

Northern Territory History Grant 2026-2027

Applicant Guide



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1. About

The Grants program was established by the Northern Territory (NT) Government to commemorate the attainment of self-government on 1 July 1978.

The Grants are administered by Library & Archives NT (LANT).

The program has funded projects relevant to NT history for over 30 years.

The Grant is intended to wholly or partly fund history projects that will support and promote research and projects that strengthens community's understanding and engagement as well as advance the knowledge of the history and heritage of the NT.

2. Guidelines

2.1. Applying for the Grant

Applicants must read and accept all guidelines and application information provided by LANT. Applicants are encouraged to contact LANT to discuss their application if needed. Applicants must submit their application online using *GrantsNT*.

When applicants are asked to provide supporting documentation, they must provide a forward project report for the works that the funding will be applied to. An application form is provided to complete. The application form will include:

- Outline of the subject to be researched
- Forward project plan for carrying out the project
- How the research project is unique to the Northern Territory history and heritage
- If they intend to publish, providing details and timeframe
- Proposed budget and timeline of funding amount requested

All applications must be submitted online in **Grants NT** at <https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/> by **midnight of Monday 7 September 2026**. For further information email lant@nt.gov.au or phone (08) 8999 7177.

2.2. Eligibility

- Must be an NT Resident, proof of residency is required.
- Must be an Australian Citizen.
- Individuals and community organisations with an interest in NT history.
- If you're an NT Government employee, you:
 - Are subject to the NT public sector code of conduct
 - Should refer to your department's policy requirements
- NT Associations applying for grants must ensure that they comply with the *Associations Act 2003*.

2.3. Ineligibility

- Territory, State and Federal government agencies are not eligible to apply.
- Previous NTG Grants recipients who have not acquitted grants are not eligible to apply.
- Employees of the Department of People, Sport and Culture are not eligible to apply due to conflict of interest.

3. Funding

The Grant program is funded to a maximum of \$10,000. Funding may only be allocated to one project and the project completed and acquitted within one year.

At the completion of a project, successful applications are required to present the results of their project in a public forum, in the format of a talk, presentation or exhibition.

If applicants have any queries about a proposed project and whether it would be suitable to apply for support through the NT History Grants Program, they can contact LANT by email: lant@nt.gov.au or telephone 8999 7177 to discuss.

The following are examples of projects which have been funded in the past:

- Published work such as a book, journal article, written guide
- Unpublished or self-published work
- Radio program
- Video/film or theatrical play
- Website
- Oral history interviews

Explore past history grants projects here - [Grants Program - Past Projects | Library & Archives NT](#)

If there are projects containing physical and non-physical elements of First Nations cultural heritage, Traditional Knowledge and/or cultural expressions it **must** adhere to the respecting and protecting Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP). [GUIDE Respecting-and-Protecting-ICIP.pdf](#)

3.1. What can be funded.

Grants are intended to assist with associated expenses that will be incurred whilst carrying out history research projects including:

- Travel and accommodation
- Costs associated with printing and publication such as:
 - editing fees
 - design costs
 - copyright
 - licencing fees
- Stationery and consumables

- Reproduction charges
- Interview fees

Anything over \$500 **must** have a quote.

3.2. What can't be funded.

The following costs cannot be funded by this grant.

- Activities that have already commenced or are scheduled to commence or conclude prior to the notification dates.
- Activities that are the responsibility of other funding bodies or government agencies.
- Purchase of equipment and assets.
- Cataloguing of collections.
- Digitising or reproduction of collections.
- Professional consulting fees, such as historical consultancy fees to undertake research.
- Per Diem costs, such as applicant wages or daily allowances or incidental costs or catering.

4. Assessment

All grant applications received are assessed by the NT History Grant Assessment Panel. The Panel comprises three representatives who are professionals with expertise and/or extensive knowledge in the field of NT history. The Panel makes recommendations to the Minister for Culture for the dispersal of funding as it deems appropriate based on the assessment criteria.

4.1. Criteria for assessment

Applications for the Grants must address all criteria to be considered.

Key criteria in the assessment of applications must include:

- Outline of the subject to be researched.
- Demonstrated uniqueness of the project.
- Forward project plan for carrying out the project, using the template provided.
- If they intend to publish, providing details and timeframe
- Proposed budget and timeline of funding amount requested
- Details and written statement of support or reference from 2 referees. Written references should outline the referees' support for the project and the skills and capacity of the individual to undertake and achieve the project. Applications without 2 written references will **not** be considered for a Grant.
- All applications must be submitted online to the Department of People, Sport and Culture through *GrantsNT*.
- If the submitted application is incomplete, it will not be assessed.

- If the project is an art-based project, please be aware that it may not be successful due to other arts grants available through *GrantsNT*.

The use of LANT collections for History Grants projects is essential. Suggestions for projects which draw from and compliment LANT collections could include:

- Collection and self-transcription of Oral Histories
- Indexing and production of research guides to collections relevant to NT History
- Written histories, exhibitions, or online resources that tell a story of the Northern Territory's past.

Preference will be given to projects covering topics which have not been researched before, or if the topic has been researched before, the applicant proposes a new approach or pushes research into new areas.

Each application is considered individually on its merits, against the criteria and guidelines. Previous successful applicants are not assured of success in subsequent applications.

5. Key Dates

Grant round open	Monday 27 July 2026
Applications close	Monday 7 September 2026
Assessment of applications	October 2026
Applicants notified of assessment outcome	December 2026

6. Terms and Conditions

Grant recipients are required to sign an agreement undertaking to abide by the conditions described below. The Grants Assessment Panel reserves the right to attach specific conditions to the expenditure of the Grant allocations. Recipients will be required to comply with all conditions of the Grant Agreement.

If an applicant does not meet all requirements as set out in the Grant Agreement, monies paid may be recovered as a debt due.

6.1. Deliverables

The following outlines the deliverables that successful applicants who have received grant funding must provide upon completion.

Funded grant projects are to be completed within 12 months of commencement of the Grant Agreement unless agreed otherwise.

Any applicant who does not provided the deliverables will not be eligible for future NT History Grants.

- Legal deposit requires any physical project (book, report, etc.) two copies of the results of the project must be provided to LANT.
- A report that outlines the post and pre project activity, using the template provided.

- A post budget overview of how the funds were expended using the template provided.
- Successful applicants are required to present the results of their project in a public forum, in the format of a talk, presentation or exhibition.

6.2. Acquittals

Funded grant projects must be completed within 12 months of commencement of the Grant Agreement unless agreed otherwise. Variations to the terms of the Grant Agreement must be submitted through *GrantsNT* before the project end date.

Upon conclusion of the project a final acquittal must be submitted via *GrantsNT*. This is a two-step process.

(1) an acquittal in *GrantsNT* that includes the post project activity report, a post budget overview of the grant expenditure and the indication of availability to conduct a presentation of the results in a public forum for Library & Archives NT.

(2) two copies of the project outcome are submitted to Library & Archives NT, in the relevant format.

6.3. Termination/suspension

LANT reserves the right to withdraw approval for funding at any time if there is a change in circumstances in the financial viability or nature of the project.

A grant may be suspended or terminated before the approved completion date, either at the request of the recipient or if performance is unsatisfactory or the conditions governing the Grant are not being observed.

6.4. Grant recipient acknowledgement

Any public presentation of the project or publication including articles, books or online material describing the work or containing the finished product of the work, for which has been supported wholly or partly by the Grant, **must acknowledge the support of the NT Government, Library & Archives NT and the NT History Grants program.**

If the recipient does not acknowledge the NT Government, Library & Archives NT and the Grants program, they may not be eligible to apply for future NT History Grants.

6.5. Payment details

Applicants must provide their nominated bank details in *Grants NT* to enable the payment of any grants.

Payment of grants will take place after the successful grant recipient has signed their agreement undertaking to abide by the conditions described in Terms of Grants above.

Grants funding is paid to the nominated applicant unless an alternative stakeholder organisation or administering body is provided in the application.

All applicants are required to fill in a vendor creation/amendment form, available on the website <https://nt.gov.au/leisure/arts-culture-heritage/grants/apply-for-an-nt-history-grant> and an ATO Statement by Supplier form if not registered for GST.