

ASEAN-Australia Centre Grants Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this grants program linked to an existing grant program, or is it new?

The ASEAN-Australia Centre Grants Program replaces the grants program previously administered by the Australia-ASEAN Council. This Grants Program will deliver a larger pool of funding and expanded scope, as a reflection of the Australian Government's commitment to further strengthen ties between Australia and Southeast Asia.

What sort of projects will you be supporting, and what size grants are available?

The 2024-25 Grants Program will support projects across three priority areas: creative industry exchanges, cultural initiatives and research on Southeast Asia literacy.

Applicants can apply for a grant between A\$50,000 and A\$200,000 per annum. The Centre will consider multi-year grants of the same amounts for up to two years. A total of \$1.1 million is available for the 2024-25 financial year.

My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply?

The lead applicant will need to be an Australian entity, that is located in Australia and has an ABN. If your organisation is based overseas and you wish to apply, you will need to find a suitable Australian partner.

Can my organisation submit more than one application?

Yes, your organisation can submit more than one grant application, provided each application is for a different program or initiative.

Can my organisation apply if we already have a grant from another Australian Government grants program, including a DFAT grant?

Yes, projects with multiple funding sources, including Australian Government funding, are eligible to apply.

What countries does the ASEAN-Australia Centre Grants Program cover?

Initiatives that support engagement with the following countries are eligible to apply: Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Timor-Leste.

Can projects be run solely internationally, or do they have to be run or partly run in Australia?

Yes, projects can be delivered solely internationally, provided they are delivered in an ASEAN country or Timor-Leste. Projects that are delivered in more than one location are encouraged.

Can projects be run solely in Australia without an international component?

Yes, activities can be delivered solely in Australia, provided they contribute to strengthening ties between Australia and Southeast Asia and support at least one of the key focus areas of the Grant Program.

Would you allocate grants to projects that are already underway, or does it have to be a new project?

Yes, organisations who already have projects underway are welcome to apply for the grant opportunity, provided the project commences or is delivered during the 2024-25 financial year.

What can I do to strengthen my grant application?

We understand that preparing a grant application can take time, however as this is a competitive grant opportunity, we encourage you to take your time to submit a high-quality application.

Here are some suggestions for how you can strengthen your application:

- Clearly demonstrate how your project is aligned to the Centre's strategic objectives and the key focus area/s of the Grants Program.
- Outline how the project will be successfully delivered, the intended outcomes, audience reach and impact.
- Provide a transparent budget that shows how grant funding will be spent and demonstrates value for money.
- Where possible, consider partnering with a Southeast Asian counterpart on your project.
- Consider delivering your project across more than one Southeast Asian country, as these initiatives will be favourably considered.
- If you have additional funding sources or co-contributions, highlight them in your application as they demonstrate a commitment to your project.
- Ensure your application is well-written. Proofread it carefully and make sure you have included all the required information.
- Make sure you don't miss the application deadline, as late applications will not be accepted.

Will the three focus areas of the Grants Program be the same each year, or will they change?

The focus areas of the Grants Program will change year-on-year in line with the ASEAN-Australia Centre's strategic objectives. The strategic objectives will be clearly articulated in the grant guidelines shared each year.

How will you decide which grants are successful?

Grant applications will be reviewed against the eligibility and assessment criteria, which is outlined in the grant guidelines. The assessment committee will evaluate each application based on merit, overall value for money and its ability to support the strategic objectives of the Grants Program.

Where and when will you share the outcome of my application?

Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application via email to the primary email address listed on the Smartygrants application form. Please notify us immediately if your contact information changes so we can ensure you are kept up to date on the progress of your application.

When do successful applicants need to start delivering their initiatives?

Successful grant applicants must commence delivery of grant activity this financial year, before 30 June 2025.

What is the deadline to submit my application?

Applications **must** be submitted by 4.00 pm AEDT Friday 10 January 2025.

I would like to submit supporting documentation. Where can I do this in the application?

Documents can be uploaded in the Community Support section of the application. You can find the Community support section directly after the Milestone table.

What are intermediaries?

Intermediaries are other parties or entities, who will be involved in delivering your proposed project, with whom you have not formally partnered with. For example, if you were delivering a project targeted at school students, then the school itself or teachers would be an expected intermediary, if you are not formally partnering with that school/teacher.



Where can I find more information?

Information about the ASEAN-Australia Centre Grants Program, including the grant guidelines is available on grants.gov.au.

If you have questions during the grant application process, please contact the ASEAN-Australia Centre at aseanaustraliacentre@dfat.gov.au or call 02 6261 1333.

