

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program Entry Pathway

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care (NATSIFAC) Program is a grant funded program and is administered outside of the *Aged Care Act 1997*.

The Department provides opportunity for organisations to apply for funding through competitive grant funding rounds.

The type of selection process for each competitive funding round is determined by the Department and guided by Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines 2017 (CGRGs) and the relevant Grant Opportunity Guidelines and can be either open to all organisations operating in the market or targeted to a specific group of organisations.

A targeted grant funding round is used where there are few providers available due to highly specialised services or specific expertise being required or geographical considerations. A targeted grant funding round is competitive, and provides opportunity for eligible organisation to submit an application for funding based on specific requirements.

The final selection of a new organisation to receive funding under the NATSIFAC Program will have regard to the following:

- the overall capacity of the organisation to ensure that the objective/s and outcomes of the Program will be met, including a capable and appropriately skilled workforce;
- community commitment and engagement;
- the geographical location where the services will be delivered;
- the location of other mainstream health/aged care services, such as Primary Health Care, the Commonwealth Home Support Program, Home Care Packages Program and/or respite services;
- the capacity of the organisation to deliver services that are sensitive to the needs of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;
- the ability of the organisation to meet regulatory and legislative requirements;
- the capacity of the organisation to deliver care over a sustained period.

More details on the requirements of the NATSIFAC Program can be found in the [Program Manual](#)

Where are grant opportunities advertised?

All open grant funding processes are advertised on the GrantConnect website as the authoritative source. Grant processes are not published on the Department's website, or any other location.

GrantConnect is the Australian Government's whole-of-government grants information system, which centralises the publication and reporting of Commonwealth grants in accordance with the CGRGs. It is available at [GrantConnect](#).

The Department recommends that any interested age care providers, register their interest on the GrantConnect website to receive notifications of grant opportunities as they arise.

To register on the GrantConnect website, click on the New User Registration button (top right hand corner) and enter your details.