U.S. Embassy Canberra

Grants Funding: What you need to know to apply
U.S. Mission in Australia

- U.S. Embassy in Canberra
- **U.S. Consulate General in Sydney** - responsible for NSW and Queensland
- **U.S. Consulate General in Melbourne** - responsible for Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and the Northern Territory
- **U.S. Consulate General in Perth** - responsible for Western Australia
The Public Affairs Section (PAS) engages with Australian audiences on issues of importance to the U.S. and Australian alliance through:

- Exchange programs
- Speaker programs
- Media engagements
- Official U.S. Government visits
- Grants
The U.S. Mission offers grants to enhance the U.S. - Australia relationship through public programs.

Well-conceived programs that support the U.S. Mission to Australia's strategic priorities.

Programs that strengthen bilateral ties between the United States and Australia and include a clear U.S. connection that will promote increased understanding of the United States among the Australian public.

Programs that actively promote an understanding of the United States and how they will engage with Australian audiences.
Priority Areas

- **U.S.-Australia Alliance**: Activities that promote the values that underpin the U.S.-Australia partnership, including democracy, human rights, rule of law, freedom of speech, LGBTQI+ rights, gender equality, and diversity.

- **Economic Partnership**: Activities that support U.S.-Australia partnerships in areas including, space exploration, critical minerals, emerging technology, entrepreneurship, women’s economic empowerment, and higher education exchange.

- **Free and Open Indo-Pacific**: Activities that advance U.S. and Australian efforts to increase security, prosperity, good governance, and human capital and counter disinformation and malign activity in the Indo-Pacific region.

- **Climate Change**: Activities that enhance efforts to fight climate change, promote environmental preservation, and support innovation to increase climate action and resilience.
Priority Audiences

- Audiences should reflect the diversity of political, social, and cultural life in the United States and Australia including race, colour, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Priority Audiences include:

- Young Australians - 18-35 years;
- Rural and regional Australians;
- First Nations and linguistically and culturally diverse communities.
What Can a Grant Cover?

- Travel
- Honorarium
- Venue hire
- Accommodation
- Personnel
- Supplies
Looking to 2040: Developing Next-Generation Leaders and Policy Thinkers of the U.S.-Australia Partnership in the Indo-Pacific Region

University of Sunshine Coast brought together university students from across Australia to look at U.S.-Australia relations. Students developed policy papers that were presented to Consulate leadership.

Building Prosperity: the importance of the United States to the Australian economy

An AmCham + Deloitte report detailing the value of U.S. trade and investment in Australia
Examples of Projects Supported

Illuminate FNQ: International Science and Eco Fest

Working with First Nations communities in Far North Queensland to encourage the study of STEM amongst students interested in environmental issues.

Young Pacific Leaders Leadership Workshop

An youth leadership development initiative that focuses on strengthening linkages across the Pacific and the United States to bring together young people in the region to address critical challenges and expand opportunities related to the core YPL pillars: Education, Environment and Resource Management, Civic Leadership, and Economic and Social Development.
Past and Current Partners

- University of Sunshine Coast
- U.S. Studies Centre, University of Sydney
- American Chamber of Commerce in Australia
- Melbourne Writers Festival
- Human Rights Arts Film Festival
- Perth USAsia Centre
- University of Southern Queensland
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Marine Science (ATSIMS)
- Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association (ANZASA)
- Melbourne Press Club
Who is Eligible?

- Australian not-for-profit organizations across any sector

- Grant programs can include partnerships with U.S. and Indo-Pacific organizations that meet the eligibility requirements.
Guidelines

• Grants are generally between USD 10,000 – 250,000 with many competitive grants in the USD 25,000 – 75,000 range

• Most grants have a timeframe of 12 months

• Grants can fund projects that are local, national, regional (Indo-Pacific) and can include a U.S. or third country not-for-profit partner

• Follow the information in the Embassy's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Grant Requirements

- Not-for-Profit/Non-Profit organization
- SAMS registration – SAM.gov
- NCAGE number - assigned to businesses providing a product or service to the United States (U.S.) Government located outside the U.S.
- U.S. component
- Progress report/s + final acquittal and report required
Applications **must** include the following:

- Standard Application Form
- Application Cover Sheet (SF-424 organizations; SF-424I for individuals)
- Proposal Budget (SF-424A)
What Can't be Funded?

• For profit organizations

• Partisan political activity

• Fundraising campaigns

• Commercial projects or personal benefit
Timeline

• Annual Program Statement released on Embassy website - October
• Applications submitted – Anytime between October 1 thru August 26
• Applications reviewed – Three times a year April 1, July 15, August 26
• Applicants notified – Generally three to four weeks after review date
Some Final Thoughts

• Be clear about what the project will accomplish and why it benefits Americans and Australians.

• Don't let the paperwork make up your mind for you – it can be managed.

• Talk to us about your proposal.
Questions?

Email: PASGrantsAustralia@state.gov