



LGBTIQA+ Grants Program 2025-26

Guidelines

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Acknowledgement of Aboriginal people and Country

In recognition of the deep history and culture of this Island, we acknowledge and pay our respects to all Tasmanian Aboriginal people, the past and present Custodians of the Land upon which we meet and gather.

Definitions

What does LGBTIQA+ stand for?

This term is short for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and questioning, asexual, aromantic and agender.

It is important to recognise that this acronym does not cover all forms of sex, gender, gender identity and sexual orientation and is not intended to be limiting.

The '+' after the acronym is in recognition of this, and points to the fact that there are other terms and language people might want to use to describe these experiences and concepts.

Key dates

Applications must be received by 2pm on 19 March 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.

Description	Date
Program opens	2pm, 5 February 2026
Program closes	2pm, 19 March 2026
Notification of Program Outcomes (subject to change)	May 2026
Funding provided	By mid-June 2026
When your project must be completed by	30 June 2027
When your final report and acquittal will be due	31 July 2027

About the LGBTIQA+ Grants Program 2025-26

In 2025, the Tasmanian Government released [Our Inclusive Island: Tasmania's LGBTIQA+ Strategy 2025-26 \(the strategy\)](#).

The strategy reflects the Tasmanian Government's commitment to a Tasmania where LGBTIQA+ people are safe, healthy, visible and valued – living with dignity, belonging and pride.

In 2025-26, the LGBTIQA+ Grants Program (the Grants Program) will provide total funding of \$65,000 to support community organisations, tertiary institutions and Local Government to:

- Build capacity of the LGBTIQA+ community.
- Foster inclusion, respect and dignity for LGBTIQA+ Tasmanians.
- Enhance access to services and increase participation for LGBTIQA+ Tasmanians.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$30,000 (GST exclusive) are available across two project categories:

Category 1: Priority Projects

Applicants should demonstrate how the project will achieve one or more of the following outcomes for trans, non-binary and gender diverse young people:

- Greater inclusion, acceptance and belonging through community connection activities.
- Increased understanding of the harm caused to individuals and community through prejudice and discrimination.
- Enhanced leadership capacity among trans, non-binary and gender diverse young people.

Category 2: General Community Projects

Applicants should demonstrate how the project will achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

- Increased understanding of issues affecting the LGBTIQA+ community in Tasmania.
- Increased community awareness of the issues and needs of LGBTIQA+ Tasmanians or for prevention of their discrimination, vilification and harassment.
- Increased awareness of LGBTIQA+ issues and needs in Tasmanian workplaces.

- Reduced barriers for LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians in accessing services related to sexuality, gender or intersex status.
- Greater celebration and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians in the wider community, particularly in rural and regional communities.

Please note, you are not required to demonstrate that your project achieves all outcomes.

If you have any questions about this Grants Program, please email the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC) at lgbtiqaplus@dpac.tas.gov.au or call 6232 7321.

What can the Grant be used for?

The Grants Program is providing funding to support community organisations, tertiary institutions and Local Government to:

- Build capacity of the LGBTIQ+ community.
- Foster inclusion, respect and dignity for LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians.
- Enhance access to services and increase participation for LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians.

All funded activities must contribute to the achievement of the Grants Program's outcomes and benefit the community, not an individual.

Grant funding can be used for eligible direct costs of your project, including:

- Equipment essential to project delivery.
- Sub-contractors, consultants and/or external service provision.
- Consumables.
- Marketing.
- Materials.
- Salaries and wages for staff directly engaged to deliver the project.
- Venue hire.
- Monitoring, evaluation and reporting costs.
- Contingency (capped at five per cent).

When must the project be delivered?

The project must be completed, and the grant money expended by 30 June 2027.

What can't the Grant be used for?

Funding is not available for:

- Projects that are not related to the LGBTIQ+ community.
- Projects delivered outside of Tasmania.
- Ongoing or recurrent funding for programs.

- Projects that have already commenced or have been completed (retrospective funding is not permitted).
- Projects that are the same as other projects or programs already available in the same locality.
- Creating a fee for service activity during the grant period.
- Core operational costs of an organisation such as routine office equipment, energy, water, rates or insurance.
- Capital expenses, including but not limited to building works (including maintenance) and equipment purchase.
- Payment of existing debts or budget deficits of an organisation.
- Projects involving political activities.
- Projects already receiving funding from the Tasmanian Government.
- Purchase of alcohol, tobacco or smoking related products.
- Donations, gifts, fundraising and/or prizes.
- Personal or private expenses.

Applicants may be asked to supply documentation to support eligibility claims as part of the application process, or as part of an audit process to confirm claims were true and correct.

How much can be applied for?

Eligible applicants can apply for funding of between \$1,000 and \$30,000 (GST exclusive). The total funding pool available under the Grants Program is \$65,000.

Applicants must indicate in the application whether partial funding will be accepted.

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants

The 2025-26 Grants Program is open to applications from:

- A local government authority (council).
- An incorporated community group.
- An incorporated not-for-profit organisation.
- A not-for-profit company registered under company law.
- Tertiary institutions.

Applicants must:

- Have appropriate public liability insurance (a copy of your current public liability insurance cover must be included with the application).
- Hold a currently active Australian Business Number (ABN) or, if eligible, provide a Statement by Supplier Form from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

Unincorporated organisations are encouraged to consider the Small Community Grants Program administered by Working It Out.

For more information, please contact Working It Out at infor@workingitout.org.au or by calling 6231 1200.

Can an organisation apply more than once?

If your organisation received funding in the 2024-25 LGBTIQA+ Grants Program and meets the criteria under the 2025-26 Grants Program, you are eligible to apply for funding.

If your organisation has multiple eligible projects, you can submit a separate application for each project and across both categories.

You should not submit the same project under both categories. Please choose the category that is most relevant to your project.

Who can't apply?

Ineligible Applicants

The following entities are not eligible to apply for funding under the Program:

- Australian Government agencies.
- Tasmanian Government agencies.
- Schools or colleges (government or private).
- Political parties.
- Individuals and/or sole traders.
- For profit organisations and businesses.
- Organisations already receiving Tasmanian Government funding for the project.

I'm still not sure I can apply – what should I do?

You can contact DPAC before the Grants Programs closes by email at lgbtiqaplus@dpac.tas.gov.au or by phone on 6232 7321.

How to apply?

Visit DPAC's [Community Grants Page](#) and follow the link through to the online application form via our grants portal [SmartyGrants](#).

If you are having difficulty accessing the application form, or have any questions regarding the application process, please contact DPAC prior to the Grants Program closing by email at lgbtiqaplus@dpac.tas.gov.au or by phone on 6232 7321.

Taxation and financial impacts

Organisations must indicate whether they are registered for GST in their grant application.

To help with understanding GST, you can visit the Community Grants [website](#).

If you do not have an Australian Business Number (ABN) you may be required to complete a 'Statement by a supplier' form. You can read about who is eligible to use and access the form through the [ATO website](#).

Applicants should contact the ATO on 13 28 66 or www.ato.gov.au for any advice or clarification on GST.

How will my application be assessed?

Assessment criteria

What we're looking for:	What that means:	Weighting:
Your project aligns with the intended outcomes of the Grants Program	Category 1 Priority Projects Your application demonstrates how your project will support trans, non-binary and gender diverse young people through one or more of the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater inclusion, acceptance and belonging through community connection activities. • Increased understanding of the harm caused to individuals and community through prejudice and discrimination. • Enhanced leadership capacity among trans, non-binary and gender diverse young people. 	50 per cent
	Category 2: General Community Projects Your application demonstrates how your project will achieve one or more of the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased understanding of issues affecting the LGBTIQ+ community in Tasmania. • Increased community awareness of the issues and needs of LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians or prevention of their discrimination, vilification and harassment. • Increased awareness of LGBTIQ+ issues and needs in Tasmanian workplaces. • Reduced barriers for LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians in accessing services related to sexuality, gender or intersex status. • Greater celebration and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians in the wider community, particularly in rural and regional communities. 	
You demonstrate the need of your project	You clearly explain and support with evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why this project is needed • Who is it needed for • Why it is needed in this location or community. 	20 per cent
Your project plan is clear and achievable	Your application demonstrates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strong and realistic plan for delivering your project on time and budget. • Your organisation has the experience, resources, and planning capability to successfully deliver the project. 	15 per cent

What we're looking for:	What that means:	Weighting:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You've carefully considered the health, safety and inclusivity of everyone participating, including cultural safety. 	
Your budget is clear, achievable and delivers value for money	Your application demonstrates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A clear budget that makes use of Tasmanian suppliers where possible, is environmentally friendly and delivers value for money. 	15 per cent

During the assessment process DPAC may require further information to support or clarify an application. The requested information should be provided within 3 business days, otherwise it may result in the application being unsuccessful.

If the Grant Program is oversubscribed, the assessment panel may apply moderation to ensure equitable distribution of funds. In making final recommendations, the panel may consider:

- The overall mix of projects to ensure a balanced range of outcomes, approaches and communities are reached and there is a balance across both categories.
- Previous DPAC grant funding history, to promote broad and fair access to funding.

What happens if the application is successful?

If successful, you will receive a notification of the decision, so please ensure organisational contact details in SmartyGrants are current.

Please note that your organisation name, the title of your project and the amount of funding received will be available on the DPAC website.

What happens if our organisation is offered less than what was requested?

Successful applicants may be offered partial funding. Please consider this when completing the application from and clearly identify how all funding being applied for will be used.

What happens if our organisation already has a grant with DPAC?

You can have more than one grant with DPAC.

However, if you have one or more overdue reports or acquittals, then the organisation must complete these before the invoice for this Grants Program can be approved for payment.

Please note that your organisation will not be eligible for the Grants Program if the project you are applying for already receives Tasmanian Government funding.

How will the information provided by our organisation be used?

Your report can be used, reproduced, modified and adapted by DPAC.

Make sure anything you provide complies with the Copyright Act 1968 (Cwlth) and the Personal Information Protection Act 2004.

Reporting and Evaluation

Organisations receiving funding through the Grants Program must complete a Final Report.

This report must include a full statement of expenditure and activities against the grant funds provided and the approved purpose of the grant.

What if our application is not successful?

Organisations will receive an email advising of the Grant Program's assessment decision, and who to contact if you would like feedback on your application.

How to make an appeal

You can ask for a review if you have reason to believe that:

- The persons making the decision had a direct or indirect financial interest in the outcome of the application; and/or
- The preparation of the application was affected adversely by incorrect advice provided by DPAC; and/or
- The persons making the recommendations discriminated against the applicant on irrelevant grounds, such as cultural, religious or linguistic background, race, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability.

To seek a review, organisations must write to the Manager, Community Grants and Programs by email to grants@dpac.tas.gov.au. A request must be received within 28 days from the date that DPAC provides notification of the decision of the application.

How will my information be kept safe?

Any information provided to DPAC or received from DPAC is managed under the conditions of the following Acts:

- *Archives Act 1983 (Tas)*
- *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*
- *Right to Information Act 2009*

Any worker in the Tasmanian State Service must also follow the rules of the State Service Principles, and the *State Service Act 2000*.

Who do I contact about this grants program?

The Grants Program is administered by DPAC on behalf of the Crown in the Right of Tasmania.

Contact with DPAC for any of the following reasons can be directed via email to lgbtiqaplus@dpac.tas.gov.au or by calling 6232 7321 (during business hours):

- Further information or advice on the Grants Program.
- Assistance in making an application.
- Further feedback on the decision of the application.
- Request a review of the decision.



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