

NEW SOUTH WALES AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY PBC FUNDING & TRAINING GUIDE



A guide to funding, training programs, services and other resources relevant to Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs)

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INTRODUCTION

The New South Wales PBC Funding and Training Guide brings together information about funding opportunities, programs, services and other resources that may be useful to Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs), also known as Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate (RNTBCs).¹ This guide was developed in response to recommendations from PBCs at national and regional meetings for more information about funding and training opportunities. This guide is designed to be used primarily as an on-line resource and throughout the guide you will find links to access additional on-line information. This toolkit includes information about:

- Grants (government and other funding)
- Grant writing assistance
- Training information
- Other assistance

Along with the New South Wales PBC Funding and Training Guide there is also a national guide as well as guides for other states and territories:

- [National](#)
- [Northern Territory](#)
- [Queensland](#)
- [South Australia](#)
- [Victoria](#)
- [Western Australia](#)

The [PBC website](#) provides other useful information, including:

- A timeline of legislation and government policy for PBCs
- A profile of each PBC
- Information about upcoming events for PBCs
- Monthly summaries of relevant news articles about PBCs.

The PBC website is currently being looked after by the Native Title Research Unit at AIATSIS, who are also coordinating a national email network of PBCs. Further information about PBCs can be found through the AIATSIS Native Title Research Unit's [Prescribed Bodies Corporate page](#) and [Native Title Information Handbook](#)

¹ The term prescribed body corporate (PBC) derives from Part 2 Division 6 of the *Native Title Act 1993*(Cth) (NTA), which provides that a Prescribed Body Corporate must be determined to manage native title rights and interests. The Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999 prescribe the form or types of bodies that may be nominated when a determination recognising native title has been made. The term Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) derives from the NTA and describes the organisation that is determined by the Court and entered on the National Native Title Register. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* an RNTBC will be required to have the words 'registered native title body corporate' or the abbreviation 'RNTBC' as part of its name. For the purpose of this document from this point forward the abbreviation PBCs will be used to refer to both Prescribed Bodies Corporate and Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate



1 FUNDING

This section provides an overview of finding grant funding for PBCs. It details:

- Searching for government and other grant funding
- Relevant grant funding for PBCs
- Sources of grant funding assistance

1.1 Searching for grant funding

The tables below provide links to assist PBCs to search for grant funding available from the New South Wales Government and local governments and from non-government organisations and the private sector.

Table 1: Grant funding databases

Category	Name	Hyperlink
Australian Government Database	Community Grants: a quick guide to key internet links (NSW) links down page	http://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/rp/rp1516/Quick_Guides/ComGrants
Australian Government Database	Grants and Assistance Finder	https://www.business.gov.au/assistance
NSW Government	Community Builders Funding Database	http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/funding-grants/funding-database
NSW Government	Potential sources of funding, support and grants for Aboriginal community-based activities and initiatives	http://www.aho.nsw.gov.au/housing-providers/grants-funding



ACT Government	Potential sources of funding, support and grants for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-based activities and initiatives in the ACT	http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/atsia/grants
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Table 2: New South Wales Government department grant funding websites (including local government directory)

Category	Name	Hyperlink
NSW Government Departments and Agencies (Indigenous specific)	Aboriginal Affairs	http://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/Default.aspx?PageID=17434093&A=SearchResult&SearchID=1977055&ObjectID=17434093&ObjectType=1
NSW Government Departments and Agencies	Arts NSW	http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au/index.php/category/funding-and-support/
NSW Government Departments and Agencies	Department of Education	http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/what-we-offer/grants-and-funding
NSW Government Departments and Agencies	Department of Family and Community Services	http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/sp/funding_and_grants
NSW Government Departments and Agencies	Department of Planning and Environment	http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/About-Us/Our-Programs/Upper-Hunter-Aboriginal-Cultural-Heritage-Trust
NSW Government Departments and Agencies	Emergency New South Wales	https://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/
NSW Government Departments and Agencies	Multicultural NSW	http://www.multicultural.nsw.gov.au/grants
NSW Government Departments and Agencies	Office of Environment and Heritage	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grantsandfunding/index.htm
NSW Local Government	NSW Local Government Directory	http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/local-government-directory



1.2 Relevant grant funding for PBCs

The tables below provide details of New South Wales Government and other sources of grant funding for activities related to the exercise of native title rights and interests. While every effort has been made to ensure that details are correct, users of this guide are advised to contact the relevant organisation or visit the relevant website to confirm program details and closing dates.

Table 3: Grant funding for PBCs through NSW Government departments

Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Arts	Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund	The Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund supports arts projects that celebrate and promote Aboriginal cultural identities in regional NSW and, by doing so, make the rich and diverse Aboriginal cultures of regional NSW more visible and accessible.	Arts NSW	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 9995 0656 Free call: 1800 358 594 (within NSW) Email: aboriginal.arts@arts.nsw.gov.au
Arts	Aboriginal Quick Response	As part of the NSW Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy, funding is available throughout the year to help Aboriginal artists, organisations and partnerships explore market development opportunities in the creative industries by attending trade fairs and export markets.	Arts NSW	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 9995 0667 Free call: 1800 358 594 (within NSW) Email: sharni.jones@arts.nsw.gov.au



Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Business Support	Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program	<p>The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program (EDAEP) provides funding to organisations to support Aboriginal education, employment and training by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• subsidising the salary, development and support costs of Aboriginal employees in a public service agency or local council• funding innovative community projects• supporting work experience for aboriginal students in their final year of a degree or post degree course.	Department of Industry	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Contact list of state training services, Aboriginal Training Co-ordinators are online .
Business Support	Jobs for New South Wales	Jobs for New South Wales is an initiative by the NSW state government to create jobs and opportunities throughout the state.	NSW Government	See website for most up to date information including application rounds and closing dates	Phone: 1300 562 679 Email: enquiries@jobsfornewsw.com.au



Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Community Support	Multicultural NSW Grants Program	Multicultural NSW Grants invest in community projects and activities that foster community engagement, build community harmony and social cohesion and celebrate the unique riches of our culturally diverse state.	Community Relations Commission	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 8255 6767 Email: contact@multicultural.nsw.gov.au
Community Support	NAIDOC Week Grants	Provides support for NAIDOC Week events in NSW.	Regional Arts NSW	See website for up to date information on opening and closing dates of grant applications.	Phone: (02) 9270 2500 Email: admin@regionalartsnsw.com.au
Community Support	NAIDOC Week Grants	NAIDOC Weeks Grants provide grant funding for community organisations to celebrate NAIDOC within communities throughout NSW.	Department of Aboriginal Affairs	See website for up to date information on opening and closing dates of grant applications.	Phone: 1800 019 998 Email: NAIDOC2017@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au
Cultural Heritage	New South Wales Aboriginal Heritage Grants	The NSW Aboriginal Heritage Grants provides funding for projects that conserve, promote and support Aboriginal heritage in NSW.	Heritage Council of NSW	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: 131 555 Email: info@environment.nsw.gov.au



Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Cultural Heritage	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System	<p>The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) maintains the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• information about Aboriginal objects that have been reported to the Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet• information about Aboriginal Places which have been declared by the Minister for the Environment to have special significance with respect to Aboriginal culture• archaeological reports.	Office of Environment and Heritage	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 9585 6345 Email: AHIMS@environment.nsw.gov.au



Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Land and Water	Aboriginal Lands Clean Up and Prevention Program	This program facilitates a partnership project which allows local Aboriginal land councils and local government councils to develop and progress co-operative ongoing relationships, to address the social and environmental issues of illegal dumping occurring on Aboriginal owned lands.	NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 9995 5870 Email: illegaldumping.strategy@epa.nsw.gov.au
Land and Water	Environmental Education Grants	The aim of the Environmental Educational grants is to support educational projects or programs that develop or widen the community's knowledge of, skills in, and commitment to protecting the environment and promoting sustainable behaviour.	Office of Environment and Heritage	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 8837 6093 Email: info@environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au
Land and Water	Environmental Research Grants	The aim of the Research Program is to support research projects that help address environmental problems in NSW.	Office of Environment and Heritage	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 8837 6093 Email: info@environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au



Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Land and Water	Protecting our Places program	Protecting our Places program provides funds to protect land that is culturally significant to Indigenous people and support education about the projects and their importance to Aboriginal life.	Office of Environment and Heritage	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 8837 6093 Email: info@environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au
Land and Water	Saving Our Species Partnership Grants Program	Encourages partnerships between government, the community, non-government organisations and corporations to protect and conserve our most vulnerable plants and animals.	Office of Environment and Heritage	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 8837 6093 Email: info@environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au
Language	Our Languages, Our Way: Language Grant Program	The 'Our Languages, Our Way' language grant program will fund Aboriginal community driven projects to strengthen community ownership and participation in language revitalisation projects.	Aboriginal Affairs	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 9561 8083 Email: Jason.Goninan@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au Phone: (02) 9561 1033 Email: Camilla.Glassel@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au



Table 4: Grant funding for PBCs through other sources

Subject	Program	Program Details	Organisation	Closing Date	Contact
Arts	Country Arts Support Program	CASP provides small grants to arts and community organisations and local arts councils in regional NSW for short-term, locally-initiated projects.	Regional Arts NSW	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 9270 2502 Email: funding@regionalartsnsw.com.au
Arts	Regional Arts Fund	Regional Arts NSW provides grants supporting arts and cultural activities in regional NSW that are sustainable, have long-term cultural, economic and social benefits, develop partnerships and cultural networks and provide skills development opportunities.	Regional Arts NSW	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 9270 2502 Email: funding@regionalartsnsw.com.au
Community Support	Aurizon Community Giving Fund	This program provides funding to charitable projects aimed at improving the health and wellbeing, community safety, environment and education in the local communities in which Aurizon operates and where Aurizon employees reside.	Aurizon	Contact the organisation or check the website for details	Phone: 13 23 32 Online forms can be found on the Aurizon website .



Subject	Program	Program Details	Organisation	Closing Date	Contact
Community Support	ClubGRANTS	ClubGRANTS provide support for local community organisations, sporting groups and charities that make a difference in their local area. The ClubGRANTS scheme is available for a range of activities such as community welfare, social services, community development, community health and employment assistance activities.	ClubsNSW	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Phone: 1300 730 001 Email: enquiries@clubsnsw.com.au
Community Support	Greater Charitable Foundation	This program aims to improve life outcomes in both New South Wales and South-East Queensland by supporting organisations that provide programs that strengthen families and community capacity.	Greater Charitable Foundation	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 4921 9671 Email: foundation@greater.com.au
Community Support	The IMB Community Foundation	The IMB Community Foundation provides financial support to community groups with positive ideas and concepts to help them convert their ideas into working projects.	IMB Building Society	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Phone: 1800 223 242 Online forms can be found on the IMB website .



Subject	Program	Program Details	Organisation	Closing Date	Contact
Community Support	The Law and Justice Foundation of NSW Grants Program	Aims to improve access to justice, particularly for socially and economically disadvantaged people. The Law and Justice Foundation supports selected projects to improve access to justice, or through research, to identify ways to improve access to justice.	The Law and Justice Foundation of NSW	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 8227 3210 Email: grants@lawfoundation.net.au
Community Support	NSW Council of Social Services	The New South Wales Council of Social Services (NCOSS) provide a regularly updated list of grants available to community and social service organisations:	NCOSS	Check website for details	Online forms can be found on the NCOSS website .
Cultural Heritage	NSW Heritage Grants Program	Provides funding to celebrate Australian local history for local historical research by community groups and individuals that tell Australian stories in a local context; express the diversity and range of Australian culture as it impacts on communities and specific localities; highlight and localise pivotal Australian historical events and issues.	Royal Australian Historical Society	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 9247 8001 Email: grants@rahs.org.au



Subject	Program	Program Details	Organisation	Closing Date	Contact
Tourism	Regional Tourism Fund	<p>This fund by the NSW Government supports regional tourism initiatives throughout NSW. Funding is available through two streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Cooperative Tourism Marketing Program• Regional Tourism Product Development Program	Destination NSW	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Phone: (02) 9931 1111 Email: info@dnsw.com.au



1.3 Applying for grant funding

The table below provides a list of resources to assist PBCs with applying for grant funding. The list includes guides to writing grant funding applications. It also includes guides to crowdfunding – a relatively new way of raising funds through donations of money from the public using crowdfunding websites.

Table 5: Grant and funding assistance and training

Subject	Program	Information	Locations
Guides to writing a grant proposal	The Grantseeker Manual	This manual covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand what grantmakers will be looking for when they read grant applications• Plan your project• Write an application for funding which tells the grantmaker what you are planning to do.• Keep up a relationship with the grantmaker that enhances your chances of future success.	N/A
Guides to writing a grant proposal	Museums and Galleries of NSW – Writing a Grant Application? Tips for Success	Tips for writing a successful grant application.	N/A
Guides to writing a grant proposal	Our Community Funding Centre	Our Community offers a range of resources for organisations seeking grants. Some resources are free while others require payment.	N/A



Subject	Program	Information	Locations
Guides to writing a grant proposal	Regional Arts NSW Grant Writing Guide	A guide compiled to assist with submissions to grants programs administered by Regional Arts NSW	N/A
Grant writing training (this is a fee-for-service course – listing here is not an endorsement)	Writing a winning grant application	Offered by the Centre for Continuing Education at the University of Sydney	Sydney
Crowdfunding guides	Australian Government	Crowdfunding is a relatively new approach that is being used by groups to raise funds through donations of money from the public. This is commonly done through crowdfunding websites. PBCs may wish to consider crowdfunding as a way to raise funds to undertake a particular project	N/A



2 TRAINING INFORMATION

This section discusses training opportunities and training resources available to PBCs and native title holders in relation to decision-making, dispute management, communication, governance, business management, as well as land and resource management.

Table 6: Training providers and courses

Organisation	Course	Information	Locations	Contact
Council of Social Service of NSW (NCOSS)	Management and governance training register	The Management Support Unit of the New South Wales Council of Social Services (NCOSS) provides a register of management and governance training being offered by not-for-profit organisations across NSW	NSW – various	Phone: (02) 8960 7927 More information can found at the NCOSS website .
State Training Services	Aboriginal Services	State Training Services has created the Aboriginal Services Unit to manage a number of programs. These focus on improving access to employment and creating business opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	NSW	More information can found at the Aboriginal Services website .
TAFE NSW	Various	Training courses at various levels covering a wide range of topics including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business and management • Conservation and land management • Community service 	NSW – various locations	Talk to an Aboriginal Support Officer or Coordinator at your local Institute or campus. Details are available from the website .
CIT Canberra	Various	Training courses at various levels covering a wide range of topics including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business and management • Conservation and land management • Community Services 	ACT – Various locations	The Yurauna Centre is a dedicated Indigenous student support centre. Phone: (02) 6207 3309 Email: CIT.Yurauna@cit.edu.au



3 OTHER ASSISTANCE

Native title holders, through PBCs, may seek to establish relationships with a range of organisations that may be able to provide assistance, advice, information or resources.

Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs) and Native Title Service Providers (NTSPs) are key sources of assistance for PBCs. The roles and functions of NTRBs and NTSPs include providing assistance to native title holders in relation to native title applications, future acts, Indigenous land use agreements, rights of access and other matters.

The National Native Title Tribunal provides a map of native title representative body regions at: http://www.nntt.gov.au/Maps/RATSIB_map.pdf

The table below provides details of the sole NTSP servicing NSW PBCs.

Table 7: Native Title Representative Bodies and Native Title Service Providers

Region	Organisation	Organisation Type	Contact
New South Wales	NTSCORP Ltd	Native Title Service Provider	Phone: (02) 9310 3188 Toll Free: 1800 111 844 Email: information@ntscorp.com.au



Some other organisations of interest are listed in the table below. The assistance available through these organisations is grouped by the following themes:

- Administration
- Advocacy
- Employment
- Informational and procedural assistance
- Interns and Volunteers
- Land and water
- Language
- Legal
- Research
- Whole of Government

Table 8: Other assistance available

Subject	Organisation	Details	Contact
Advocacy	ANTaR NSW	ANTaR NSW exists to support and help protect the human rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in NSW.	Phone: (02) 9280 0060 Email: antarnsw@antar.org.au
Advocacy	NSW Council of Social Services	New South Wales Council of Social Services (NCOSS) provides an independent voice on welfare policy issues and social and economic reforms and is the major co-ordinator for non-government social and community services in NSW.	Phone: (02) 9211 2599 Email: info@ncoss.org.au



Subject	Organisation	Details	Contact
Informational and procedural assistance	National Native Title Tribunal	<p>Assistance to PBCs can be provided on request. The type of assistance includes capacity building, governance training, dispute resolution services and assistance in negotiating ILUAs.</p> <p>PBCs seeking assistance should contact their relevant Tribunal office.</p>	<p>Phone: (02) 9227 4000</p> <p>Freecall: 1800 640 501</p> <p>Email: enquiries@nntt.gov.au</p>
Interns and Volunteers	The Centre for Volunteering	<p>The Centre for Volunteering includes Volunteering NSW - a service-delivery arm, and the School of Volunteer Management, a registered training organisation.</p> <p>The Centre connects people and organisations through referral, training, resource development, information and education services to help people get involved in their communities, and enhance the capacity and skills of not-for-profit organisations, corporations and government to become involved in the community.</p>	<p>Phone: (02) 9261 3600</p> <p>Email: info@volunteering.com.au</p>
Language	NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Incorporated	<p>The NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. is a non for profit Aboriginal organisation that provides advice on all matters relevant to education and training with the mandate that this advice represents the Aboriginal community viewpoint.</p>	<p>Phone: (02) 9550 5666</p> <p>Email: info@aecg.nsw.edu.au</p>



Subject	Organisation	Details	Contact
Land and Water	Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations	<p>The Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) performs a number of functions for traditional owners in the lower southern part of the Murray Darling Basin including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate and advocates the participation of 24 Indigenous nations within the different levels of government decisions on Natural Resource Management• Develops response on the cultural, social and economic impacts of development on Indigenous traditional country• Be a collective united voice for the rights and interests of their traditional country and its people	Mobile: 0404 163 700 Email: info@mldrin.org.au
Land and Water	Northern Basins Aboriginal Nations	<p>The Northern Basins Aboriginal Nations (NBAN) is an independent organisation which focuses on cultural and natural resource management in the Barwon-Darling basin. NBAN seeks greater recognition for Aboriginal Science and Cultural Values and Uses regarding land and water management in the northern Murray-Darling Basin. We also seek a greater input in decision making and planning in the Murray-Darling</p>	Phone: (02) 6752 4758 Online contact forms can be found on NBAN website .



Subject	Organisation	Details	Contact
Land and Water	NSW Aboriginal Land Council	<p>Provides for the development of land rights for Aboriginal people in NSW, in conjunction with a network of Local Aboriginal Land Councils through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land acquisition either by land claim or purchase • Establishment of commercial enterprises and community benefit schemes to create a sustainable economic base for Aboriginal communities • Maintenance and enhancement of Aboriginal culture, identity and heritage (including the management of traditional sites and cultural materials within NSW). 	<p>Phone: (02) 9689 4444</p> <p>Details on regional offices including contact information can found on the NSL Aboriginal Land Council website.</p>
Legal	Environmental Defenders Office NSW	<p>The Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) NSW is a community legal centre specialising in public interest environmental law. It helps people who want to protect the environment through law. It provides a number of legal guides including a guide to environmental law for Aboriginal communities in NSW which is available for download from the website.</p>	<p>Phone: (02) 9262 6989</p> <p>Free call: (NSW only) 1800 626 239</p> <p>Email: edonsw@edonsw.org.au</p>
Whole of Government	Aboriginal Affairs	<p>Aboriginal Affairs provides strategic policy advice and advocacy for the Aboriginal people of NSW.</p>	<p>Phone: (02) 9219 0700</p> <p>Toll free number: 1800 019 998</p> <p>Email: enquiries@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au</p>



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