



Supporting participation program

Common questions

Part 1

The grant





Australian Government

Department of Health,
Disability and Ageing

- The Australian Government Department of Health Disability and Ageing

We say **DHDA** for short.



- The Australian Human Rights Commission

We say **AHRC** for short.

Wrote this together.

When you see the word **we** it means
DHDA and AHRC.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

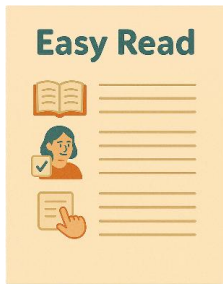
Bold

We have some words in **bold**.

Not bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it has the most important ideas.



We can answer any questions by email.

Email us disability@humanrights.gov.au



You can ask for help to read this document.

You can ask

- A friend
- Family members
- A support person.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on.



They were the **first people** to live on and use the

- Land
- Waters.

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About the Supporting Participation Program



This talks about the
Supporting Participation Program.

We call it **SPP** for short.



Participation means taking part in something.



Programs are done to support people in the
community.



SPP supports people with disability to go to **international forums on human rights**.

Like the **United Nations Conference of States Parties**.



The **United Nations** is an organisation where countries come together to

- Talk about world issues
- Fix world issues.

We call it the **UN** for short.



The **Conference of States Parties** is a meeting for all countries that agreed to support the rights of people with disability.

We call it **COSP** for short.



International forums are meetings where people from different countries talk about important issues.



Human rights are rights that everyone has.

Rights are **rules** about treating everyone

- Fair
- Equal.



SPP helps Australia to follow the

- **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.**

We say **CRPD** for short.



CRPD is an agreement between different countries.

CRPD says how people with disability **must** have their **rights** respected.



SPP also supports people with disability to

- Speak up about their rights



- Represent their organisation.

About this document



This document has **4 parts**.



Part 1 is about

- The **grant**

A grant is when the government gives you money to do something.



- Where to find information about the grant



- Rules for the grant.



Part 2 is about

- **Funding.**

Funding is **money from the government** to take part.



Part 3 is about

- What information is needed



- Can I get help



- How organisations will know if they got a grant.



Part 4 is about

- Your **application**

Applications are forms you fill out to say you want funding to go to a forum.



- Going to the **forum**.

A forum is a meeting to talk about a problem.



This is **part 1**.

Where are the grant documents



The grant documents are on **2 websites**.



You can go to the **AHRC** website.

humanrights.gov.au/our-work/topics/disability-rights-what-were-doing/supporting-participation-program

It is **not** in Easy Read.



You can go to GrantConnect.

www.grants.gov.au/

It is **not** in Easy Read.



You need to **register** to look at the documents on GrantConnect.

Register means put you sign up for something.



If you have problems going on GrantConnect you can

- Call them on

1300 484 145



- Send them an email to

GrantConnect@finance.gov.au

What type of grant is this



There are rules for who can **apply** for the grant.



Apply means that you send information about

- Who you are
- What you want to go to.

This will help them know if you can be part of SPP.



You **must** be

- 18 years or older



You must be part of a

- Disability Organisation
- **Advocacy** organisation.

Advocacy is when someone supports you to speak up for your **rights**.



Your organisation must have

- Approval from the forums you would like to attend



Or

- **UN Economic and Social Council Consultative Status.**

We say **ECOSOC** for short.



ECOSOC status means

- Your organisation has been approved to take part in these meetings.

ECOSOC invites people from other countries to talk about ways to make the world a better place.



If you want to apply to be an **Emerging Young Leader** you need to be between

- 18 years old
- 35 years old.



We will follow the rules to decide who will get a grant.

How can I put in an application



You can email your application to AHRC

disability@humanrights.gov.au



You need to read all the documents about the grant.

The documents will say what you need to put in your application.



You need to put in your application before

Sunday 1 November 2026

11pm **AEDT**.



AEDT is the time in

- Canberra
- New South Wales
- Tasmania
- Victoria

If you live somewhere else you will need to check the time to send it in by.



If you need help with putting your application in you can email

disability@humanrights.gov.au

How many applications can I put in



Organisations can only put in **1 application**.



There are 2 parts.

Part 2 is about the person wanting to apply.



Organisations need to have a part 2 for every person applying.

They could have lots of part 2 applications.

This is so there is a part 2 for each person from the same organisation.



We will only look at the last application if organisations put in more than 1 application.

Can I put in a late application



We do **not** normally let people put in late applications.



There are some reasons that we might.

This is called **exceptional circumstances**.



Exceptional circumstances are things

- You do **not** know will happen
- Can **not** help
- Can **not** fix before applications close.



You need to ask if you can put in a late application.

You need to send an email to

disability@humanrights.gov.au



In the **email subject line** you will need to put

- Late Application Request.

This tells people what the email is about before they open it.



You need to send the email before

Wednesday 4 November 2026

5pm AEDT.



In your email you need to say

- Why you could **not** put your application in on time.



The person making the decision will look at your reasons.

AHRC will tell you what the decision is.

Can I change my mind



Yes.

You can change your mind about putting in your application.

This is called **withdraw an application**.



You need to send an email to

disability@humanrights.gov.au



Your email needs to say

- The name of your organisation



- What grant you applied for



- Why you changed your mind.



The email needs to come from someone who is in the application.

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