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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 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Grant is an annual opportunity for community organisations to apply for a one-off grant of \$20,000 to host WEAAD activities or events for seniors across the Northern Territory on or around 15 June of each year.

One organisation or business will be chosen each year to host the events or activities.

2. Objectives

The WEAAD Grant aims to:

- Provide an opportunity for the community to stand together against the abuse and mistreatment of older people.
- Focus on community education and awareness raising of older persons abuse, including how to identify and address abuse if it is witnessed.
- Encourage others to increase efforts to address older persons abuse in the community.

3. Who can apply?

- Community organisations who are:
 - a legal entity under the *Associations Act 2003* (NT); or if the applicant is not incorporated.
 - 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 WEAAD Grant.

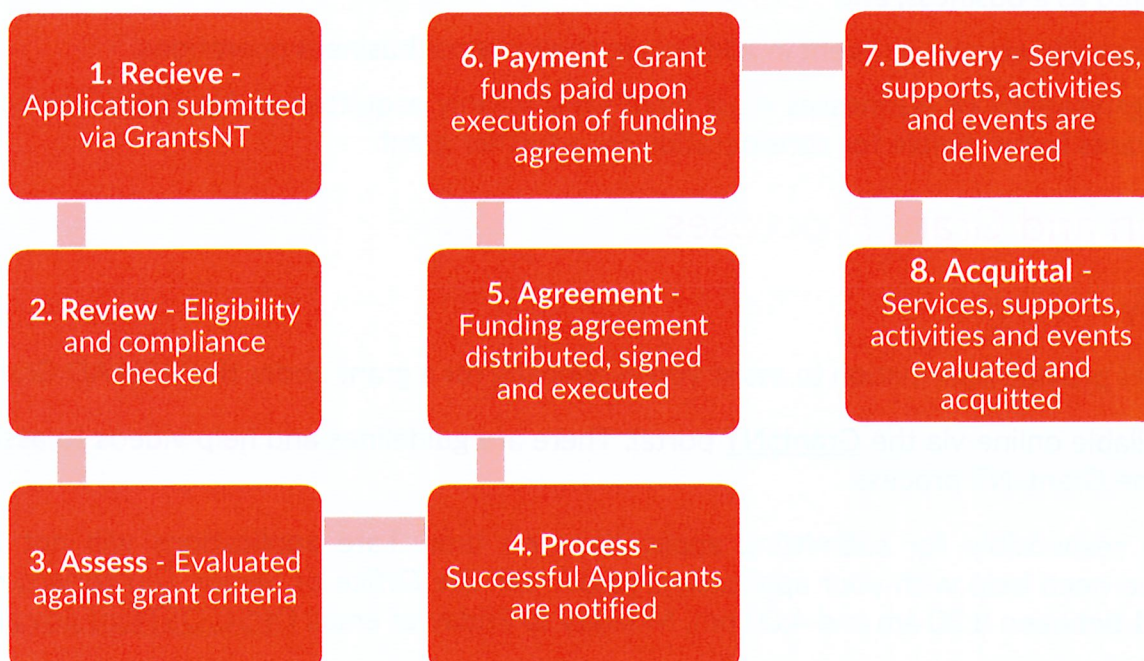
Grants are available online via the [GrantsNT](#) portal. There are guidelines and help videos to assist you in the online GrantsNT process.

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' 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



A selection panel will assess applications for their potential to contribute to the objectives of the WEAAD Grant.

Priority will be given to an organisation who plans events or activities in multiple locations across the Territory within the funding, and who best addresses the objectives of the grant. It is also encouraged that applications recognise any linkages to the *Northern Territory Seniors Policy 2021-2026*.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their funding application.

Funding

What can we fund?

- Events or activities directly promoting WEAAD and acknowledging its importance.
- Innovative ideas which provide a safe and secure space for people to learn and share about experiences of older persons' abuse.
- Events or activities that address the key objectives of these guidelines.
- 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 or presenters up to a reasonable amount for the intended activities or events (with the Office of Senior Territorians making the final determination on whether an application represents value for money).

What can't we fund?

- Organisations and businesses outside of the Northern Territory, unless the activities or events are 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 organisational 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.
- Activities or events 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 activities or events as detailed.

2. The community organisation or Northern Territory business, where applicable, its auspicing body will provide a financial acquittal of grant funding within eight weeks of the completed events or activities (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 events or activities 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 promotional 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 WEAAD Grant. 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 WEAAD Grant criteria.

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