

National Women's Alliances (Alliances) – Forecast Grant Opportunity

Questions and Answers

1. When will applications open and close?

Applications are expected to open on 8 February 2021 and close on 5 March 2021.

2. How do I apply?

Information on how to apply for the Grant Opportunity will be specified once released on [GrantConnect](#).

3. What is the role of the National Women's Alliances?

The Australian Government established the National Women's Alliances stream to ensure women's voices are heard in the policy making process. Alliances advocate for Australian women and collaborate with policymakers to inform Australian Government policies which impact women.

4. How much funding is available?

A total of \$4,925,392.20 from 23 August 2021 to 30 June 2024 is available for the National Women's Alliances. Each Alliance will receive a maximum grant amount of \$820,898.70 over the funding period.

5. Can someone from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet or the Community Grants Hub help me with my application?

To maintain the fairness and integrity of the application process, the Community Grants Hub and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet cannot directly assist applicants as they write their applications for this grant opportunity. The Community Grants Hub has published [information and fact sheets for applicants](#) to provide general advice.

6. Why is a selection process being held?

Conducting an open competitive selection process will provide organisations in the women's sector with an opportunity to compete for government funding to work as a National Women's Alliance.

7. Who is assessing applications?

The Community Grants Hub will review applications against eligibility criteria. Only eligible applications will be considered for funding through an open competitive grant process.

The Community Grants Hub will then undertake a preliminary assessment of eligible applications. A Selection Advisory Panel, established by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, will then consider the overall value for relevant money of applications

and provide a list of recommended projects to the Minister for Women for a final funding decision.

Further information on the assessment and selection process will be available once the Grant Opportunity is released.

8. Are the applications assessed against other applications?

Yes, this grant opportunity is an open competitive selection process. Each application is assessed on how well it addresses the selection criteria, if it represents value for money, and how it compares to other applications.

9. Who will approve the successful grant recipients?

The Minister for Women makes the final decision to fund successful grant recipients, taking into account the recommendations made by the Selection Advisory Panel.

10. What will happen if my organisation is successful in the selection process?

If your application is successful, you will be notified and asked to sign a funding agreement to take effect from 23 August 2021. This agreement would outline the deliverables and reporting requirements associated with the grant opportunity.

Organisations currently serving as Alliances will be required to adhere to funding agreement arrangements, including finalising all reporting requirements. If your organisation is currently serving as an Alliance and your application is found successful, there would be a short overlap period between the end of your current funding agreements and the new funding agreement established under this grant opportunity.

11. What will happen if my organisation is unsuccessful in the selection process?

You will be notified if your application is unsuccessful. A Feedback Summary will be published on the Community Grants Hub website to provide all applicants with access to information on the main strengths and areas for improving applications. Individual feedback will not be provided.

If your organisation is currently serving as an Alliance and your application is found unsuccessful, your funding under the National Women's Alliances Stream would end on 20 August 2021, and you would be required to finalise all reporting requirements under your funding agreement.