

<b>TSRA Grant Opportunity Guidelines</b>	
<b>Grant Opportunity Name:</b>	Healthy Communities Open Grant Round 2024-25
<b>Opening date:</b>	9.00 AM AEST on 21 April 2025
<b>Closing date and time:</b>	11.59 PM AEST on 25 May 2025
<b>Entity:</b>	Torres Strait Regional Authority
<b>Enquiries:</b>	If you have any questions, contact Healthy Communities Programme – <a href="mailto:hscteambbx@tsra.gov.au">hscteambbx@tsra.gov.au</a> or phone 4069 0700.
<b>Date guidelines released:</b>	9.00 AM AEST on 21 April 2025
<b>Type of grant opportunity:</b>	Non-competitive (applications considered on individual merit and not compared to each other)  Open proposals (range of activities eligible if consistent with the Healthy Communities Programme objectives).
<b>Where to apply:</b>	Applications are only accepted through the SmartyGrants online application portal at the link below.  <a href="https://tsra.smartygrants.com.au/HealthyCommunitiesOpenGrantRound24-25">https://tsra.smartygrants.com.au/HealthyCommunitiesOpenGrantRound24-25</a>  You must read and consider all the information in this document before you apply.
<b>About the opportunity:</b>	The Healthy Communities Open Grant Round 2024-25 aims to achieve the strategic priorities of the TSRA Torres Strait Development Plan 2023-2028, with goals to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide support targeting healthy lifestyles, including improving the availability of fresh produce and healthy food options and encouraging people to undertake healthy activities.</li> <li>• Activities and programs to help reduce the burden of disease.</li> </ul> This specific grant opportunity aims to achieve this objective[s] by supporting the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve access to affordable fresh and healthy foods.</li> <li>• Support initiatives which encourage more active and healthy communities.</li> </ul>
<b>Grant amount:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minimum grant amount is \$10,000.</li> <li>• There is no maximum grant amount, but grants cannot exceed the Programme's amount of available funds.</li> </ul>
<b>Grant period:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For activities delivered from 1 July 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility (General):</b>	We cannot consider your application if any of the following apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You and/or your proposed activity do not satisfy all stated requirements for this Grant Opportunity.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You and/or your proposed activity do not satisfy all TSRA's General Eligibility requirements (see <i>TSRA General Information About Grant Opportunities</i>).</li> <li>Unreasonable operational expenses including excessive rent, utilities &amp; insurances.</li> <li>Proposals that duplicate the role of an existing service provider in the same region.</li> <li>Activities for which other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility (Specific for this Grant Opportunity):</b>	To discuss queries related to your grant proposal, please contact the contact officer identified at the top of this form.
<b>Aligned activities (General):</b>	<p>To be successful, your grant activity or projects/services should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Align with the Programme Objectives and grant outcomes listed under <i>About The Opportunity</i> above.</li> <li>Benefit Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal persons living in the Torres Strait region (including the Northern Peninsula Area communities of Bamaga and Seisia).</li> </ul>
<b>Aligned activities (Specific for this Grant Opportunity):</b>	<p>In addition to Aligned Activities (General) above, for this opportunity, your grant activity or projects/services may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innovative health and wellbeing initiatives to support Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people to live long and healthy lives through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular participation in healthy lifestyle and physical activity</li> <li>Improved access to healthy and affordable food for all families</li> <li>Increased information and awareness to enable families to make healthy choices</li> </ul> </li> <li>Preventative health and wellbeing programs and activities.</li> <li>Capacity building within local communities to lead, manage and deliver health and wellbeing initiatives.</li> <li>Targeted initiatives and activities for youth and young people, including those that are designed and led by young people.</li> <li>Online healthy lifestyle programs and awareness campaigns.</li> <li>Social and emotional wellbeing initiatives, projects and programs with a particular emphasis for youth and young people, people with a disability and the LGBTIQ+ community.</li> <li>Appropriate research targeting local and regional data gaps, with a view to empowering and building strong, healthy and resilient communities.</li> <li>Place-based approaches that directly support improving local outcomes under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.</li> <li>Minor health infrastructure upgrades - open only to eligible organisations/local government entities who own and manage community assets.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Ineligible expenditure:</b></p>	<p>You cannot use the grant for the following expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income generation activities (for-profit activities).</li> <li>• Catering costs for events that exceed more than 10% of the total project budget.</li> <li>• Purchase of land, vehicles or other large commercial assets</li> <li>• The covering of retrospective costs.</li> <li>• Unreasonable operational expenses including excessive rent, utilities and insurances.</li> <li>• Repayment of loans or existing debt.</li> <li>• Proposals that duplicate the role of an existing service provider in the same region</li> <li>• Activities for which other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessment criteria:</b></p>	<p>You must address all the following assessment criteria in the application.</p> <p><b>Criterion 1 – Alignment with Programme Objectives and grant outcomes</b></p> <p>Your activity should align with the Programme Objectives outlined in <i>About the opportunity</i> above.</p> <p>You can demonstrate this through identifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how the project contributes to supporting healthy and affordable services, programs and communities.</li> <li>• how you will work in partnership with community organisations, groups and individuals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Criterion 2 – Ability to deliver the proposed activity</b></p> <p>You should demonstrate you or our organisation has the required skills and ability to deliver the proposed activity.</p> <p>You can demonstrate this through identifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrated skills and experience of key participants/stakeholders involved in project delivery,</li> <li>• evidence of capacity to deliver project.</li> </ul> <p><b>Criterion 3 – Value for money</b></p> <p>Your activity should demonstrate value for money.</p> <p>You can demonstrate this through identifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrated need for government funding,</li> <li>• evidence of “in-kind” resource or financial support secured for your project,</li> <li>• demonstrating how you as the applicant will contribute to the success of the project.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What to include:</b></p>	<p>It is optional to upload documentation to support your application. You should upload documentation relevant to your proposal.</p>

	<p>Applications for complex, costly, or multi-year activities should provide more detail and supporting documentation. Applications for smaller, simpler grants may not require additional supporting documentation.</p> <p>If you are unsure about what supporting documentation to upload, please contact the officer identified at the start of this form.</p> <p>Following submission of your application, the TSRA may decide that further supporting documentation is required. In this case, the TSRA will contact you directly to request the additional documentation. Failure to provide additional requested documentation may result in your application not being assessed.</p> <p>You may upload the following supporting documents to support your application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed project proposal</li> <li>• Supporting evidence for your project – for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Copies of qualifications or resumes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Support letters - for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ community members and organisations demonstrating support for your project,</li> <li>○ confirmation from proposed participants that they are willing/able to participate,</li> <li>○ confirmation from your auspice (if applicable) that they are willing/able to auspice the grant.</li> <li>○ confirmation from other contributors that they are willing/able to support the project.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Detailed budget:</li> <li>• Supporting evidence for the budget – for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Quotes from service providers</li> <li>○ Valuations of assets</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Before you apply:</b></p>	<p>Before applying, you must read and understand these guidelines.</p> <p>These documents may be found at <a href="https://www.tsra.gov.au/opportunities/grant-funding">https://www.tsra.gov.au/opportunities/grant-funding</a></p> <p>To apply you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the online Healthy Communities Ad Hoc Grant Round 2024-25 application form on SmartyGrants.</li> <li>• Provide all the information requested.</li> <li>• Include all required supporting documents.</li> <li>• Submit your application at the link provided by the closing date and time.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Your rights and responsibilities:</b></p>	<p>You are responsible for ensuring that your application is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the <a href="#">Criminal Code 1995</a> and we will investigate any false or misleading information and may exclude your application from further consideration.</p>

	<p>If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should contact the contact officer identified at the start of this form. Aside from correcting factual errors, you cannot change your application after the closing date and time.</p> <p>If we find an error or information that is missing, we may ask for clarification or additional information from you that will not change the nature of your application. However, we can refuse to accept any additional information from you that would change your submission after the application closing time.</p> <p>You should keep a copy of your application and any supporting documents. We will acknowledge that we have received your application within five working days.</p>
<p><b>Further information:</b></p>	<p>See <i>TSRA General Information About Grant Opportunities</i>. This document is part of the terms and conditions of the Grant Opportunity.</p>