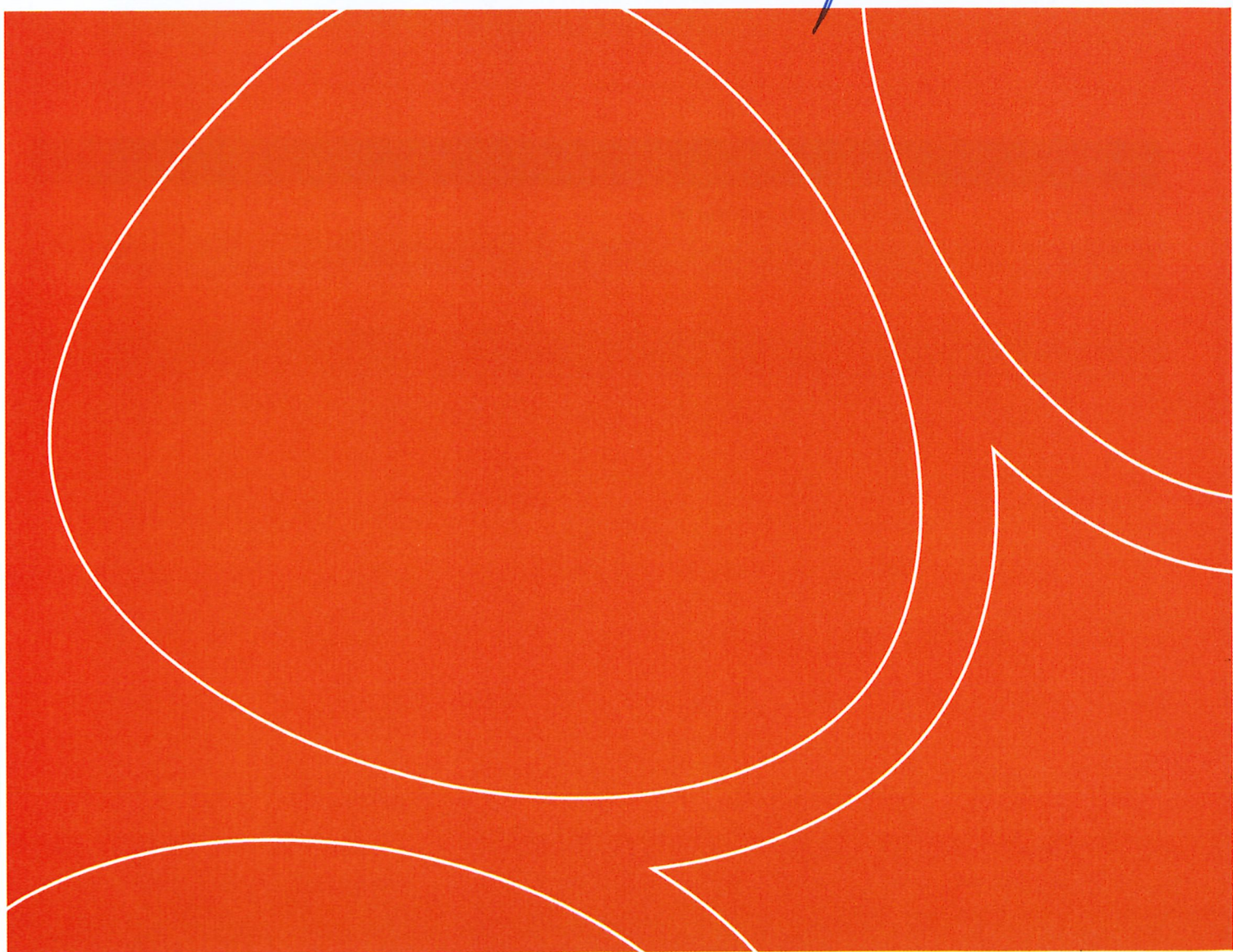


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1. Background

Northern Territory Seniors Policy 2021-2026

The Northern Territory Government implements and supports a variety of programs and services to meet the needs of Territorians. This commitment is reflected in the *Northern Territory Seniors Policy 2021-2026* which aims to support our growing senior population, their independence and wellbeing, and recognises active ageing.

The *Northern Territory Seniors Policy 2021-2026* includes outcomes and actions for four key priority areas:

- Economic Participation and Financial Security
- Safety and Security
- Health and Wellbeing
- Social Inclusion and Diversity

Northern Territory Government Priorities

In partnerships with seniors, peak bodies, community groups and organisations, the Northern Territory Government is invested in responding to rising seniors issues in the community. In consideration of the introduction of any policies and supports, the Northern Territory Government prioritises its three core pillars (or priorities) of **reducing crime, rebuilding the economy, and restoring our Territory lifestyle.**

Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Reduction Framework 2018-2028

The *Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFSV) Reduction Framework 2018-2028* (the Framework) is a 10-year strategy to reduce domestic, family and sexual abuse. It is a cross-government Framework that works to achieve safer homes, communities, workplaces and schools.

While it can present very differently to other DFSV cases, older persons abuse is considered a type of DFSV and is addressed under the Action Plan that accompanies the Framework. As such, all financial support provided to organisations within this grant program are distributed under the Framework.

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Program Overview

The Older Persons Abuse Grant Program has been created with the intent to increase targeted events and activities in the community, especially in regional and remote areas, that work to tackle older persons abuse.

This one-off funding will be available year-round (or until funding is exhausted) and allow organisations to apply for up to \$15,000 to provide services, supports, activities or events relevant to addressing older persons abuse in the Northern Territory community.

The 2025-26 financial year is the first year that the new Elder Abuse Grant Program will be administered; managed by the Office of Senior Territorians within the Department of People, Sport and Culture. The Office of Senior Territorians provides policy and strategic advice across government regarding matters that relate to senior Territorians.

To align with the *Northern Territory Seniors Policy 2021-2026*, a senior is considered to be anyone over the age of 50.

2. Objectives

The Older Persons Abuse Grant Program aims to:

- increase efforts to address older persons abuse in the community;
- bring more targeted activities, services, supports and events to the older persons abuse space in the Territory;
- support smaller organisations to facilitate activities to address older persons abuse in the community;
- benefit regional and remote communities; and
- encourage organisations to think innovatively and explore new ideas to address older persons abuse in the community.

An example of the types of events that could be held with this funding could include (but are not limited to):

- Seminars targeted towards educating specific culture groups in the community about older persons abuse.
- Events in schools to teach children about the importance of respecting elders.
- Delivery of a yarnning circle model in community that would allow older people to come together and share experiences.
- Educating older people on securing their finances and how to look out for signs of financial abuse.
- Working with a larger organisation to deliver a service to older people in the community regarding older persons abuse.
- Working with businesses such as banks or aged care facilities to develop their knowledge of older persons abuse and assist with introducing policies and procedures that could reduce risk

- Hosting a sausage sizzle in community which includes frontline workers/service providers, that encourages discussions about older persons abuse (similar to the 'coffee with a cop' model).

3. Priority Areas

Prioritisation for this program will be given to:

- organisations delivering their program in regional and remote areas; and
- those with targeted activities and supports addressing key priorities for older persons abuse in the Northern Territory, including:
 - neglect;
 - financial abuse;
 - psychological abuse;
 - sector and/or community education; and
 - culturally safe services and supports.

4. Who can apply?

- Community organisations who are:
 - a legal entity under the *Associations Act 2003* (NT); or if the applicant is not incorporated; and
 - an incorporated organisation may act as an auspicing body and may accept responsibility for the administration, reporting and acquittal of the grant on the applicant's behalf.
- Northern Territory businesses who are:
 - registered as a business; and
 - hold a specific activity or event in addition to their normal business operations.

Community organisations or businesses must have satisfactorily acquitted all Northern Territory Government grants to be eligible for consideration for a further grant.

Application and Grant Processes

How to Apply

These guidelines provide information to assist you in applying for a grant under the Older Persons Abuse Grant Program.

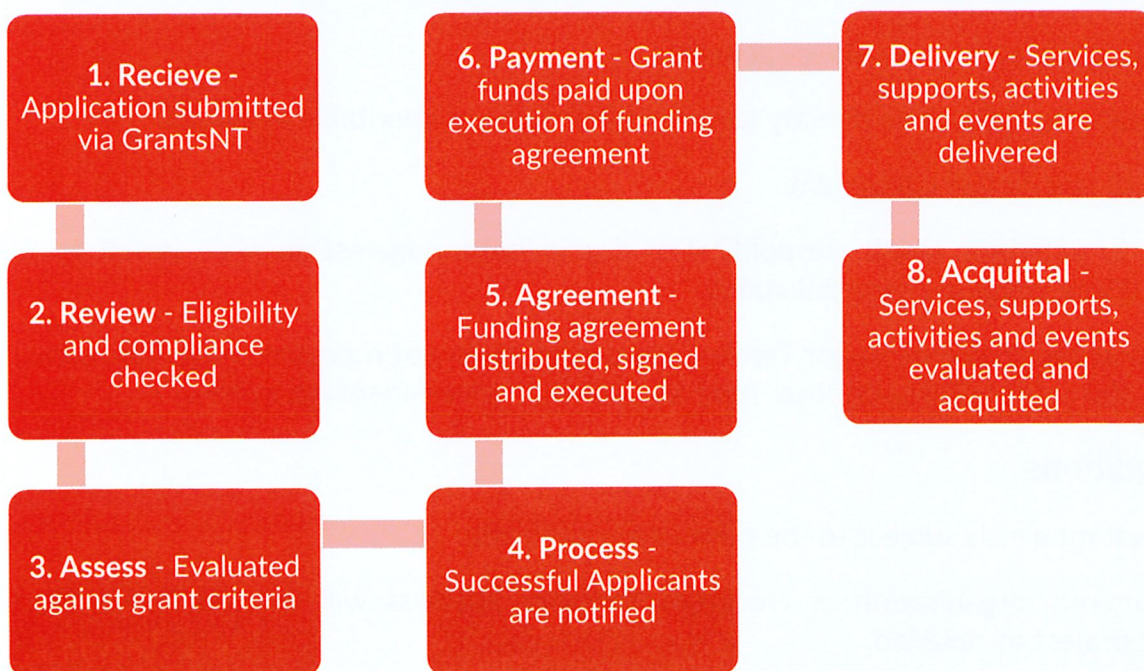
Grants are available online via the [GrantsNT](#) portal. There are guidelines and help videos to assist you in the online GrantsNT process.

Applicants are responsible for submitting applications on time. Late applications will not be accepted. If you need help with your application, please call the Office of Senior Territorians on (08) 8999 3861 between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday or email DPSC.OST@nt.gov.au.

Before you submit your application, you should:

- read these guidelines in full;
- ensure your activities or events are in line with the objectives of these guidelines as outlined above;
- speak to the Office of Senior Territorians if you are unsure about whether you are eligible to apply;
- ensure you have no outstanding acquittals or reports with the Northern Territory Government. This can apply to previous grant applications in Grants NT;
- ensure that you are compliant with your regulatory authority, if applicable. This applies to incorporated associations and charities that are required to submit financial accounts and annual reporting information to compliance bodies such as Licensing NT;
- ensure that the activities or events you intend to host are free of charge or low cost (consideration for 'low cost' services, supports, activities and events will be assessed by the Office of Senior Territorians, dependent on a number of factors including program delivery details/number of events intended to be held);
- ensure that the activities or events you intend to host for senior Territorians are gambling, drug and alcohol-free and do not promote religious or political beliefs; and
- ensure you collect and submit support material, including a budget. Support material strengthens your application by confirming the detail in your application and demonstrates your requirement for seeking grant funds.

Assessment Process and Timeline



For grants provided under the Older Persons Abuse Grant Program, applicants should allow for up to 6 weeks for assessment of applications and notification to successful recipients.

Funding

What can we fund?

- Exciting and innovative ideas which provide safe and secure space for people to learn and share about experiences of older persons abuse.
- Events or activities that address the key priority areas of these guidelines.
- Programs which encourage the development of knowledge and skills to specific groups of individuals, i.e. hospital staff, police officers or bank employees.
- Intra-state travel costs to support holding activities or events in regional and remote areas of the Northern Territory.
- Wages or salaries for course providers (e.g. instructors) up to a reasonable amount for the intended service, support, activity or event (with the Office of Senior Territorians making the final determination on whether an application represents value for money).

There is flexibility for the delegate to consider funding multiple applications to one organisation in different locations within the Northern Territory.

What can't we fund?

- Organisations and businesses outside of the Northern Territory, unless the activity or event is being hosted in the Northern Territory to the benefit of Territory seniors.
- Events or activities that do not have a specific older persons abuse focus.
- Usual club, commercial or business activities.
- Grant funding contributions directly towards fundraising or charitable activities.
- Purchase of any capital equipment.
- Programs or activities which are political or discriminatory against another, based on their gender, culture, religion or marital status.
- Projects that the Office of Senior Territorians considers do not represent value for money or fall under the responsibility of other funding bodies or government agencies.

Funding Conditions

Payment of grant monies is subject to the following conditions:

1. The community organisation or Northern Territory business will use the funds for the approved project as detailed.
2. The community organisation or Northern Territory business or, where applicable, its auspicing

body will provide a financial acquittal of grant funding within eight weeks of the completed service, support, event or activity (a financial acquittal template will be provided).

3. If, for any reason, it is not possible to carry out all or any part of the service, support, event or activity for which the funding is provided, the Office of Senior Territorians should be notified and either unexpended funds shall be repaid or a variation of purpose proposed.
4. The community organisation or Northern Territory business must have adequate public liability insurance.
5. The community organisation or Northern Territory business indemnifies the Northern Territory against all claims, liabilities, suits or actions and loss or damages whatsoever that may be brought or made against it, arising directly or indirectly out of the performance of the community organisation or Northern Territory business, its employees, or agents of any activity arising under the executed grant agreement.
6. The community organisation or Northern Territory business will acknowledge the Northern Territory Government in all relevant promotion and advertising material.
7. The community organisation or Northern Territory business agrees to the use of information provided in the application for the purpose of promoting the Older Persons Abuse Grant Program. Information may be distributed via press releases, and other government publications and websites.
8. Please note that all events and activities need to adhere to relevant health and safety measures that may be in place.

Payment Arrangements

Payment will be made through GrantsNT by direct transfer of monies into the nominated bank account of the community organisation or Northern Territory business or, where applicable, the auspicing body.

Before payment can be made the following documentation will need to be submitted:

- signed grant agreement;
- banking details need to be uploaded on your organisational profile within the GrantsNT portal; and
- vendor creation/amendment form (only if bank details have changed).

After receiving notification of a successful application, the community organisation or Northern Territory business will be forwarded the agreement documentation for signature and return prior to payment processing.

Privacy Notice

Information collected from applications will be used to assess applications against the Older Persons Abuse Grant Program criteria.

Should an application be successful, some of the information provided may be used for the purpose of promoting and reporting on the Older Persons Abuse Grants Program. Information may be distributed via press releases, and other government publications and websites.