongoing one, subject to annual budget appropriation, and will provide grants each year to develop, promote and strengthen understanding and engagement between Australia and Indonesia.

The All Grant Program builds on the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to deepen engagement with Indonesia and supports implementation of [Invested: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040](#).

The objectives of the All Grant Program are to:

- Increase public interest and understanding of Indonesia in Australia, and of the importance of the bilateral relationship, across a broad audience
- Increase Australians' capability to effectively engage with Indonesia
- Develop partnerships, collaborations and people-to-people links in areas of shared interest in the bilateral and regional context.

The intended outcomes of the Program are:

- Stronger understanding of Indonesian culture, language and history in Australia, and increased Australian interest in Indonesia

² [Federal Register of Legislation - Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024](#)

³ The advancement of Australia's international strategic, security and economic interests including through bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement on Australian Government foreign, trade and international development policy priorities.

⁴ Program 1.6 - Public Information Services and Public Diplomacy projects a positive and contemporary image of Australia and promotes a clear understanding of government policies and objectives and engagement with the Indo-Pacific region through the department's soft power activities.

- Increased ability across a broad range of Australians to effectively engage with Indonesia
- Stronger networks, collaboration and connections between Australian and Indonesian institutions and communities, building greater understanding, trust and influence.

2.1 About the Australia-Indonesia Institute Grants Program - 2026-27 grant opportunity

The [Australia-Indonesia Institute](#) 2026-27 annual grant opportunity (All Grants Round) is part of the Program. The All Grants Round seeks to strengthen the Australia-Indonesia relationship in ways that enhance mutual understanding and people-to-people links.

To deliver on its objectives, the focus of the annual Program pivots from year to year. The All 2026-27 annual grant opportunity will focus on the following theme:

Indonesian capability and language

Australia's security, prosperity and economic future are intrinsically tied to our region. The 2026-27 Budget expanded funding for the Australia-Indonesia Institute under the Implementing the Australia-Indonesia Treaty on Common Security (the Jakarta Treaty 2026) budget measure.

The All's 2026-27 grant round will champion initiatives that explicitly aim to strengthen Australia's national Indonesia capability. **Indonesia capability** refers to the knowledge, skills, experience, and networks that enable effective engagement with Indonesia.

Priority will be given to projects that can demonstrate how they improve Australia's ability to engage with Indonesia by building cultural understanding and knowledge, Indonesian language skills, and sustainable networks across community, schools and universities.

For all grant applications, favourable consideration will be given to:

- higher value, two-year activity proposals that clearly demonstrate the likelihood for sustainable impacts
- applications that include written confirmation of working directly with an Indonesian partner or of Indonesian participation.

Applications from **First Nations Australians** and First Nations Australian-led organisations are encouraged (note: if your project includes or directly impacts First Nations peoples, documentary evidence of their involvement/support must be included in your application).

This grant aligns with the following Closing the Gap priority reforms:

- priority reform 1 - Formal Partnerships and Shared Decision-Making, through encouraging participation by First Nations Australians and First Nations Australian-led organisations.
- priority reform 2 - Building the Community-Controlled Sector, through promoting awareness of and access to Commonwealth funding opportunities for First Nations Australian-led organisations.

Refer to the [National Agreement on Closing the Gap](#)⁵ for more information on these targets and priority reforms.

Applications that advance **gender equality, disability equity and social inclusion** are welcomed.

The All's 2026–27 grant round will focus exclusively on strengthening Australia's Indonesia capability, in line with the expanded funding under the Jakarta Treaty measure. In recognition of this priority, there will not be a separate, standard 'multi-theme' All grant opportunity in 2026–27.

3 Grant amount and grant period

3.1 Grants available

For this grant opportunity, up to \$2,500,000 is available in FY2026-27. The funding amounts available for All Grant Rounds vary from year to year. As noted in Section 2.1, this year's round is expanded as a special measure to support the Government's policy priority on Indonesia capability and language.

The minimum grant amount is \$50,000.

The maximum grant amount is \$400,000 (for up to 2 years).

Grants will be paid in Australian dollars and exclude GST.

Multiyear Grants

Applicants may apply for a multi-year grant (up to two years). Multi-year grants should only be considered where a project addresses a specific need, demonstrates larger scale partnership and collaboration, is sustainable and has potential for ongoing Australia-Indonesia relationships and engagement.

We encourage applicants to seek funding from other sources. Co-contributions (in-kind and/or cash) from applicants and other parties demonstrate commitment to the grant project and will strengthen your application. Applications will be considered on their merits with no further negotiation on funding to be provided. Please ensure costings clearly demonstrate value with relevant money.

Successful applicants may be offered a lower amount of funding than proposed in their application.

Applicants will be given an opportunity to decide whether they wish to accept the reduced offer.

3.2 Grant/Project period

The standard grant period is 12-24 months. Grant activities must commence on or prior to 31 May 2027. The maximum grant period is two years.

You must complete your grant/project by the end date designated in your grant agreement.

Following the grant/project period, an evaluation period of 30 days will commence.

4 Eligibility criteria

We cannot consider your application if you do not satisfy all the eligibility criteria.

⁵ <https://www.closingthegap.gov.au/national-agreement>

We cannot provide a grant if you receive funding from another government source for the same purpose.

4.1 Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

To be eligible to apply for a grant you must:

- be a permanent resident or citizen of Australia
- have an account with an Australian financial institution

and be one of the following entity types:

- an Australian entity with an Australian Business Number (ABN), Australian Company Number (ACN), or Indigenous Corporation Number (ICN)
- an Australian consortium with a lead organisation⁶
- an individual
- an Australian local government body
- an Australian state or territory government body
- a Corporate Commonwealth Entity
- an Australian statutory authority
- an Australian registered charity or not-for-profit organisation. Please refer to the [Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission \(ACNC\) registry Search for a charity | ACNC](#) to confirm if your organisation is registered.

To be eligible you must also:

- satisfy all the eligible grant activities and eligible expenditure listed in Sections 5.1 and 5.2, and
- submit the following documents (see Section 7.1):
 - an activity budget
 - two short, signed independent referee reports
 - letter of support from nominated project partners
 - organisational capability statement or individual's curriculum vitae (optional)
 - if you apply on behalf of a university, a letter of support from your Research Office or equivalent
 - if your project includes or directly impacts First Nations peoples, documentary evidence of their involvement/support must be included in your application
 - child protection guidelines that meet DFAT's [Child Protection Policy](#), if your project involves people under the age of 18 years (see Section 13.7 Child protection).

Individuals who intend the grant to be administered by a university or organisation should apply on behalf of the university / organisation, i.e. your university / organisation is the applicant.

4.2 Who is not eligible to apply for a grant?

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

- an organisation not included in section 4.1

⁶ The Australian Government recognises that some organisations may seek to form consortia in order to apply for a grant under the Program. Consortia are eligible to apply and the relevant conditions applicable to consortia are at 7.2 'Grant Applications from Consortia'

- an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the [National Redress Scheme's website](#)⁷ list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme' (www.nationalredress.gov.au)⁸
- an overseas resident/organisation
- a previous grantee who has failed to provide a full and proper acquittal of a completed All or DFAT grant.

5 What the grant money can be used for

5.1 Eligible grant activities

To be eligible, the grant activities outlined in your application must directly align with the All Grant Program objectives and theme. Grant funds can only be spent on eligible grant activities, which will be defined in the activity schedule of your grant agreement.

Eligible activities can include but are not limited to:

- Public lecture series, panel discussions or roadshows featuring leaders, academics and practitioners from both countries
- Activities supporting skills development, building professional capability across teaching, administration, management and related fields, and enabling the transfer of knowledge and best practice
- Joint workshops or symposia bringing together Australian and Indonesian institutions (universities, think tanks, NGOs, creative industries)
- Seed-funded pilot projects jointly delivered by Australian and Indonesian partners to test new collaborations
- Cross-cultural competency training
- Internship or mentoring programs pairing Australians with Indonesians working in similar fields
- Network-building forums supported by structured follow-up activities
- Online platforms or communities of practice enabling ongoing connection and collaboration
- Joint volunteering or community service initiatives
- Development of resources for students and teachers, aligned to the Australian curriculum.

Grant applicants intending to carry out activities involving scientific exchange should become familiar with Australia's export control regimes as appropriate [Global security | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(dfat.gov.au\)](#).

Similarly, the guidelines to counter foreign interference in the Australian university sector is a useful resource: [Guidelines to Counter Foreign Interference in the Australian University Sector - Department of Education, Australian Government](#).

⁷ <https://www.nationalredress.gov.au/>

⁸ The National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Grant Connected Policy makes non-government institutions named in applications to the Scheme, or in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, that do not join the Scheme ineligible for future Australian Government grant funding. The National Redress Scheme Grant Connected Policy came into effect on 1 January 2021. The Department of Social Services is the responsible entity for questions and advice regarding this policy (see www.dss.gov.au)

5.2 Eligible expenditure

You can only spend the grant on eligible expenditure directly related to the delivery of eligible grant activities as detailed in your budget and grant agreement.

Eligible expenditure items can include:

Travel

- Economy flights (international and/or domestic), modest accommodation costs (3-4 star hotel), meals and travel allowances, and other transport and travel costs at reasonable rates (not including visa charges and travel insurance costs)
 - we will only consider funding travel and accommodation where the travel is of direct relevance to the project and All objectives.
 - for travel to attend conferences, meetings and in-country experiences, we will only consider funding key participant(s), and only where the participant(s) is/are a principal speaker/participant and the subject of the conference/travel is of direct relevance to the proposed grant activity.
 - travel for more than one person must be fully justified in any application. Travel for a larger number of people will only be considered (fully or partially funded) where it specifically focuses on the proposed grant activity, and no other suitable options are available (e.g. online attendance).

Other

- Advertising and promotion, graphic design, photography, social media, video and printed material related to the grant project
- Production costs, including freight and support staff wages and/or fees directly related to the project (business-as-usual wages or fees will not be supported)
- Employee labour costs related to delivering the core elements of the grant project (business-as-usual labour costs will not be supported)
- Communication and translation costs directly related to ensuring information is accurately conveyed and accessible to intended audiences across languages, formats and communication channels
- Venue hire and catering
- Costs relating to auspice services, project administration or coordination (e.g. temporary engagement of a coordinator) may be considered, but will be capped at 5% of the total grant value.

For activities delivered in Australia, applicants are encouraged to consider the use of a First Nations supplier, if intending to subcontract any of the services above. A directory of registered First Nations businesses is available on the [Supply Nation](#) website.

You should allow for the exchange fees in your project budget. You are responsible for any financial differences that may occur from the time of the application submission to when the project takes place, due to fluctuations in the exchange rate. Bank remittance fees are to be covered by the grantee. You must incur the expenditure on your grant activities between the start date and end or completion date for your grant agreement for it to be eligible.

Unspent All grant funds must be returned to DFAT at the cessation of your grant agreement.

5.3 What the grant money cannot be used for

You cannot use the grant for the following:

- capital expenditure, including purchase of real estate and vehicles
- business-as-usual wages (defined as general salaries paid from an employer to an employee)
- purchase of equipment (for example, musical instruments, IT equipment, videos, photographic or printing equipment, sport equipment)
- activities which are already commercially viable in their own right
- activities which will provide commercial advantage to the applicant (e.g. promotion of the applicant's own business; production and sale of goods such as books produced as a result of the grant activity)
- costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation, other than costs relating to auspices services as noted in Section 5.2
- subsidy of general ongoing administration of an organisation such as electricity, phone, rent, salaries (including for research assistants or administrative staff), honorariums and/or administrative charges levied by the applicant's organisation
- activities for which other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility, including:
 - **assistance to businesses**, for example, business assistance that is available and funded by [Austrade](#), or other grants available for business on [Grant Connect](#)
 - **development assistance/aid related projects** and activities.
- scholarships or study tours for individual students
- the covering of retrospective costs or recurrent funding of activities, and
- completed projects.

6 The assessment criteria

You must address all of the following assessment criteria in the application. The amount of detail and supporting evidence you provide in your application should be relative to the project size, complexity and grant amount requested.

All criteria are weighted equally. The application form includes word limits.

Criterion 1: What is your grant activity, how will it contribute to All objectives, and why is it needed?

Clearly describe your proposed activity, its intended outcomes, and the value it delivers.

In providing a response to this criterion you **must** include, but are not limited to:

- a concise, plain-English summary of the grant activity, written for a non-expert in the activity area, and an outline of its key outputs and outcomes
- how your activity will contribute to the objectives and outcomes outlined in the Guidelines, including how it will:
 - increase Australian understanding, awareness of, and capability in engaging with, Indonesia
 - promote recognition of the strategic importance of the Australia-Indonesia bilateral relationship
- the rationale for your activity, including the gap, need or opportunity it addresses, and any innovative and/or improved approaches to advancing Australia's Indonesia capability, including Indonesian language learning in Australia

- why your proposal represents value with relevant money (refer to Section 6.1 and the Glossary for more information).

Criterion 2: What is the grant activity's potential reach and level of engagement?

You should demonstrate this by identifying the extent to which the project builds new, or strengthens existing, connections between Australian and Indonesian organisations or individuals and how it demonstrates meaningful engagement and benefit for participants.

Your response should include:

- expected reach and engagement, supported by quantitative and/or qualitative performance measures such as:
 - number and type of events (e.g. public seminars, promotional events, or community events)
 - expected participants/audience and rationale
- partnerships, collaborations or networks involved, and their role in delivery and impact
- media engagement plans (including proposed media content and social media), the type of media interest you seek to generate (e.g. articles, radio and television broadcasts), and distribution plans (e.g. publication)
- any follow-on or sustained outcomes, including ongoing collaborations between individuals and institutions, and whether the activity is a stand-alone project or part of a broader initiative
- the target audiences and how inclusive participation (gender equality, disability and social inclusion) will be supported.

Criterion 3: What is the capability and capacity of the applicant to undertake the grant activity?

Your response must demonstrate your (and your project partners', if applicable) ability to successfully deliver your grant activity. You must include, but are not limited to:

- a one-page capability statement of the organisation and CV(s) of the project leader(s) and key personnel
 - if your project will be carried out in Indonesia, you should indicate your Indonesian cultural capability, and vice versa for Indonesian partners supporting projects in Australia.

You are also encouraged to demonstrate:

- commitment to, and strong working relationship with, your project partner
- evidence of capability, capacity, diverse skills and experience across project teams to successfully deliver and promote the proposed activity (drawing on your existing or previous experience)
- the governance and risk management frameworks in place to support delivery
- your commitment to the project, including any co-contributions (in-kind and/or cash) from your organisation and/or other parties.

Refer to Section 7.1 for further details on what supporting documents are required in your application.

6.1 Tips on enhancing your application

When preparing the application, bear in mind that applications should be easily understood by someone who is not familiar with you, your organisation or the field of activity. Applications are more likely to be successful if they:

- are written in [plain language](#)
- are accurate, focused and comprehensive
- include a clear description of the proposed grant project
- include a realistic budget, and
- address the three selection criteria.

The assessment committee and the Program Delegate (Assistant Secretary, Indonesia Branch) will also strongly consider the value with relevant money that your project offers for the investment of Australian Government funds in their decision making. In expressing the value with relevant money that your project offers you should consider:

- other sources of funding or income (cash / in-kind) and whether each source of income or funding is confirmed, conditional or pending approval
- appropriate, reasonable and realistic travel costings
- alternatives for face-to-face conferences, forums, roundtables and meetings where appropriate.

7 How to apply

Before applying, you must read and understand these grant opportunity guidelines. These documents may be found at [GrantConnect](#). GrantConnect is the authoritative source for grants information. Any alterations and addenda⁹ will be published on GrantConnect and by registering on this website, you will be automatically notified of any changes to these grant opportunity guidelines.

To apply you must:

- complete the online All application form on [SmartyGrants](#) and provide all the information requested
- meet all eligibility criteria
- address all assessment criteria
- include all necessary attachments
- submit your grant application via the online system [SmartyGrants](#) by 12 noon AEST on 1 October 2026 (the application form includes helpful information).

If you have any technical difficulties, please contact the SmartyGrants Help Desk (service@smartygrants.com.au, +61 3 9320 6888 between 9am and 5pm AEST Monday to Friday).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants may wish to access assistance in submitting an application where English is not their first language. In these cases, applicants may contact an Indigenous language centre for assistance.

You should keep a copy of your application and any supporting papers.

⁹ Alterations and addenda include but are not limited to: corrections to currently published documents, changes to close times for applications, Questions and Answers (Q&A) documents and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) documents

We will acknowledge that we have received your application through an automated email from SmartyGrants within one working day.

You are responsible for ensuring that your application is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the [Criminal Code 1995](#) and we will investigate any false or misleading information and may exclude your application from further consideration.

You cannot change your application after the closing date and time.

The amount of detail and supporting evidence you provide in your application should be relative to the size, complexity and funding amount requested.

7.1 Attachments to the application

We require you to submit the following documents with your application:

- an activity budget. The budget should outline co-contributions (in-kind-and/or cash) from your organisation and other parties that demonstrate commitment to the project.
- two short, signed independent referee reports (referees cannot be All Advisory Board members or employees of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)
- letter of support from nominated project partners
- organisation capability statement or individual's curriculum vitae
- if you apply on behalf of a university, a letter of support from your Research Office
- child protection guidelines if the project involves people under the age of 18 years
- if your project includes or directly impacts First Nations peoples, documentary evidence of their involvement/support must be included in your application.

If you have a partner/s, please also provide a capability and commitment statement from the partner/s and a record of past successful partnerships with the partner/s.

Supporting documentation should be uploaded to the application form or included in the form where indicated (e.g. budget section). You should only attach requested and/or relevant documents.

Among applications from universities, the most competitive applications will be those with letters of support from the relevant Research Office highlighting the alignment of the proposed project to the Australia-Indonesia Institute's Grant Program objectives and theme and the relevance of the project to the University's strategic goals in the relevant country, and demonstrating that the proposed grant project is not more appropriately funded by the Australia Research Council or an alternative Commonwealth funding body.

7.2 Joint (consortia) applications

We recognise that some organisations may want to join together as a group to deliver a grant activity.

In these circumstances, you must appoint a 'lead organisation'. Only the lead organisation can submit the application form and enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth. The application must identify all other members of the proposed group/consortium and include a letter of support from each of the partners.

Each letter of support should include:

- details of the partner organisation

- an overview of how the lead organisation and partner organisations will work together to complete the grant activity
- an outline of the relevant experience and/or expertise of the consortium members
- the roles/responsibilities of consortium members and the resources they will contribute (if any)
- details of a nominated management level contact officer.

You must have a formal arrangement in place with all partner organisations prior to the execution of the grant agreement with DFAT.

7.3 Timing of grant opportunity processes

You must submit an application between the published opening and closing dates. We cannot accept late applications under any circumstances.

If you are successful, we expect you will be able to commence your grant activity between 1 January 2027 to 31 May 2027. Please indicate relevant activity start date in your application as corresponding to this.

Activity	Timeframe
Applications open	12pm midday (AEST) 26 August 2026
Submission of applications	12pm midday (AEST) 1 October 2026
Assessment of applications	Approximately 6-8 weeks following closing date for submission of applications
Approval of outcomes of selection process	November-December 2026
Negotiations and award of grant agreements	December 2026
Notification to unsuccessful applicants	December 2026 - January 2027
Earliest start date of grant activity	January 2027

7.4 Questions during the application process

If you have any questions during the application period, please contact the Australia-Indonesia Institute Secretariat at ausindonesia.institute@dfat.gov.au. Questions must be received no later than 17 September 2026. DFAT will post FAQs on [the AI website](#) to answer questions received. Note DFAT is unable to provide specific guidance on how you should best approach developing your grant proposal.

Applicants are reminded that personal approaches to DFAT officials and/or AI Board members during the application process could be considered a conflict of interest and result in the application being excluded from consideration.

8 The grant selection process

8.1 Assessment of grant applications

We will firstly review your application against the eligibility criteria set out in Section 4. Only eligible applications will be considered further.

If your application is eligible, we will then assess your application against the assessment criteria (see Section 6) and against other applications. We will consider your application on its merit, based on:

- how well it meets the criteria
- how it compares to other applications
- whether it provides value with relevant money¹⁰.

8.1.1 Value with relevant money

When assessing the extent to which the application represents value with relevant money, we will have regard to:

- the overall objective/s to be achieved in providing the grant
- the relative value of the grant sought and the breakdown of specific costs
- the extent to which the evidence in the application demonstrates that the grant activities will contribute to meeting the outcomes/objectives
- how the grant activities will target groups or individuals.

8.2 Who will assess applications?

An internal assessment committee will assess each application on its merit and compare it to other eligible applications. The assessment committee will be made up of DFAT officials. We may ask external experts/advisors to inform the assessment process. We may consult other DFAT officials and Commonwealth agencies, even if the sources are not nominated by you as referees. The assessment committee may also consider information about you or your application that is available through the normal course of business.

The assessment committee may contact applicants to correct or explain information provided in the application.

After assessing all applications, the assessment committee will provide the highest-ranked applications to the [All Board](#) for review. Advisory board members are treated as Commonwealth officials due to their role in the assessment process in accordance with Part 1, sections 2.8-2.9 of the CGRPs and the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

The All Board recommends to the DFAT Program Delegate which applications to approve for a grant.

8.3 Who will approve grants?

The Program Delegate (Assistant Secretary, Indonesia Branch) decides which grants to approve, taking into account the assessment committee's evaluations, the All Board's recommendations, and the availability of grant funds for the purposes of the grant program.

The Program Delegate's decision is final in all matters, including:

- the shortlisting of applications
- the approval of the grant
- the grant funding amount to be awarded.

There is no appeal mechanism for decisions to approve or not approve a grant.

¹⁰ See glossary for an explanation of 'value with relevant money'.

9 Notification of application outcomes

We will advise you of the outcome of your application in writing. If you are successful, we will advise you of any specific conditions attached to the grant.

You can submit a new application for the same grant (or a similar grant) in any future grant opportunities under the program. You should include new or more information to address any weaknesses that may have prevented your previous application from being successful.

9.1 Feedback on your application

Due to the volume of applications, the AI Secretariat is unable to provide feedback on individual unsuccessful applications. Within 90 days of the announcement of successful grant recipients on [the AI website](#), we will post the assessment committee's overall feedback on 2026-27 applications, on [the AI website](#).

10 Successful grant applications

10.1 The grant agreement

If successful, you must enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the Commonwealth represented by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. We use a [simple](#) or [standard grant agreement](#) in this program. Our selection will depend on the size and complexity of your grant activity. Each grant agreement has general terms and conditions that cannot be changed.

We must execute a grant agreement with you before we can make any payments. We are not responsible for any of your expenditure until a grant agreement is executed. If you choose to start your grant activities before you have an executed grant agreement with DFAT, you do so at your own risk.

Your grant agreement may have specific conditions determined by the assessment process or other considerations made by the Program Delegate. We will identify these in the agreement.

The Commonwealth may recover grant funds if there is a breach of the grant agreement.

Simple Grant Agreement and/or Standard Grant Agreement

You will have 14 days from the date of a written offer to execute this grant agreement with the Commonwealth ('execute' means both you and the Commonwealth have signed the agreement). During this time, we will work with you to finalise details.

The offer may lapse if both parties do not sign the grant agreement within this time.

You may request changes to the grant agreement. However, we will review any proposed changes to ensure they do not impact the grant as approved by the Program Delegate and meet any other DFAT requirements.

10.2 How we pay the grant

For single year grants, we will pay 100 per cent of the grant upfront in a single payment upon execution of the grant agreement and on receipt of a valid invoice. You will be required to report how you spent the grant funds at the completion of the grant activity and maintain all relevant records for auditing purposes. This may include provision of payment receipts as evidence to support your claim for delivery of the grant's activities.

For multi-year grants, we will make an initial payment on execution of the grant agreement and a second payment within the 2026-27 financial year, according to an agreed schedule set out in the

grant agreement. Payments are subject to satisfactory progress on the grant activity based on your progress reports and on receipt of a valid invoice. Indexation is not applied to All Program grants.

All grants are awarded and paid in Australian dollars (AUD).

The grant agreement will state the maximum grant amount to be paid. We will not exceed the maximum grant amount under any circumstances. If you incur extra costs, you must meet them yourself.

10.3 Grants payments and GST

This grant is Goods and Services Tax (GST) exclusive.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) does not apply to DFAT grant payments, meaning we do not pay a separate amount to cover GST.

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the [Australian Taxation Office](#).¹¹ We do not provide advice on your particular taxation circumstances.

11 Announcement of grants

If successful, your grant will be listed on the GrantConnect website no later than 21 calendar days after the date of effect as required by Section 5.4 of the [CGRPs](#).

The Foreign Minister may choose to announce some or all grants through a media release.

Your grant will also be listed on the DFAT website [Australia-Indonesia Institute page](#).

12 How we monitor your grant activity

12.1 Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your grant activity or organisation.

We need to know of any key changes to your organisation or its business activities, particularly if they affect your ability to complete your grant, carry on business and pay debts due.

You must also inform us of any changes to your:

- name
- addresses
- nominated contact details
- bank account details.

If you become aware of a breach of terms and conditions under the grant agreement, you must contact us immediately.

You must notify us of events relating to your grant and provide an opportunity for the Minister or their representative, All Board members, Head of Mission, or DFAT staff to attend.

¹¹ <https://www.ato.gov.au/>

12.2 Reporting

You must submit reports in line with the grant agreement. You will be able to download the report template from [SmartyGrants](#). We will remind you of your reporting obligations before a report is due.

You must discuss any reporting delays with us as soon as you become aware of them by emailing ausindonesia.institute@dfat.gov.au.

Progress reports

For multi-year grants, we will ask you to provide an annual progress report. This should include:

- evidence of your progress towards completion of agreed activities, milestone and outcomes
- progress and/or changes to your communications plan
- the total eligible expenditure incurred to date.

Ad-hoc reports

We may ask you for ad-hoc reports on your grant. This may be to provide an update on progress, or any significant delays or difficulties in completing the grant activity.

Final report

When you complete the grant activity, you must submit a final report.

Final reports must:

- identify if and how outcomes have been achieved
- include the agreed evidence as specified in the grant agreement
- identify the total eligible expenditure incurred and any unused funding to be returned to DFAT
- outline communication activities and impact
- be submitted within the timeframe set out in your grant agreement.

12.3 Grant agreement variations

We recognise that unexpected events may affect your progress. In these circumstances, you can request a variation to your grant agreement. You can request a variation by submitting a request in writing to the All Secretariat, ausindonesia.institute@dfat.gov.au, at least 30 days before your grant agreement ends.

You should not assume that a variation request will be successful. We will consider your request based on provisions in the grant agreement and the likely impact on achieving outcomes. We are unable to extend expired agreements. Only one grant extension per agreement may be accepted.

Requests for extensions received after the agreement end date will not be accommodated under any circumstances as outlined in the Commonwealth PGPA Act.

12.4 Compliance visits

We may visit you during or at the completion of your grant activity to review your compliance with the grant agreement. We will provide you with reasonable notice of any compliance visit.

12.5 Record keeping

We may also inspect the records you are required to keep under the grant agreement.

12.6 Evaluation

We will evaluate the grant activity to measure how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved. We may use information from your application and reports for this purpose. We may also interview you or ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the activity was in achieving its outcomes.

We may contact you up to one year after you finish your grant for more information to assist with this evaluation. Any findings may be shared within DFAT and/or with other Government agencies to determine the grantee's performance in delivering outcomes and effective use of Government funds.

12.7 Acknowledgement

We may request a communications strategy for your grant.

We will provide you with guidance on acknowledging All's support in your external communications and use of All branding.

The Australia-Indonesia Institute logo/Australian Government crest must be used on all materials related to the grants. Whenever the logo/crest is used in a publication, the recipient must also acknowledge the Commonwealth as follows:

'This activity received grant funding from the [Australia-Indonesia Institute](#) of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.'

Invitations to All Board members and/or officers of DFAT to represent the Australian Government's support for the project are welcomed. We also encourage grantees to share communications materials with DFAT.

13 Probity

We will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair, is conducted according to the published grant opportunity guidelines, is consistent with the CGRPs and incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud and corruption, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct.

You should be aware of your obligations under the [National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022](#), noting that under the Act grantees will generally be considered 'contracted service providers' [see [NACC fact-sheets](#)].

13.1 Enquiries and feedback

All complaints about a grant process must be lodged in writing with the All Secretariat ausindonesia.institute@dfat.gov.au

Any questions you have about grant decisions for the Program should be sent to ausindonesia.institute@dfat.gov.au. **You may wish to list @dfat.gov.au as a trusted emailer in your email system.**

If you do not agree with the way DFAT has handled your complaint, you may issue a complaint to the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#). The Ombudsman will not usually consider a complaint unless the matter has first been raised directly with DFAT.

The Commonwealth Ombudsman can be contacted on:

Phone (Toll free): 1300 362 072
Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au
Website: www.ombudsman.gov.au

13.2 Conflict of interest

Any conflicts of interest, or perceived conflicts of interest can affect the performance of the grant opportunity or program. There may be a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, if DFAT staff, an All Board member, any member of a committee or advisor and/or you or any of your personnel have a:

- professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who can influence the application selection process, such as an Australian Government officer, or All Board member
- relationship with or interest in an organisation which is likely to interfere with or restrict the applicants from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently, or
- relationship with or interest in an organisation from which they will receive personal gain because the organisation receives a grant under the grant program/grant opportunity.

You will be asked to declare, as part of your application, any perceived or existing conflicts of interests or that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest.

If you later identify an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, you must inform DFAT in writing immediately.

Conflicts of interest for Australian Government staff will be handled as set out in the Australian [Public Service Code of Conduct \(Section 13\(7\)\)](#) of the [Public Service Act 1999](#). Committee members and other officials including the decision maker must also declare any conflicts of interest.

We publish our conflict of interest policy on the [DFAT website](#).

13.3 Privacy

We treat your personal information according to the [Privacy Act 1988](#) and the [Australian Privacy Principles](#). This includes letting you know:

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information
- who we give your personal information to.

'Personal information' means information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable:

- (a) whether the information or opinion is true or not and
- (b) whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not.

Your personal information can only be disclosed to someone else for the primary purpose for which it was collected, unless an exemption under the Australian Privacy Principles applies.

The Australian Government may also use and disclose information about grant applicants and grant recipients under this grant opportunity in any other Australian Government business or function. This includes disclosing grant information on GrantConnect as required for reporting purposes and giving information to the Australian Taxation Office for compliance purposes.

We may share the information you give us with other Commonwealth entities for purposes including government administration, research or service delivery, according to Australian laws.

As part of your application, you declare your ability to comply with the Privacy Act and the Australian Privacy Principles and that you will impose the same privacy obligations on officers, employees, agents and subcontractors that you engage to assist with the activity, in respect of personal information you collect, use, store, or disclose in connection with the activity. Accordingly,

you must not do anything, which if done by DFAT would breach an Australian Privacy Principle as defined in the Privacy Act.

13.4 Confidential Information

Other than information available in the public domain, you agree not to disclose to any person, other than us, any confidential information relating to the grant application and/or agreement, without our prior written approval. The obligation will not be breached where you are required by law, Parliament or a stock exchange to disclose the relevant information or where the relevant information is publicly available (other than through breach of a confidentiality or non-disclosure obligation).

We may at any time, require you to arrange for you; or your employees, agents or subcontractors to give a written undertaking relating to nondisclosure of our confidential information in a form we consider acceptable.

We will keep any information in connection with the grant agreement confidential to the extent that it meets all of the three conditions below:

1. you clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential
2. the information is commercially sensitive
3. revealing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else.

We will not be in breach of any confidentiality agreement if the information is disclosed to:

- the assessment committee and other Commonwealth employees and contractors to help us manage the Program effectively, including for an integrity purpose
- employees and contractors of our department so we can research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities
- employees and contractors of other Commonwealth agencies for any purposes, including government administration, research or service delivery
- other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government agencies in program reports and consultations
- the Auditor-General, Ombudsman, Privacy Commissioner or National Anti-Corruption Commissioner, or staff of their agencies
- the responsible Minister or Parliamentary Secretary, or
- a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

The grant agreement may also include any specific requirements about special categories of information collected, created or held under the grant agreement.

13.5 Sexual misconduct prevention and response

DFAT has a zero-tolerance approach to sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment. It is expected that all individuals participating in this program will comply with DFAT's Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment ([PSEAH](#)) policy. Any allegations or reports of misconduct will be taken seriously. The Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth) defines the nature and circumstances in which sexual harassment is unlawful.

In response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the Australian Government has introduced the National Redress Scheme, which provides acknowledgement and support to people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse.

For more information and support, please visit: <http://www.nationalredress.gov.au/> or; call the National Redress Scheme line on **1800 737 377**.

13.6 Child Protection

DFAT has a zero-tolerance approach to child exploitation or abuse. It is expected that all individuals participating in this program will adhere to DFAT's [Child Protection Policy](#)¹².

If your project may involve contact with children, may have an impact on children, or you, your staff or partner organisation will work with children as part of the project activities, then a DFAT child protection risk assessment is required. This may include obtaining and providing proof of a working with children check from the relevant Australian state or territory authority.

For further guidance about DFAT's child protection requirements, including establishing your risk context, please visit DFAT's [Child Protection Policy](#)¹³ page:

The grantee should make an assessment of risks associated with the grant activity, based on the level of contact with children, as outlined in the Policy, to determine whether essential or comprehensive standards apply.

For information about where to obtain a working with children check in your state or territory, please visit [Working with children checks](#)¹⁴.

For further information, please email childprotection@dfat.gov.au or call +61 2 6178 5100.

13.7 Freedom of information

All documents in the possession of the Australian Government, including those about this grant opportunity, are subject to the [Freedom of Information Act 1982](#) (FOI Act).

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give members of the public rights of access to information held by the Australian Government and its entities. Under the FOI Act, members of the public can seek access to documents held by the Australian Government. This right of access is limited only by the exceptions and exemptions necessary to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons in respect of whom the information relates.

All Freedom of Information requests must be referred to the Freedom of Information Coordinator in writing.

By mail: The Director, Freedom of Information and Privacy Law Section
Corporate Legal Branch
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
R.G. Casey Building, John McEwen Crescent
BARTON ACT 0221

By email: foi@dfat.gov.au

¹² <https://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/themes/child-protection/child-protection-policy>

¹³ <https://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/themes/child-protection/child-protection-policy>

¹⁴ <https://www.acic.gov.au/services/national-police-checking-service/find-out-more-information/working-children-checks>

14 Glossary

Term	Definition
accountable authority	See subsection 12(2) of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013
administering entity	When an entity that is not responsible for the policy, is responsible for the administration of part or all of the grant administration processes
assessment criteria	Are the specified principles or standards, against which applications will be judged. These criteria are also used to assess the merits of proposals and, in the case of a competitive grant opportunity, to determine application rankings.
commencement date	The expected start date for the grant activity
completion date	The expected date that the grant activity must be completed and the grant spent by
contracted service provider	A contracted service provider is a person who is a party to a Commonwealth contract or is a party to a subcontract with a contracted service provider and is responsible for the provision of goods or services under contract, either directly or indirectly.
co-sponsoring entity	When two or more entities are responsible for the policy and the appropriation for outcomes associated with it
date of effect	Can be the date on which a grant agreement is signed or a specified starting date. Where there is no grant agreement, entities must publish information on individual grants as soon as practicable.
decision maker	The person who makes a decision to award a grant; see also Program Delegate.
eligibility criteria	Refer to the mandatory criteria which must be met to qualify for a grant. Eligibility criteria should be developed to enable objective validation and are either 'met' or 'not met'. Assessment criteria may apply in addition to eligibility criteria.
Commonwealth entity	A Department of State, or a Parliamentary Department, or a listed entity or a body corporate established by a law of the Commonwealth. See subsections 10(1) and (2) of the PGPA Act

Term	Definition
<i>Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs)</i>	Establish the overarching Commonwealth grants policy framework and articulate the expectations for all non-corporate Commonwealth entities in relation to grants administration. Under this overarching framework, non-corporate Commonwealth entities undertake grants administration based on the mandatory requirements and key principles of grants administration.
grant	For the purposes of the CGRPs, a 'grant' is an arrangement for the provision of financial assistance by the Commonwealth or on behalf of the Commonwealth: a. under which relevant money¹⁵ or other Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) money¹⁶ is to be paid to a grantee other than the Commonwealth; and b. which is intended to help address one or more of the Australian Government's policy outcomes while assisting the grantee achieve its objectives.
grant activity/activities	Refers to the project/tasks/services that the grantee is required to undertake.
grant agreement	Sets out the relationship between the parties to the agreement and specifies the details of the grant.
GrantConnect	The Australian Government's whole-of-government grants information system, which centralises the publication and reporting of Commonwealth grants in accordance with the CGRPs.
grant opportunity	Refers to the specific grant round or process where a Commonwealth grant is made available to potential grantees. Grant opportunities may be open or targeted and will reflect the relevant grant selection process.
grant program	A 'program' carries its natural meaning and is intended to cover a potentially wide range of related activities aimed at achieving government policy outcomes. A grant program is a group of one or more grant opportunities under a single [entity] Portfolio Budget Statement Program.
grantee	The individual/organisation which has been selected to receive a grant.

¹⁵ Relevant money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 8, Dictionary.

¹⁶ Other CRF money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 105, Rules in relation to other CRF money.

Term	Definition
GST	GST is payable on taxable supplies and taxable importations. GST may also apply to Australian goods and services consumed overseas depending on how they are delivered by the supplier. For GST to apply the goods or services must be considered a taxable supply. Where DFAT pays an entity grant funding, it does not have to pay GST on the funding payment unless the entity makes a 'supply' in return for the payment. Supply is defined as a good, service, advice, information, rights or obligation.
Indonesia capability	The knowledge, skills, experience and networks that enable effective engagement with Indonesia.
Jakarta Treaty	The Australia-Indonesia Treaty on Common Security (the Jakarta Treaty) was signed by Prime Minister Albanese and Indonesian President Prabowo on 6 February 2026 in Jakarta. It is a recognition by both nations that the best way to secure peace and stability in our region is by acting together and represents a commitment to deeper cooperation with Indonesia, including through building on existing people-to-people links and greater Indonesian capability in Australia.
National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC)	The National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) is an independent Commonwealth agency. It detects, investigates and reports on serious or systemic corruption in the Commonwealth public sector. The Commission operates under the National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022 .
PBS Program	Described within the entity's Portfolio Budget Statement , PBS programs each link to a single outcome and provide transparency for funding decisions. These high-level PBS programs often comprise a number of lower level, more publicly recognised programs, some of which will be Grant Programs. A PBS Program may have more than one Grant Program associated with it, and each of these may have one or more grant opportunities.
Program Delegate	Assistant Secretary, Indonesia Branch; the person who makes a decision to award a grant under the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles (see decision maker)
selection criteria	Comprise eligibility criteria and assessment criteria.
selection process	The method used to select potential grantees. This process may involve comparative assessment of applications or the assessment of applications against the eligibility criteria and/or the assessment criteria.

Term	Definition
value with money	Value with money in this document refers to ‘value with relevant money’ which is a judgement based on the grant proposal representing an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources and determined from a variety of considerations. When administering a grant opportunity, an official should consider the relevant financial and non-financial costs and benefits of each proposal including, but not limited to: • the quality of the project proposal and activities; • fitness for purpose of the proposal in contributing to government objectives; • that the absence of a grant is likely to prevent the grantee and government’s outcomes being achieved; and • the potential grantee’s relevant experience and performance history.

Appendix A. Acronyms

Acronyms used in these guidelines, online and within application forms

Acronyms	Description
ABN	Australian Business Number
ACN	Australian Company Number
AEDT	Australian Eastern Daylight Time
AEST	Australian Eastern Standard Time
AI	Australia-Indonesia Institute
CGRPs	Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles
CV	Curriculum Vitae
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
FCI	Foundations, Councils and Institutes
FOI	Freedom of Information
GST	Goods and Services Tax
PBS	Portfolio Budget Statement
PGPA Act	Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act
PSEAH	Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment Policy

Appendix B. Grant Application Checklist

Grant Application Checklist:

Please review this checklist before submitting the online application form in SmartyGrants, to ensure you have all the required information and documents to proceed with your application.

To apply for an All Grant you must:
• Be a permanent resident or citizen of Australia • have an account with an Australian financial institution • and be one of the following entity types: • an Australian entity with an Australian Business Number (ABN), Australian Company Number (ACN), or Indigenous Corporation Number (ICN) • an Australian consortium with a lead organisation¹⁷ • an individual • an Australian local government body • an Australian state or territory government body • a Corporate Commonwealth Entity • an Australian statutory authority • an Australian registered charity or not-for-profit organisation. Please refer to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) registry Search for a charity ACNC to confirm if your organisation is registered.
<i>If your project involves people under the age of 18 years, you must:</i> be willing to provide or develop child protection guidelines that meet the Child Protection Policy Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (dfat.gov.au) for your grant project if it involves people under the age of 18 years.
<i>For applications from consortia, you must also:</i> have a lead applicant who is the main driver of the grant project and is eligible as per the list above.
<i>If the grant is to be administered by a university / organisation:</i> your university / organisation should be the applicant.
Ensure your proposed activities align with the 2026-27 key theme and the eligible grant activities and eligible expenditure listed in Sections 5.1 and 5.2 of these Guidelines.
Submit all the attachments listed in Section 7.1, where applicable.
Propose a grant project of one to two years' duration from the time of grant agreement signing. Note that the project acquittal will be due within 30 days of the end of the grant project.
Propose a grant funding amount between \$50,000 and \$400,000, with costings that clearly demonstrate value with relevant money.
Submit your application prior to the Grant Opportunity's closing date and time.

¹⁷ The Australian Government recognises that some organisations may seek to form consortia in order to apply for a grant under the Program. Consortia are eligible to apply and the relevant conditions applicable to consortia are at 7.2 'Grant Applications from Consortia'

