



2019 NSW Seniors Festival Grants Fact Sheet

NSW Seniors Festival, presented by the NSW Government, provides opportunities for people over 60 to remain active, healthy, engaged and contributing to their local communities.

The Festival is the largest festival for older people in the Southern hemisphere, providing hundreds of free and discounted events and activities to seniors across the state.

In 2019 we will celebrate the Festival from **Wednesday 13 February to Sunday 24 February**.

A total of \$200,000 is allocated for organisations to deliver events or activities which support the NSW Seniors Festival Grants Program objectives. Successful grant recipients will host community events and activities that provide opportunities for older people to participate in their local communities.

Grant recipients should seek to build community involvement in NSW Seniors Festival.

The purpose of the NSW Seniors Festival Grants Program is to provide seed funding for local Festival activities. You should take into account that grants are for subsidising a project, not to fund the total cost.

Key dates

Stage	Date
Grant program opens	Monday 9 July 2018
Grant program closes	Friday 10 August 2018
Applicants notified of outcome in writing	October 2018
Payment of grants to successful applicants	November – December 2018
NSW Seniors Festival	Wednesday 13 February – Sunday 24 February 2019
Grant funded events and activities	Monday 11 February – Friday 1 March

Funding categories

Three funding categories are available to distribute \$200,000 across the state:

- Category 1: Up to \$1,000 for small-scale local community events and activities.
- Category 2: \$1,001 – \$5,000 for larger local community events and activities.
- Category 3: \$5,001 - \$10,000 for large scale community and regional events and activities.

Category 3 funding is available to local government organisations only.

For more information, including Terms and Conditions please view the [2019 Grants Program Guidelines](#)



How to apply

Applications open at 9am on Monday 9 July and close at 11.59pm on Friday 10 August. Applications to all three grant categories must be submitted online via the SmartyGrants portal.

To apply for Category 1 and 2 grants visit:

<https://facs.smartygrants.com.au/NSWSeniorsFestivalGrants1and2>

To apply for a Category 3 grant visit:

<https://facs.smartygrants.com.au/2019NSWSeniorsFestivalGrants3>

2019 NSW Seniors Festival Objectives

The objectives of the 2019 NSW Seniors Festival Grants Program are to:

- Fund events that are open to the public
- Fund events that demonstrate support and communication to culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities as well people living in regional and rural NSW.
- Partner with other organisations and community groups within their community
- Connect seniors with a range of community organisations and services
- Can offer activities that provide seniors a opportunity to sample for free during NSW Seniors Festival and possibly continue beyond the festival.
- Empower older people in NSW to stay connected and contribute to their communities
- Empower older people in NSW to live active and healthy lives with improved physical and mental wellbeing
- Empower older people to lead fulfilling lives and achieve their potential in their communities
- Provide older people with access to expert advice, information, tools and resources and enhance opportunities for social participation
- Bring together community organisations to develop and implement initiatives for older people
- Respond effectively to changes in the ageing population

NSW Seniors Festival grant-funded events and activities should be inclusive of and accessible to the diversity of older people including:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Intersex (LGBTI) people
- Carers
- People who are immobile, frail or with a disability
- People with dementia or chronic disease
- Friends and family of older people



Contact Information

The NSW Seniors Festival Grants Program is administered by the Department of Family and Community Services NSW.

For more information about the Grants program, please:

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or visit www.NWSeniorsFestival.com.au.