

Australia's Direct Aid Program (DAP) - Fact Sheet

What is DAP?

- . DAP is a flexible small grants program, funded by Australia's aid budget, aimed at supporting small-scale development projects with tangible outcomes.
- . **What activities are eligible?** DAP funds Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligible projects focused on the economic development and welfare of the community/country.
- . **Who can apply?** Individuals who apply on behalf of community groups, NGOs/civil society groups, local government organisations and organisations whose activities are carried out on a not-for-profit basis.
- . **Areas for DAP support:** community health, education, sport, rural development, capacity building, governance, human rights, gender equity, indigenous, youth, environment, agriculture, disaster relief and small scale infrastructure.

How Much Funding is Available and when can I apply?

- . There will be two application rounds this year – Round 1 will primarily focus on projects that commence in the 2018 calendar year, while Round 2 will focus on projects that commence in February 2019 onwards. Round 1 applications open **1 September and close 7 October 2018** (midnight). Round 2 applications will open in January 2019 (dates to be advised).
- . Generally, AUD5,000 to AUD30,000 per approved project.
- . Upper limit of AUD60,000 for projects which meet certain criteria:
 - Projects span two financial years¹ in partnership with established entities
 - Conducted in multiple countries
 - Strong project designs with risk management strategies.

What Does DAP Not Cover?

- . Recurrent costs: salaries, utilities, rental costs, routine maintenance
- . Cash grants or micro-credit schemes or projects that involve the return of money
- . Conferences or hotel accommodation
- . Australian or overseas study tours
- . International travel (except for capacity building by experts on a case-by-case basis)
- . Purchase of major/large assets: vehicles/tractors, refrigerators, photocopiers
- . Computers and other 'attractive' items which are easily stolen (cameras, lap tops)
- . Sponsorship of major sporting tournaments or cultural displays that do not have a clear development benefit

¹ Current financial year runs from July 2018 to June 2019



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- . Start-up enterprises/commercial ventures
- . Cost for the rental of venues, catering (meals, snacks), transportation, shipping fees and taxes, consultant and administrative fees

Best Practice Advice

- . **Building and construction related projects** should meet or exceed Australian standards wherever reasonably practicable to do so. Departure from Australian WHS standards on the basis that meeting such standards is not "reasonably practicable" should only be accepted where it is defensible to do so, supported by a clear, persuasive and documented explanation.
 - In such cases, the project should meet the highest standard that is reasonably practicable with hazard mitigation measures supported by a hazard identification and risk assessment report identifying the residual risks of injury and illness to any workers or third parties, and proposed mitigation strategy.
- . If the project involves working with children, or contact with children, the organisation must have a **Child Protection Policy** or code of conduct to be eligible.
- . Recipients of DAP funding must ensure that no support or resources are provided to any entity subject to **sanctions** (by the United Nations Security Council or the Australian Government).
- . Recipients of DAP funding must ensure that the work conducted in relation to this project is undertaken in a safe manner and complies with all applicable local laws, standards and policies that relate to **health and safety**.

What is the DAP Project Timeline?

- . Generally short-term – acquitted before the end of the financial year (June 2019).
- . Projects should be completed within agreed time frames.
- . Final acquittals are due two months after project completion.
- . For two-year projects – interim acquittal reports are due every six months.

What should I include with the Application?

- . Copy of registration of NGO ² (if applicable)
- . Detailed budget breakdown with proof of quotations from suppliers - template available on website
- . Project time-line (include start and end dates) – template available on website
- . Financial statement for last financial year (first time applicants)

² For successful applicants, payments will only be paid to registered NGO or entity accounts



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- . Risk strategy (applies to projects exceeding one year or > AUD30,000)
- . Copy of your organisation's Child Protection Policy



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Where do I Submit my Application?

<https://dap.smartygrants.com.au/PortofSpain201819>

For Budget and Timeline templates

www.trinidadandtobago.highcommission.gov.au

For More information on DAP

<http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/direct-aid-program/Pages/direct-aid-program.aspx>

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