

2020/21 Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Grants Program

Application guidelines

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The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the Royal Commission) revealed the staggering extent of child sexual abuse in Australian institutions as well as the failure of institutions to protect children and support people with lived experience.

The Queensland Government continues to implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission. The Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Taskforce (the Taskforce) was established to provide the Queensland Government with advice on Royal Commission related reforms.

One of the functions of the Taskforce is to provide oversee a grants fund for reconciliation and healing events and memorials. It is the responsibility of the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs (DCYJMA) to develop and administer the grants program, with advice from the Taskforce.

For more information about the Taskforce, and its role in the grants program, please refer to Attachment 1.

Purpose of the grants

The purpose of the Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Grants Program is to provide opportunities for Queensland organisations to support people with lived experience of institutional child abuse to share the truth of their experiences, contribute to their healing and reconcile our history of abuse in institutions. We acknowledge that truth, healing and reconciliation means different things to different people and may be individual and/or collective.

This year marks the second of four rounds of the Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Grants Program. In the first round of grant funding, we asked Queensland organisations to tell us what truth, healing and reconciliation means to them.

We heard that the need for people with lived experience to speak out about the truth of their experiences is as strong as ever. We heard that the pain and distress of being silenced and denied justice continues. We heard there is healing in people coming together and sharing their experiences, through workshops, creative writing and music. We heard the impact of institutional child abuse never goes away.

We recognise that in many ways Queensland has only just begun its journey of truth, healing and reconciliation. We need to continue these conversations in our second grant round.

Objectives

The objectives of the Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Grants Program are to:

- recognise the profound harm caused by institutional child abuse
- raise awareness of institutional child abuse and its impact
- create opportunities for meaningful connections with people with lived experience of institutional child abuse

- promote cultural change in responding to people with lived experience of institutional child abuse and/or protecting children today.

Principles

Funding is available for activities that:

- partner with people with lived experience in the development and implementation of the activity
- focuses on any aspect of institutional child abuse including historical and contemporary contexts
- recognise truth, healing and reconciliation is an ongoing process, and does not end with any one action or activity
- does no further harm to those with lived experience, their friends, family and supporters
- is survivor-focused by placing people with lived experience at the centre of the activity.

In the context of these principles, therapeutic healing activities must be delivered by qualified and accredited practitioners, and evidence of such submitted as part of the application.

Applications which include a particular focus on groups experiencing additional vulnerability to institutional child abuse (e.g. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) communities, culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities) are encouraged.

Potential activities could include:

- Resources or materials (e.g. posters, videos, websites or podcasts) that acknowledge, raise awareness, challenge myths and misconceptions, reduce stigma or educate about institutional child abuse.
- Initiatives that educate and share the stories of people with lived experience in a safe and supportive way (e.g. truth telling, oral histories and creative art performances) such as
 - events and workshops
 - a 'living library' where those with lived experience can share their stories and experiences with members of the community in a supported way
 - exhibitions of art or writing that shares the experiences of those who have experiences of institutional child abuse
 - creating videos or podcasts sharing stories of those with lived experience.
- Memorials, monuments or commemorative events that are of significance to those with lived experience.
- Reunions and other events that are of importance to those with lived experience.
- Research about institutional child abuse that hears directly from those with lived experiences of institutional child abuse.

Note: These are provided as examples only and activities are not limited to these.

Funding available

One-off funding up to \$10,000 is available for individual community groups, organisations and institutions that meet the eligibility requirements outlined below to undertake activities that contribute to truth, healing and reconciliation. Funding up to \$15,000 may be requested if activities are being undertaken by multiple organisations submitting a joint application. The total allocation of funds for the 2020/21 grant round is \$50,000.

Organisations that have previously received funding through the Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Grants Program are eligible to apply for further funding in the 2020/21 round.

Organisations are encouraged to support people with lived experience of institutional child abuse apply for a grant through an auspicing arrangement. An organisation may apply for a grant in their own right, as well as submit an application under an auspicing arrangement on behalf a person with lived experience.

Your application and how it will be assessed

Your application will be assessed according to four criteria:

Criteria 1	Provide a description of your proposed activity.	Weighting: 30 %	Word limit: Maximum 1000 words
Criteria 2	Outline how your activity contributes to truth, healing and reconciliation and supports the purpose and objectives of the grants program.	Weighting: 30 %	Word limit: Maximum 1000 words
Criteria 3	Explain how your activity will partner with people with lived experience in an inclusive, collaborative and respectful way.	Weighting: 30 %	Word limit: Maximum 1000 words
Criteria 4	In your budget, explain how you will use the money.	Weighting: 10 %	Word limit: Maximum 200 words

Eligibility

Activities must:

- support the overarching purpose of the grants program as outlined in these Application Guidelines
- be undertaken in a way that is supportive, sensitive and inclusive of people with lived experience
- be fully delivered by 31 December 2021
- be delivered in Queensland.

Applicants must:

- be a not-for-profit, legal entity or
- be a local government entity or
- be a Parents and Citizens Association or
- have an auspice agreement with any of the above entities.

Additionally, applicants must:

- hold, or commit to obtain, insurance appropriate to the activity that includes cover for the duration of the proposed activity. At a minimum, applicants must hold public liability insurance to the value of at least \$10 million and
- have no outstanding financial liability, service delivery or performance issues for any funding previously provided by DCYJMA.

Evidence of your organisations eligibility is required and includes:

- evidence of your organisations legal status, for example, an Australian Business Number or a copy of your government issued certification of incorporation or other incorporation documentation
- evidence your organisation is not-for-profit, for example, your constitution; registration with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission; or a copy of your model rules or governing documents that prohibit your organisation from making any distribution to its members
- a copy of your certificate of currency or details regarding your plans to obtain appropriate insurance cover.

If this evidence is not provided, your application may not be assessed.

DCYJMA may liaise with relevant departmental officers to assess any outstanding financial accountability, service delivery or performance issues based on any current or previous service agreements.

Funding will not be provided for activities that fall within an organisations funded everyday business as per their service agreement with DCYJMA.

Budget information

When developing the budget for your proposed activity, think about the following:

- Funds are provided on a one-off basis only.
- Eligible activity costs may include:
 - running costs (e.g. hire of premises, equipment or technology)
 - administrative costs (e.g. postage, stationery, printing, telephone, cleaning)
 - travel/transport costs (e.g. fares, vehicle allowances)
 - advertising and publicity costs to promote community awareness and involvement
 - catering costs
 - guest speakers, entertainment, sessional worker or consultant's fees.
- The following costs will not be allowed:
 - salaries and organisational running costs for existing staff
 - acquittal, auditing or reporting costs
 - auspicing fees
 - existing debt or loan repayments
 - gifts of any sort (e.g. gift bags, door prizes, raffle prizes, giveaways, tickets to events)
 - purchase of assets (assets include capital items with a useful life of more than 12 months)
 - costs other than those listed above unless specifically approved in writing by DCYJMA.

Our requirements from successful applicants

If your application to the 2020/21 Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Taskforce Grants Program is successful you will be required to:

- Enter into a service agreement with DCYJMA before grant funding is released.
- Produce a certificate of currency for insurance prior to funds being released. At a minimum, applicants must hold public liability insurance to the value of at least \$10 million.

- Acknowledge the Queensland Government's funding on any printed or promotional material relating to the activity, including websites.
- When your activity is completed, you will be required to:
 - complete an activity report outlining the activity and outcomes achieved, and;
 - provide DCYJMA with a copy of any resources or materials produced, or with a video and/or photos relating to the activity. You must obtain all necessary consents prior to uploading or providing video and/or photos.
- Comply with the *Community Services Act 2007*.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted electronically through the SmartyGrants website at <https://csyw.smartygrants.com.au/THRT202021> by **5pm, Wednesday, 14 April 2021**.

Given the sensitivity of the issue of institutional child abuse, and the focus of the grants on partnering with people with lived experience, the application process has been extended to 10 weeks to allow applicants sufficient time.

Please note:

- A separate application must be submitted for each proposed activity.
- In some circumstances, late applications may be considered but you must contact DCYJMA to seek approval.
- Email applications will not be accepted.
- Applications under an auspice arrangement must be submitted by the auspice organisation.
- Applications that are incomplete after the closing date will not be assessed, unless approval has been provided for a late submission.

Contact details

All enquiries regarding the 2020/21 Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Grants Programs must be in writing and directed to the Redress Coordination/Secretariat Unit, DCYJMA via email: taskforce.secretariat@csyw.qld.gov.au

Contact officers cannot provide advice on individual applications.

Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Grants Program About the Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Taskforce

On 15 June 2018, the Premier and Minister for Trade released the Queensland Government response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the Royal Commission), which committed the Queensland Government to establishing the Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Taskforce (the Taskforce) as a priority.

The Taskforce was established on 3 September 2018 and will run until December 2022. The Taskforce's operation aligns with the Queensland Government's commitment to report annually on the implementation of Royal Commission recommendations for five consecutive years until 2022.

The Taskforce provides advice to the Queensland Government through the Minister for Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs on reforms related to the Royal Commission.

The membership of the Taskforce includes its eminent chair, four representatives of people with lived experience of institutional child abuse including two representatives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, three representatives of service providers and one representative of religious institutions. One of the core principles of the Taskforce is to keep people with lived experience at the centre of its work.

More information about the Taskforce can be found at: www.csyw.qld.gov.au/thr-taskforce

Role of the Taskforce in the grants program

The Taskforce is guided by its Terms of Reference. One of the functions of the Taskforce is to oversee a grants fund for reconciliation and healing events and memorials. It is the responsibility of the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs (DCYJMA) to develop and administer the grants program, with advice from the Taskforce.

While the Taskforce has provided advice on the grants program, the grant applications will be assessed by an independent panel including appropriate representation from members of the Taskforce, under the guidance of a Probity Advisor.

Advice from the Taskforce about the grants program

To date, advice from the Taskforce on the grants program is that:

- funds should be allocated across the key concepts of truth, healing and reconciliation including reconciling histories
- people with lived experience must be at the centre of the activity, involved in its development and supported to participate.

The Application Guidelines reflect the above advice from the Taskforce.