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OVERVIEW OF THE GRANT APPLICATION

GRANT OPPORTUNITY DOCUMENTS

- Grant Opportunity documents on Grants Connect are the official source of information - register to access guidelines, updates, templates, and Q&A: <https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=a9cab9d4-8712-42b7-816c-544b1bedbda5>
- Information in this presentation is guidance, not an official source of information

TIMEFRAMES

- Round 1 will run from 14 September 2023 to 7 December 2023. Assessment cycles:
 - Assessment cycle 1 closes at 9:00 pm AEDT on **12 October 2023**
 - Assessment cycle 2 closes at 9:00 pm AEDT on **7 December 2023**
- Earliest start date of a grant activity, and payment of money, expected to be March 2024 for Assessment cycle 1
- Further rounds expected in 2024

OVERVIEW OF THE GRANT APPLICATION

STRUCTURE

- JRNA quick guide document (2 pages) for an overview of what is in each section of the application form >>>>>>

FOCUS OF THE SESSION TODAY

- Key parts of the grant application we will cover today:
 - Eligible organisation
 - Assessment criteria
 - Eligible activities
 - Required attachments
- Welcome your input on what else will be helpful



NJRP | GRANT APPLICATION QUICK GUIDE

This quick guide has been prepared by JRNA to give an overview of what sections are in the National Justice Reinvestment Program Grant Opportunity application form on Grants Connect. It is a summary only and intended to support communities in planning your grant application.

For Grant Opportunity documents and to access the application form, visit:
<https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=A9CAB9D4-8712-42B7-816C-544B18EDBD45>

GRANT APPLICATION SECTIONS - OVERVIEW

SECTION	HIGH LEVEL DETAIL
EXISTING GRANT RECIPIENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Existing grant recipient through the Community Grants Hub - enter Organisation ID to pre-populate details
APPLICANT DETAILS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Questions for applicants applying as a Trustee on behalf of a trust● ABN details● Address and contact details● Non-profit status
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Entity type & attach supporting documentation (eg extract from ABN Lookup, ACNC, ASIC Register or ORIC)● Is your project supported by First Nations people living in your community - text response (limit approx 150 words)● Compliance confirmations (National Redress Scheme & Workplace Gender Equality)
GOVERNANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Reportable events confirmation● Documentation - do you have documented policies and procedures, business/strategic plan, risk management plan (if so, you may be asked to provide)
PROJECT/ACTIVITY DETAILS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Project/activity short title (limit approx 38 words)● Brief description of project and how it will contribute to objectives in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines (limit approx 150 words)● Selecting your area/s where you will deliver the project/activity● Child safety & working with vulnerable persons confirmations● Capital works - whether you are seeking funding for minor or

WHO CAN APPLY - ELIGIBILITY

IS YOUR ORGANISATION OR GROUP ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- The following communities or organisations are eligible to apply:
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled organisations
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Operated and Controlled organisations
 - Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations
 - Non-Indigenous organisations WITH ACCO transition plan
- ACCO (or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Operated and Controlled organisation or Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation with transition plan to an ACCO) is viewed as a strength in the assessment
- ACCO defined as incorporated, not for profit, at least 51% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned and at least 51% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander controlled (Board members or equivalent).
- Multiple organisations or leadership structures - 'Consortia' applications are OK
 - Must appoint a 'lead organisation'. The lead organisation must satisfy all the eligibility criteria
 - Option for an unincorporated group to be 'auspiced' by another organisation.

WHO CAN APPLY - ELIGIBILITY (cont)

DO YOU NEED TO HAVE A TRANSITION TO ACCO PLAN?

- YES: Non-Indigenous organisation (or lead organisation) MUST attach an ACCO transition plan
 - See SNAICC's *The Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO) Leadership Transition Framework*
- OPTIONAL: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations who are not ACCOs but plan to transition

OTHER EVIDENCE OF ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LEADERSHIP

- You will be asked to respond to: '*Is your project supported by First Nations people living in your community?*'
 - '*Including by demonstrating you have the support and authority to lead or act as the coordinating body for this work within a community, and that the work will be delivered in partnership with community members.*' (limit 150 words)
- There is no expectation that everyone in the community will support or agree - this is an ongoing process in building buy-in and support
- Your response could include, as attachments:
 - Evidence of support or indication of buy-in from community members/representatives and/or governance bodies
 - For applications from non-Indigenous organisations *or consortia applications* MUST include letter/s of buy-in from relevant cultural authority/governance/leadership structures and appointment as lead organisation.
- Suggest providing high level summary in the application form and refer to the attachments

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA [Section 6]

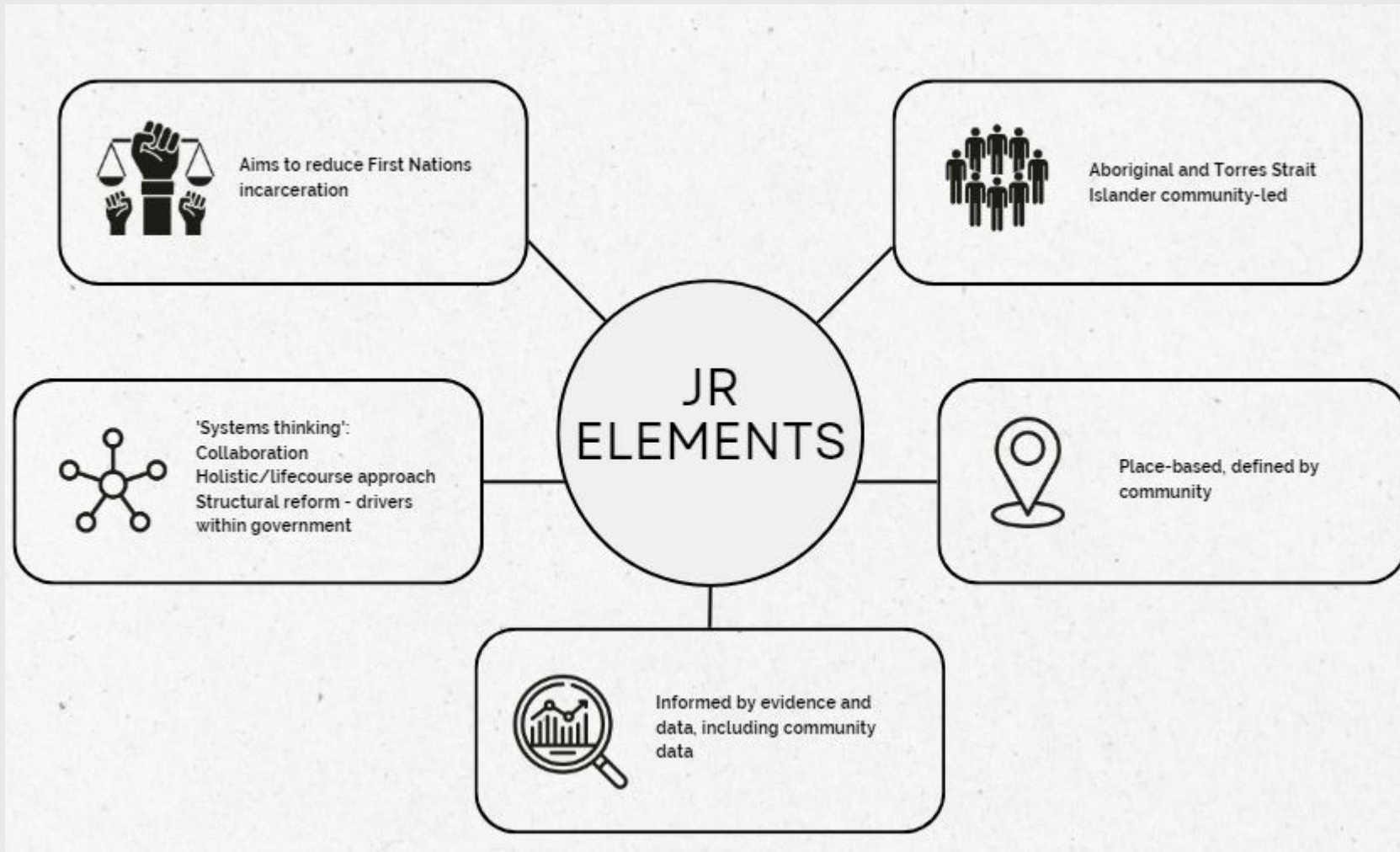
ANSWERING THE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- Key part of the application - will be scored by the Panel as *'Fully'*, *'Partially'* or *'Does not' meet* the criterion
- The level of detail and evidence should match the grant amount requested and complexity of activity
- Maximum of approx 525 words/3,500 characters per criterion
- Three criteria:
 - Criterion 1: *Why* do you think Justice Reinvestment is a good fit for your community?
 - Criterion 2: *What* will you do with Justice Reinvestment funding if successful?
 - Criterion 3: *How* will you do it?

TIPS FOR WRITING YOUR RESPONSE

- Use each of the sub-headings to 'check off' each part. You can shorten or remove the headings at the end
- Use key language from the question to help flag what the panel will be looking for
- Evidence - we will go through this in each criterion: priority for community data over government data
- Suggest working offline rather than in the online form when drafting, especially if you have multiple people helping
- Refer to the elements of JR - more than a program

JR ELEMENTS



PROJECTS AT DIFFERENT STAGES

Early-stage justice reinvestment site

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members:

- are coming together to gather information and build support for community-led change to improve justice outcomes
- have an early understanding of justice challenges and other priority areas requiring change
- may have started developing a plan/strategy for action
- have established at least initial mechanisms through which community can lead and drive solutions (such as community-led advisory groups or similar)
- are exploring or have started to establish key stakeholder collaborations that will support community-led change (for example, with funders and other non-government organisations, state/territory government).

Established justice reinvestment site

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members:

- have identified key challenges and priority areas for community-led change aimed at improving justice outcomes
- have developed and/or are already implementing a plan/strategy identifying project goals, activities and approaches to achieve this change
- are identifying or have identified how they will measure and evaluate progress (including outcomes) of this plan/strategy
- have established mechanisms through which they are leading and driving solutions, including mechanisms that support wider community participation in achieving project goals and outcomes
- have established key stakeholder collaborations to support achievement of goals and outcomes.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA: CRITERION 1 - WHY

CRITERION 1: WHY DO YOU THINK JR IS A GOOD FIT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

Tell us about some of the justice challenges in your community impacting First Nations adults and/or youth and the need for change. In your application:

- Describe some of the factors driving contact with the justice system by First Nations adults and/or youth in your community
- Provide examples of how First Nations community members are coming together to gather information, and build support for community-led change to improve justice outcomes
- Describe the primary areas where First Nations community members are looking to lead and drive solutions, centred in local culture, knowledge and voices

Sub-question	Consider including	Types of evidence you might refer to
Factors driving contact with the justice system in your community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the 'place' or 'community' your JR work will be connected to • Speak to an issue, or several issues in your community driving contact with the justice system - justice and intersecting areas eg. employment, health, education, child protection, disability, housing. HOW will addressing these improve justice outcomes, what is the relationship? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community data to share the voices of local people on what justice issues matter to them • Government data, if it is helpful in telling your community's story
Focus areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision for change - high-level goals and/or priority areas. Connect these to the issues driving contact with the justice system, elements of JR & culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early draft or finalised community JR plan or strategy
Examples of community coming together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process used to build buy-in and support (and what else will be done to continue this) • How JR is different to existing work and initiatives in your community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community surveys, meeting outcomes • Early draft or finalised community JR plan or strategy

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA: CRITERION 2 - WHAT

CRITERION 2: WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JR FUNDING IF SUCCESSFUL?

Describe your proposed project, plan or strategy and how it will prevent and reduce contact with the justice system among First Nations adults and/or youth in your area. In your application:

- Describe how First Nations community members have been involved in leading its design;
- Describe the specific actions you would like to pursue to help prevent and reduce contact with the justice system among First Nations adults and/or youth living in your community;
- Describe how your project, plan or strategy will continue to be First Nations-led and centred around a shared connection to place; and
- Describe whether you plan to collaborate with relevant services, stakeholders or organisations to achieve your projects aims. If so, who and why?

Sub-question	Consider including	Types of evidence you might refer to
Community leadership in designing the strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how your discussions have progressed from sharing ideas to planning or designing a strategy and actions • How this planning has been led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in your community - e.g. formal leadership group or working group? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanisms or plans for how community have led or will lead the design, eg development of a community leadership structure or engagement with existing leadership structures

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA: CRITERION 2 - WHAT (cont)

Sub-question	Consider including	Types of evidence you might refer to
Continuation of community leadership centred around place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How you will continue to develop or strengthen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and/or collaboration further in the work - this could include how additional support will increase the role, power, skills etc of community leaders beyond what they are already doing in their community Collection and use of community data, including any data governance and Indigenous data sovereignty principles for your community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where relevant - transition plan to being ACCO-led Any data governance principles or data sovereignty principles developed
Specific actions to achieve community goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand on your community's goals by identifying the specific activities and/or actions you are looking to progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detail in activity work plan (template provided in Grants Connect)
Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How you are working or wanting to work with key stakeholders to address the different issues and activities. Be specific about who you are currently collaborating or intend to collaborate with through JR and why their involvement will help to support community vision for change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters of support or collaboration agreements or memoranda from key stakeholders Cross-reference to activity work plan

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA: CRITERION 3 - HOW

CRITERION 3: HOW WILL YOU DO IT?

Describe how your organisation will deliver the project, including providing information on:

- Who will run the day to day operation of the project (e.g. staff, budgets) and how will major decisions be made (e.g. decision-making structure) over time - including through activity work plans or draft budgets, where appropriate;
- How will you measure and evaluate progress over the course of the project (what data will you use, and what does success look like in your local context).
- If your organisation will seek financial, in-kind or logistical support from other organisations to maximise impact or strengthen the financial sustainability of the project over the long time (e.g. non-government-organisations, philanthropic funders, service providers, local/state/territory governments).

Sub-question	Consider including	Types of evidence you might refer to
Operations & decision-making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short description of the role, responsibilities and/or functions of each key person and/or group within your approach, including how they will work together • Describe decision-making approaches and structures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters of support or collaboration agreements or memoranda from key stakeholders
Measurement & evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline of the key community defined goals at different points in the work (short-term, medium-term, long-term - aligned to project years or key milestones) - what measures of success will track progress to your community's goals, including the data you will collect and how often 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any theory of change, monitoring & evaluation framework or other community JR strategy, if available • Cross-reference to draft activity work plan

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA: CRITERION 3 - HOW (cont)

Sub-question	Consider including	Types of evidence you might refer to
Impact & financial sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'In kind' support - details of volunteerism and 'in kind' support from local organisations and service providers, corporates, supporting bodies, peaks• 'Other financial support' from philanthropic, corporate, government or other organisations, or describe any plans to seek this support• Include details of any specific work or parts of the work that is or will be funded from these other sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letters of support or collaboration agreements or memoranda from key stakeholders

WHAT ACTIVITIES CAN BE FUNDED

- **Should seek to improve justice outcomes** that relate to the needs of a particular community and **have strong local First Nations community leadership.**
 - INCLUDING but not limited to:
 - **Community-led identification and implementation of justice reinvestment activities** (e.g., creating and maintaining a local project team/'backbone' team, systems and frameworks to support local leadership, governance and community engagement, and justice reinvestment plans and strategies).
 - **Programs addressing possible drivers of contact with the criminal justice systems and improving justice outcomes** (e.g., improving school attendance and employment opportunities, building connections to culture and community, empowering young people, supporting sustainable leadership)
 - **Building support for and understanding about justice reinvestment** (e.g., communications products, community engagement sessions and learning/education activities to build capacity and capability for justice reinvestment)
 - **Related to data** (e.g., collecting and working with government data, and with community data, stories and knowledge, setting up local data platforms, MEL work)
 - **Collaboration** with stakeholders to advocate for changes to justice systems.

'ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE'

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- Delivering eligible activities (previous slide), including for capacity building
- Costs of resourcing local project team and tools to support local leadership (e.g., wages and other staffing costs, operating costs, travel domestically for engagement)
- MINOR capital works on existing structure (<\$250K & completed in 12 months (rural/remote considerations))
- Consultancies/services/support from JR experts
- Must provide a BUDGET

NOT ELIGIBLE

- Grant writing
- Costs covered by other funds

GRANT AMOUNT & TIME PERIOD

- No minimum or maximum - but keep in mind overall size of the grant opportunity for guide
- The maximum grant period under these initial guidelines is three years (from 2023-24 to 2025-26) - must end June 2026 at the latest

WHAT ATTACHMENTS ARE REQUIRED

'Essential' attachments	'Optional' attachments
<p>Draft activity work plan (template provided): Covers: activity deliverables, risk management & stakeholder engagement</p>	<p>Evidence of support or indication of buy-in from community members/representatives and/or governance bodies, or state justice reinvestment body, either in the form of official support or letters of group support</p>
<p>Proposed draft budget (template provided)</p>	
<p>Applications from non-Indigenous organisations or consortia applications MUST include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter/s of buy-in from relevant cultural authority/governance/leadership structures and appointment as lead organisation • Evidence of a plan to transition to an ACCO 	<p>Evidence of support from non-community representatives/stakeholders, either in the form of official support or letters of individual/group support or any other attachments you consider relevant</p>
<p>Other types of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-led organisations (not ACCOs) planning to become an ACCO in the future attach evidence of a plan to transition (Not required if no plan to become an ACCO)</p>	
<p>Applicants applying for \$100,000 or more must provide financial data from the last 2 full years' profit and loss statements and balance sheets (where available)</p>	<p>Trust deed if applying as a Trustee on behalf of a Trust.</p>

PROCESS AFTER APPLICATION - WHAT NEXT?

PROCESS OF ASSESSMENT

Step	Timeframe: Cycle 1	Timeframe: Cycle 2
Application submitted on Grants Connect	Closes 12 October 2023	Closes 7 December 2023
Eligibility assessment will be done by AGD and Community Grants Hub - you will be notified if ineligible		
Eligible applications go to a Justice Reinvestment Selection Panel (Panel), with majority of First Nations representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Panel might ask you to talk about information in your application to assist in making its final recommendations - usually by videoconference or teleconference 		
Panel provides advice to Attorney-General (or delegate) on the merits of each application	By 15 December 2023	By 27 February 2024
Grant decision is made by Attorney-General (or delegate)	By 3 January 2024	By 7 March 2024
Notification of outcomes, entering into grant agreement for successful applicants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will be able to request feedback if unsuccessful. It is then possible to submit another application for a later assessment round 	By 12 January 2024 (notified) By 5 February 2024 (grant agreement signed) Start: March 2024	By 19 March 2024 (notified) By 11 April 2024 (grant agreement signed) Start: June 2024

QUESTIONS

OTHER QUESTIONS

- What about your data provided, who owns that?
 - 'Any data you decide to share with the Panel to support your application is yours and will be used for assessment purposes only'
- Preparation of grant application - who can help?
 - Limited assistance available from JRNA and supporting bodies in some states
 - Readiness Partner for communities selected as part of the readiness funding
 - Resources being prepared to support communities with the application
- Questions about Grants Connect or need clarification? Email: support@communitygrants.gov.au or call: 1800 020 283
 - The question period will close at:
 - 5:00 pm AEDT on 5 October 2023 for assessment cycle 1
 - 5:00 pm AEDT on 30 November 2023 for assessment cycle 2.