



Don Harwin
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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\$1.3M SUPPORT LAUNCHED FOR COVID-19 IMPACTED ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

Applications have opened for Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) to apply for funding to strengthen their support of Aboriginal communities impacted by COVID-19.

Grants of up to \$50,000 are available from Aboriginal Affairs NSW for ACCOs to provide culturally appropriate, locally-based support to address community wellbeing, education and employment issues, as well as buy supplies for compliance with COVID-safe guidelines.

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Don Harwin said that the investment would support activity either as a response to the impacts of COVID-19, or provide additional support to enable scheduled events to take place safely.

“COVID-19 has impacted life for Aboriginal communities in a range of unpredictable ways, and we want to ensure that Aboriginal community organisations can keep up their support, especially in regional and remote communities,” said Mr Harwin.

“Their services are critical in supporting vulnerable people in Aboriginal communities, particularly for Elders, those with underlying medical conditions and young people.”

“Whether its programs for sustainable food solutions, communications upgrades or to allow communities to come together for healing events and wellbeing initiatives, this funding will address issues arising from COVID-19 and provide funding to make adjustments to planned activities,” he said.

Interested applicants should contact their closest Aboriginal Affairs NSW office to discuss their project idea and the application process.

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Applications for the *COVID-19 Aboriginal Community Organisations Grants Program* **open Monday 22 February 2021**, with funding administered on a case by case basis until the closing date for applications of **Friday 14 May 2021**.

More information, guidelines and office contact details are available [here](#).