

# Alcohol and Other Drugs Youth Grants Program

## Application Guidelines

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<b>Acronyms</b>	<b>Full form</b>
NT	Northern Territory
AOD	Alcohol and Other Drugs
NTG	Northern Territory Government
MHAOD	Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs
ABN	Australian Business Number

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# 1. About these guidelines

These guidelines will assist you in applying for the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Youth Grants Program 2025/26 round. Before applying, please read all sections of the guidelines carefully.

If you are a first-time user, you will need to create an account and set up an **organisational profile**. The GrantsNT website has a [help section](#) to guide you through this process.

If you require assistance with your application or have any queries in relation to the AOD Youth Grants Program, please contact the Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs (MHAOD) Branch by phone (08) 8999 2691 or by email [MHAODCommissioning.Health@nt.gov.au](mailto:MHAODCommissioning.Health@nt.gov.au).

## 2. Introduction

The Northern Territory Government (NTG) facilitates the strategic policy and planning agenda for AOD in the Northern Territory (NT) in partnership with health services, non-government organisations and consumers. This grant program aims to minimise harm associated with the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, including volatile substances, through a range of prevention, education and community action initiatives.

This provides the opportunity for community groups, non-government organisations, local councils, sole traders and partnerships to apply for one-off grant funding for individual projects/initiatives across the Territory.

## 3. Applications open

Applications are open through the GrantsNT website from Monday, 8 September 2025 and close at midnight on Friday, 3 October 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.

## 4. Funding details

Funding is available up to \$20,000 per recipient for individual projects/initiatives across the NT.

You are able to submit more than one application per organisation if you require funding for more than one program.

## 5. Eligible applicants

To be eligible to apply, applicants must be community groups, non-government organisations, local councils, sole traders and partnerships.

Applicants must have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be a [legal entity](#) as defined by the [Australian Business Register](#).

Applicants must have current Public Liability Insurance coverage required to undertake the project/initiatives, with the cover of a minimum of \$10 million per event.

Applicants must not have overdue reporting requirements, including financial acquittals for any previous NTG grant.

### 5.1. What will be funded

The key focus areas for 2025/26 applications are:

- Provision of projects that aim to reduce harms associated with AOD among young people. Priority projects will demonstrate the following:
  - Promoting healthy choices;
  - Improving mental health, social and emotional wellbeing;
  - Reducing harms associated with AOD; and
  - Encouraging healing and connection to culture and community to increase strength and resilience.
- Demonstrate that the activities are consistent with the [National Drug Strategy 2017-2026](#), the [National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Drug Strategy 2014-2019](#), and the [National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Mental Health and Social Emotional Wellbeing 2017-2023](#).
- Projects/initiatives must be delivered within the NT.

The target group for projects/initiatives is young people aged between 12 and 25 years. Families and community elders are also welcome to participate in projects.

Projects are to be delivered during the 2025/26 financial year and/or up to 12 months.

The types of delivery that can be funded are:

- Activities, events, programs and projects that offer a range or a combination of a regular series of activities or a one-off activity and event.
- Projects that aim to deliver activities that provide AOD education, diversion, awareness, and promote healthy choices that aim to reduce harms associated with AOD.
- Programs to upskill staff within your organisation that engage with young people and enhance current work practices that support young people's healthy choices.

## 6. How to apply

Applications must be completed online through the GrantsNT website by visiting <http://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/>.

Applicants will require an account for their organisational profile in GrantsNT. Accounts and profiles can be created through the website, and there are help guides within [GrantsNT](#) to assist you.

The application form has detailed questions and allows you to provide a response to address each question. All relevant areas of the application must be completed, and supporting documents attached as required.

Once your application has been submitted, you can follow the status of the application through your GrantsNT account.

If you require assistance with submitting your application or have any questions regarding the grants process, please contact the MHAOD Branch by phone (08) 8999 2691 or by email [MHAODCommissioning.Health@nt.gov.au](mailto:MHAODCommissioning.Health@nt.gov.au).

## 7. Assessment criteria

The assessment criteria is set out below:

- How the project or activity will benefit our community's youth.
- How the project or activity provides healthy choices to reduce harms associated with AOD among young people.
- How the project or activity demonstrates culturally safe responses that address harms associated AOD.
- How the organisation will enhance its staff's skills to engage with young people (aged 12-25) through increased access to training.
- The project or activity is supported within the community.
- The project demonstrates that the activities are consistent with the [National Drug Strategy 2017-2026](#), the [National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Drug Strategy 2014-2019](#), and the [National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Mental Health and Social Emotional Wellbeing 2017-2023](#).
- Provide supporting documents, including a detailed budget and project plan outlining dates/milestones for project delivery.
- Projects/initiatives must be delivered within the NT.
- Previous successful delivery and reporting of funded projects.

Please address all of the above within your application in brief detail, or you can attach a supporting document with additional information.

## 8. Assessment process

All applications received will be acknowledged in writing directly from the GrantsNT website.

Before your application is assessed, an eligibility check is performed. This process is to check that the application submitted has been completed correctly and that your application addresses all of the assessment criteria. If we believe the application submitted is missing information, we will contact you through GrantsNT or via the contact information provided in your application.

Applications will be assessed by a panel, ensuring a comprehensive evaluation of all submissions, including the information provided within the application and any accompanying support material. Each application will be reviewed by the panel against specified assessment criteria, which will determine the successful applicants.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome in writing 4-6 weeks after the closing date. Unsuccessful applicants can seek feedback on their application upon request via the GrantsNT website. Please note, this is a highly subscribed grants program, and unfortunately, not all projects meeting eligibility criteria can be supported.

## 9. Formal agreement

The successful applicants will be required to sign a funding agreement between the organisation and NT Health. The agreement will include the program details, reporting requirement dates and funding amount.

Successful applicants will be required to acknowledge the support of the NTG through the use of the NTG logo on all promotional materials, e.g. promotional advertisements, press releases, signage at events and/or other material as appropriate. A digital copy of the logo can be supplied on request.