

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities Grants Program 2009

GUIDELINES

Disability ACT is pleased to announce the opportunity for community groups and organisations to apply for financial support, in the form of a once-only grant to assist in a program or event for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in 2009.



Around 10% of the world's population, or 650 million people, live with disabilities. In the ACT, approximately 15% or 1 in 6 people have a disability. The general public are often unaware of the great number of persons living with disabilities and the challenges they face of a daily basis.

The International Day of People with Disability (I-Day) is a United Nations sanctioned day that aims to promote awareness and understanding of disability issues and encourage support for the dignity, rights and well-being of people with disability. I-Day also seeks to increase awareness of the benefits of integration of people with disability in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

The Day brings together people with disability, community organisations, businesses, individuals and all levels of government. The Day unites people in the celebration and acknowledgement of the contributions, skills and achievements of people with disability.

Program Themes

Programs and events to be supported in 2009 need to address one or more of the following areas:

- Showcase the skills, abilities, contributions and achievements of people with disability.
- Raise awareness and understanding of disability issues.
- Provide opportunities for people with and without disability to come together, share ideas and network.
- Build sustainable options for people with disability to connect with their communities.

A huge range of activities and events have taken place across Australia that have been effective in raising awareness, providing information and resources, launching new ventures and celebrating the diversity and talent of people with disabilities. Examples of these are:

- Music, dance and drama performances
- Photographic and short film exhibitions
- Information stalls at hospitals and local shopping centres
- Guest speakers at lunches and BBQ's
- Agency open days and morning tea's
- Multi-sport competitions and 'Come and Try' days
- Awards and competitions such as a poster competition for primary school students,
- Bush dances and dance parties
- Formal launches of new business and resources

Available funds

A total of **\$20,000** has been allocated with amounts of up to **\$5,000** per proposal available.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for sponsorship, the applying group or organisation must:

- ✓ be a not-for-profit constituted body, such as an Incorporated Association, or be sponsored or auspiced by one;
- ✓ have an Australian Business Number (ABN);
- ✓ have a certificate of currency for public liability insurance or other relevant insurance to cover activities;
- ✓ actively involve people with disabilities in the planning, development and implementation of the project;
- ✓ ensure a key aspect of the project takes place within the first week of December 2009 and within the boundaries of the ACT; and
- ✓ have no overdue acquittals for any previous ACT Government grants.

What will not be funded

Disability ACT will not provide funding for:

- × Projects and/or activities that do not align to the themes of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
- × Projects that rely on recurrent funding from Disability ACT.
- × Commercial activities and organisations.
- × Fundraising activities.
- × Activities that are already funded by the ACT Government.
- × Projects that duplicate existing events and programs in the ACT.

Assessment Process

Eligible applications will be considered based on a weighting system for each of the following five assessment criteria. A panel, comprises government and community representatives, will assess eligible applications.

Assessment Criteria

1. Alignment to the ACT Disability Vision and Values (25 per cent)

Does the project reflect the Vision and Values?

How are people with a disability included in the development and delivery of the project?

How does the project address the specified themes?

2. Outcomes (25 per cent)

What will the project achieve?

What are the key activities?

Do you have a well developed project plan with timeframes?

How will you evaluate the effectiveness of the project?

3. Partnerships (20 per cent)

Will you be working with another agency or organisation on this project?

How will the project strengthen the capacity of the community to provide further opportunities for people with disabilities?

4. Need (15 per cent)

Is there a community need?

How was this determined?

How will you market and advertise your project?

5. Budget (15 per cent)

How much money are you seeking?

Is the money sought realistic and within the scope of the project?

Please note that in the case of joint proposals only ONE submission and agency contact is required.

Insurance

For information on obtaining Public Liability Insurance contact Treasury ACT on telephone (02) 6207 0318 or visit www.insuranceriskadvice.act.gov.au

Conditions of funding

All successful applications (or the auspice organisation in the case of non-incorporated groups) will be required to:

- enter into a Deed of Grant;
- be responsible for the reporting and acquitting of the grant within the timeframe specified;
- provide proof of appropriate insurance cover; and
- appropriately acknowledge the ACT Government for the assistance provided.

Important dates

Applications Open	1 June 2009
Information Session	10 June 2009
Applications Close COB	17 July 2009
Assessment Process	July to August 2009
Notification to all applicants	August 2009
Funding provided	September 2009
Completed acquittal forms submitted	By 31 December 2009

Additional Information

Further information can be obtained from

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APPLICATION FORM



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department of
disability, housing
& community services

community partners

Applicant Details

1. Type of nomination

- Single Agency Joint Agencies

2. Organisation that will manage the funds

Organisation	
Manager	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	
ABN	
GST Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Insurance Details (please attach certified copies of currency)	

3. Details of contact person

** note in the case of joint proposals only one submission and agency contact is required*

Name	
Position	
Organisation	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	

4. In 50 words or less please provide a brief description of what your organisation(s) does:

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5. In 50 words or less please provide a summary of your project:

6. In 200 words or less describe how your program or event will align to the ACT Disability Vision and Values and the specified themes:

7. In 200 words or less describe how people with disabilities will be included in your program or event:

8. Explain in 200 words or less what the expected outcomes of this project are for the local community, individuals and your agency:

9. In 100 words or less describe how you established a need for your program or event and how you will market and advertise it:

