



**Aboriginal Peak
Organisations**
NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Aboriginal community controlled organisations
Northern Territory

Dear CEOs and directors

**APONT's Aboriginal capacity building and sector strengthening grants program
APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

The Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APONT) is pleased to announce the Aboriginal capacity building and sector strengthening (CBSS) grants program is now open for applications.

We invite eligible Aboriginal community controlled organisations (ACCOs) across the Northern Territory to consider applying for funding to support their organisation's priorities and strengthen their capacity and capability.

In partnership with the Australian Government and Northern Territory Government, APONT is delivering the CBSS grants program under the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment (NTRAI) program. The program is for the next five years and aims to strengthen the capability, governance, sustainability and transition readiness of ACCOs across the Northern Territory.

The CBSS grants program is a rolling program and has no closing date but funding each year is limited and applications close when the funding is exhausted. Funding is available in the following four streams:

1. Foundations

For immediate, one-off needs that help establish or strengthen an ACCO's foundations.

2. Strengthen

For activities that build organisational capability, systems, governance and capacity over the medium term.

3. Grow and transition

For longer-term organisational development, including preparing for growth, expansion or changes in service delivery.

4. Maintain

For ongoing organisational needs that support the sustainability of services following growth or transition of services from government to community control.

Please consider if this funding opportunity could assist your ACCO and whether it is eligible. The CBSS grants program team at APONT is available to provide end-to-end support throughout the application process. This includes answering questions, supporting organisations with their applications and, for successful applicants, providing ongoing support throughout the life of the grant.

For more information, including obtaining the Grant Opportunity Guidelines and Application Form, please visit: www.apont.org.au/capacity-building-grants. Attached is also a flyer with more information.

If you would like to speak with a member of the CBSS grants program team, please contact us on 08 7936 8620 or email grants@apont.org.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Anthony Beven', with a stylized, cursive script.

Anthony Beven
Acting chief executive officer

Aboriginal Capacity Building & Sector Strengthening Grants

Building strong community controlled organisations

Who are these grants for?

Aboriginal community controlled organisations (ACCOS) providing or planning to provide services for remote Aboriginal communities in the NT.

A few things to know:

As a rolling funded program, a limited pool of funding is available via four streams:

-  **Foundational**
-  **Strengthening**
-  **Growth and transition**
-  **Maintain**

What can be funded?

- ✓ Director and leadership development
- ✓ Financial systems and audit readiness
- ✓ Aboriginal workforce and staff development
- ✓ Service models, quality and cultural safety
- ✓ Data and reporting systems and tools
- ✓ Business planning and grant readiness

What cannot be funded?

- ✗ Core recurrent operations
- ✗ Existing service delivery costs
- ✗ Retrospective costs
- ✗ Debt repayment, purchase of land or rent
- ✗ Capital works, unless approved
- ✗ Ongoing wages unrelated to strengthening
- ✗ Local government reform

How it works:

-  **Talk with us** - Discuss your idea
-  **Plan** - Choose a stream
-  **Apply** - Submit online
-  **Decision** - Board considers

Contact:

For more information, contact us.

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