

2026/27 Stronger Together Local Councils Major Festival Grant Form Preview

Instructions and Eligibility Check

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Program Details

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This field is read only.

The program this submission is in.

Instructions for Applicants

Before completing this application form, you should have read the program guidelines. Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Application Number

This field is read only.

You will be issued with a unique reference number when you start your application. Please quote this reference number in any correspondence or queries regarding your application. Your application can be completed in more than one session. You can save your progress and return to complete your application later. **Remember to save your application form regularly to avoid losing data.**

Deadline for submitting your application is at 4:00 pm (AEDST), Friday 2 October 2026. The closing date and time is a strict deadline. No extensions to the deadline will be permitted.

Once you have submitted your application, a confirmation email will be sent to your nominated email address (attached to your SmartyGrants account). If you have not received this email, it means that you have not officially submitted your application. This confirmation email will also include a copy of your application for reference. Please keep the confirmation email and the copy of your application in a safe place as part of your records as you may need to refer to it later.

Your application is not officially submitted until you have received an email. Simply hitting the save button in the online system does not officially submit your application. If you **'review and submit'** your application and there are unanswered required questions, they will be marked in red. Click 'Go to page' to complete the question, then click 'Review and Submit' again. Please note, by clicking 'Go to page', your application form will be in edit mode. Your application cannot be varied once submitted. If you realise that you have made an error once you have submitted your application, please contact us for assistance **before the closing deadline** by calling Multicultural NSW on 02 8255 6779 or email grantsinfo@multicultural.nsw.gov.au

Multicultural NSW assess all applications on merit through a competitive process.

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Thank you!

Multicultural NSW Grants Team

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR APPLICATION EVERY 20 MINUTES TO AVOID LOSING DATA

The following organisations are NOT eligible to apply for funding: • **Individuals and Sole Traders** • **Not-for-profit community organisations** • **State and Federal Government Departments and associated entities** • **For-profit organisations and Commercial enterprises**

1. Is the applicant a Council under the Local Government Act *

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. Is the Major Festival located in NSW? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. Confirm that the Festival will be delivered between 1 February 2027 and 29 February 2028 *

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. Has the Council acquitted all Multicultural NSW grants that are due for acquittal? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please tick yes if you have not received a grant from Multicultural NSW.

5. Confirm you understand if successful in receiving grant funding you will be required to provide all appropriate insurances and licenses *

☐ Yes

☐ No

6. Confirm none of the following are applicable to the applying Council: *

- ☐ No redress or sanctions
- ☐ Not subject to a winding up order or has an appointed administrator
- ☐ Not bankrupt
- ☐ No financial and organisational mismanagement

If applicable, all 4 must be selected. Please see <https://www.nationalredress.gov.au/> for more information about Redress sanctions.

Refer to the [Grant Guidelines](#) for Excluded Activities, activity not eligible for funding consideration and organisation eligibility requirements.

7. Is the Festival an excluded activity? *

☐ No

☐ Yes

If any of these eligibility criteria are not met you will not be able to proceed with the application.

Disclaimer

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project, and the Department expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion;
- it must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this application and the Department does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected; and
- it has read the Funding Guidelines for the Program and has fully informed itself of the relevant program requirements.

Use of Information

By submitting this application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- if this project application is successful, the relevant details of the project will be made public, including details such as the names of the organisation (Applicant) and any partnering organisation (state government agency or non-government organisation), project title, project description, location, anticipated time for completion and amount awarded;
- the Department will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in-confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act); and
- in some circumstances the Department may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

Privacy Notice

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By submitting this Application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- the Department is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by the Department in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy (available at: <https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/privacy>);
- the information it provides to the Department in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act;
- it has taken steps to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that the Department and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal information, and has been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

Eligibility Confirmation

Please declare this application meets the Program eligibility criteria:

- It has been prepared by and is being submitted by an eligible applicant
- Festival must be delivered between **1 February 2027 and 29 February 2028**
- Festival can be operated and maintained within the funding period
- Applicants will notify Multicultural NSW if grant funding is secured from another source

I confirm that the applicant and project is eligible according to the criteria outlined in the Program Guidelines *

☐ Yes

Council Details

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Organisation Details

Organisation Name *

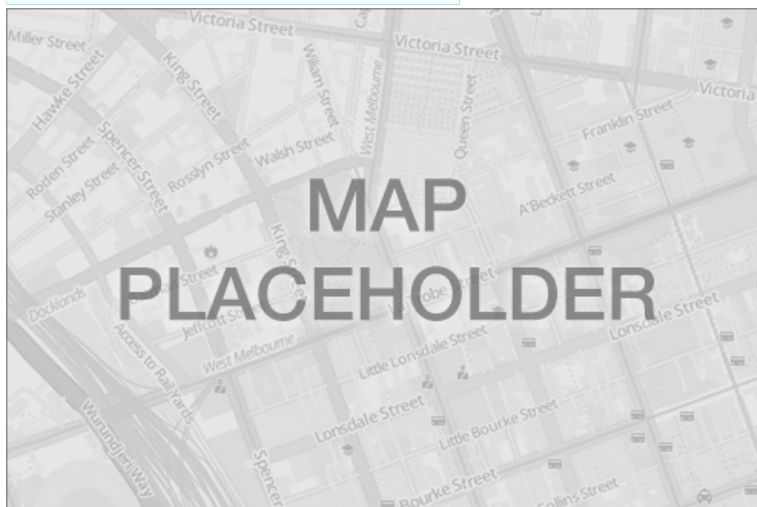
Organisation Name

Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Primary Address *

Address

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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Coordinates Required. Country must be Australia

Postal Address

Address

Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Website

Must be a URL.

Primary Contact Details

Primary Contact *

Title

First Name

Last Name

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This is the person we will correspond with about this grant.

Primary Contact Position *

e.g., Manager, Board Member or Fundraising Coordinator.

Primary Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

Applicant Office Bearer *

Title First Name Last Name

Applicant Office Bearer Position *

Applicant Office Bearer Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant Office Bearer Mobile Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant Office Bearer Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Does the applicant have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

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ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Festival Details

* indicates a required field

Title *

Word count:

Must be no more than 25 words.

Provide a name for your initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive.

Brief description *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Include a brief summary of who will benefit from this initiative, what activities you will do and what outcomes you expect from your activities.

Anticipated start date *

Must be a date and between 1/2/2027 and 29/2/2028.

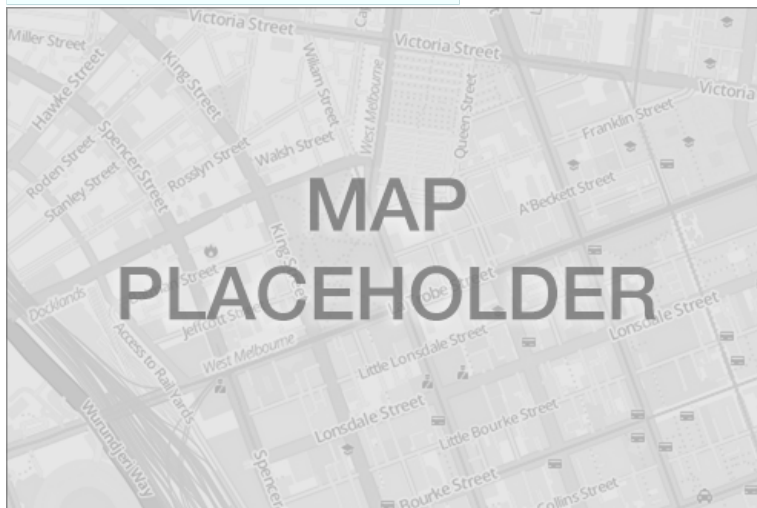
Anticipated end date *

Must be a date and between 1/1/2027 and 29/2/2028.

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Primary location of your initiative *

Address



Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Coordinates Required. Country must be Australia

Primary location does not need to be a specific address, and can be postcode, suburb, state (NSW), etc. If delivered online, please specify the area of focus for delivery.

8. Names of community organisations or businesses that the Council is partnering with or plans to partner with to deliver the Festival

9. Expected number of attendees *

Must be a whole number (no decimal place).

10. Where will the Festival be held? *

Please provide the primary location of the festival. Note providing the location in this form is not booking the venue. You must book the venue with the relevant landowner.

11. Have you delivered this festival before? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Previous Festival Delivery

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12. When was the last time you delivered this Festival? *

13. Where did you deliver the last Festival? *

14. How many people attended the last delivery of this Festival? *

Must be a number.

Key Delivery Details

A Festival will either run on 1 day or over consecutive days. For example, a festival may run on both a Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend. This would be running for 2 consecutive days.

15. How many consecutive days will the Festival run? *

- ☐ 1 Day
☐ 2 Days
☐ Other:

16. What is the total number of hours for the Festival? *

Must be a number.

Funding Request and Budget Information

17. If building on an existing Festival success, confirm past and current funding sources for the past three years

Name of the Funding Source	Amount
	Must be a dollar amount.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET AND USE OF FUNDING

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Total Amount Requested

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\$

Must be a dollar amount.

The amount sought from Multicultural NSW should not exceed \$250,000. Only in exceptional circumstances will Multicultural NSW consider applications requesting increased funding, up to a maximum of \$500,000, based on factors such as reach, the duration of the festival, and value for money

19. Itemised Budget

Outline your Festival budget. Clear item descriptions must be given (venue hire, sound equipment etc).

Funding restrictions, minimum contributions or obligations apply for the following items:

- **Value Match** - Applicants must value match the funding amount sought. This includes:
 - **A minimum of 25% cash contribution**
 - **Details of other income sources such as sponsorships or other grant funding amounting to a minimum 75% of the grant.**
- No more than 20% of the budget can be used for catering.
- No more than 25% of the budget can be used for council administrative costs related to the grant funded project delivery. Administration costs do not include event delivery staffing such as security, casual event crew or supplier costs.
- No portion of the grant funding can be used towards insurance costs. Including, but not limited to, Public Liability Insurance, Workers Compensation Insurance and Volunteers Insurance
- **Capital Expenditure or Purchases** - No portion of the grant funding can be used towards capital expenditure or purchase costs. Including, but not limited to, building costs or maintenance and equipment purchase.
- **Cash Prizes or Gifts** - No portion of the grant funding can be used towards cash Prizes or gifts, including gift vouchers.
- **Independent Audit Fees** - No portion of the grant funding can be used towards financial independent audit fees.
- **Multicultural Media Advertising** - A minimum of 10% of the advertising budget for the festival must be used to advertise across multicultural media outlets.

Refer to the [Grant Guidelines](#) for more information.

The budget balance (**TOTAL INCOME = TOTAL EXPENDITURE**). Please include these areas in your budget INCOME and EXPENDITURE columns. All figures are GST exclusive.

The below budget includes some helpful prompts. Please adjust the line items as required. Note: You can add more rows as needed.

Income	\$	Expenditure	\$
Multicultural NSW Grant		Venue Hire - If your venue is being provided free of charge or as in-kind by the landowner put \$0	
Councils Cash Co-Contribution		Marketing	

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Sponsor Income (Cash)		Multicultural media advertising (Minimum 10% of the advertising budget)	
Stalls Income			
Other Grant Income			
Other Income			

20. Budget Totals

Total Income Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Expenditure Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Income - Expenditure

This number/amount is calculated.

21. Do you have Value-In-Kind

In-kind services and contributions are **valued at their fair market value or at their actual cost**. In other words, they are valued at what you would pay for them if they were not donated.

Do you have Value-In-Kind services supporting your Project that you would like to outline? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

22. List your Value-in-Kind

Value-In-Kind: Goods & services provided for free, without monetary payment e.g., donated goods, services, venue hire or volunteer time valued in dollars

Value-in-Kind items

Value-In-Kind amount

	Must be a dollar amount.

INCOME EXPENDITURE Summary

23. What is the grant amount requested in this application?

This number/amount is calculated.

24. What is the total estimated income for the Festival?

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This number/amount is calculated.

25. What is the total estimated expenditure for the project?

This number/amount is calculated.

26. Value in-kind total

This number/amount is calculated.

Major Festival alignment with Multicultural NSW vision

* indicates a required field

27. How will the Festival align with Multicultural NSW vision of an inclusive, connected and socially cohesive multicultural NSW *

Please click [HERE](#) for further information on Multicultural NSW purpose, vision and principles.

28. How does your Festival plan to represent the diversity of the local community? *

29. How will the Festival be inclusive and accessible?

30. How will the Festival reach and engage with the broader community?

31. How will the Festival be delivered in a compliant and safe way?

32. Does your Council agree to (where appropriate) develop in-language festival communications and print materials?

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

33. How will the Festival measure success and outcomes?

Partnering with Multicultural NSW

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The Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival grant funding is a partnership with the NSW Government. The partnership requirements will be managed by Multicultural NSW.

Applicants must agree to the following Partnership Principles this grant:

- **Value Match** Applicants must value match the funding amount sought. This includes:
 - **A minimum 25% cash contribution**
 - Itemised In-Kind contribution
 - **Details of other income sources such as sponsorships or other grant funding amounting to a minimum 75% of the grant.**
- **Outcomes Measures and Reporting** to be shared with Multicultural NSW:
 - Web based platforms impressions, reach and audience demographics
 - Expected and actual attendance measurement
 - The event budget should include detail on how this will be achieved people counters or technology solutions
 - Attendance demographics
 - Multicultural Media Advertising. 10% of the advertising budget for the festival must be used to advertise across multicultural media outlets.
- **Multicultural NSW participation at the Festival**
 - Applicant to supply stall location and infrastructure for Multicultural NSW at the festivals cost
 - Signage and event materials include Multicultural NSW logo
 - Nominated NSW Government delegate attendance and speaking engagement where appropriate
- **Funding Recognition**
 - The major festival is required to recognise the grant funding support as detailed by the terms and conditions of the grant agreement
- **Accessibility**
 - The major festival must demonstrate consideration for accessibility. Each festival attendees needs will be unique. Consideration for the following items should be demonstrated in the festival planning and budget. If an accessibility item is not required for your festival, reasoning should be included in your application response.
 - **Accessible communications.** How are materials accessible in language where appropriate, are materials accessible for vision and/or hearing-impaired persons
 - **Accessible festival sites and facilities.** Has the festival site considered the following where appropriate:

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- Access ramps and correct width cable trays for wheelchairs and prams
- Adult change and disabled bathroom facilities
- **Interpreters.** Has the event considered:
 - Translators, including AUSLAN interpreters

34. Partnership Declaration

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☐ If successful in receiving grant funding, the applicant council agrees to the Partnership Principles for this grant program.

Supporting Documents

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35. Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2025 *

Attach a file:

Declaration and Authorisation

* indicates a required field

Declaration

The Applicant represents and warrants that this application has been submitted by an authorised representative of the Applicant (e.g. CEO, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager, Director, Chair of the Board, President, authorised manager etc).

Where this Application is submitted in the course of employment by a representative of any kind (e.g. authorised representative or agent) of the Applicant, you: (i) acknowledge and agree that the Applicant is deemed to be jointly and separately bound by this application; and (ii) represent and warrant that you have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant as contemplated by this provision.

By submitting this application form I hereby declare that:

- I agree for my project to be automatically considered in other NSW funding programs;
- I have read and understood each of the acknowledgements, agreements, representations and warranties provided above, and that each of these are true and correct;
- All information provided including the responses to each question in the relevant sections of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;

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- Any information contained in this application may be disclosed to other Government agencies, staff administering the program, and to external stakeholders (including consultants, lawyers and other advisers) as part of the assessment of this application;
- I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of, and have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant;
- I understand that any false declaration may render this application ineligible/invalid; and
- All relevant conflicts of interest have been declared

Authorisation

I agree *

☐ Yes

Name of authorised person *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

Position *

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

How did you find the online application process?

☐ Very easy

☐ Easy

☐ Neutral

☐ Difficult

☐ Very difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?

Example 60 Minutes or 120 minutes etc

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider.

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