



Frequently Asked Questions

Southern Rangelands Aboriginal Corporate Governance Development Targeted Grant Round 2019/2020

How do I apply for this program?

Complete the following steps to apply for the grant round:

1. Contact your nominated regional Aboriginal Economic Development officer to express your interest by emailing aed@dpird.wa.gov.au
2. Confirm that you are eligible
3. Identify the needs of your organisation
4. Identify and contact a potential [Service Provider](#)
5. Complete the Application Form, referencing the [User Guide](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
6. Submit your [Application Form](#) no later than 2.30pm, Friday 23 May 2020.

Who is eligible to apply for this grant round?

Aboriginal Corporations that are the primary leaseholders of pastoral properties in the Southern Rangelands, including the Gascoyne, Murchison and Goldfields, are eligible to apply. Further eligibility requirements are outlined in the [Application Form](#).

Can anyone help me to apply?

Yes, a nominated regional Aboriginal Economic Development officer can provide you more information about the grant and assist you in completing the application form. Email aed@dpird.wa.gov.au for the contact details of your regional officer.

How much funding can I apply for?

A maximum of \$20 000 is available to each applicant.

Applicants are encouraged to contribute additional funds to the grant amount requested with a cash or in-kind contribution to enable additional governance training and coaching modules to be delivered. This commitment will be favourable to the application.

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How many applications can I submit?

Eligible organisations can only submit one application.

How long will the assessment process take?

Applications will be assessed by a panel, with successful applicants notified by mid-June 2020.

What can these funds be used for?

Funds can only be used to engage a service provider to deliver training and coaching with the Aboriginal Corporation in corporate governance and business management. All applicants will complete an action plan and will be briefed on economic development opportunities. Applicants can select to complete three other training modules of their choice.

Corporate governance training and coaching is to include, but is not limited to, the examples below:

- Up-skilling staff for improved operational and governance processes.
- Governance training linked with improving the organisation's management systems imp.
- Coaching and training for staff, managers and directors to improve the quality and performance of their contribution.
- Successful applicant to contract service providers to deliver local group. Corporate governance training that establishes a benchmark for best practice governance for the Corporation.
- Assist the board to review board performance and organisation management, and to assist the Corporation to establish a planned pathway to implement sustainable improvements.

What activities are not covered by the grants?

- Assistance by a service provider that is not perceived by DPIRD to be at 'arm's length" or in the best interests of the applicant, especially if they are:
 - a substantial shareholder or officer of the company or anyone otherwise associated.
 - directly or indirectly associated with a substantial shareholder of the company.
 - an officer or anyone otherwise associated, directly or indirectly, with a current or potential significant supplier or customer of the company,
 - the beneficiary of a significant contractual relationship with the company.

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- not free from any interest, business or other relationship which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with the Board's ability to act in the best interests of the company.
- not experienced in corporate governance training and facilitation.
- Support of any legal action.
- Any in house training.
- Assistance by an unqualified service provider without the appropriate expertise to deliver training.
- Support with any political interference in the organisation

How do I select a service provider?

Applicants are responsible for selecting a [Service Provider](#) to provide the training and activities outlined in their application.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss governance needs with service providers to determine the best fit, prior to submitting an application.

The Service Provider list supplied is a starting point for applicants and is not comprehensive. Applicants may also be able to access support through other service providers. DPIRD is not liable for the advice provided.

Any additional service offered by the provider, other than the grant activity, approved by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, is separate to, and not endorsed DPIRD.

Can I request for the deadline to be extended?

Applications received later than the closing date for each round will not be accepted. Applications will not be held for consideration in future funding rounds.

When can I begin my chosen activity?

Activities can be undertaken as soon as successful applicants enter into a Funding Assistance Agreement with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

When will I receive my funding?

Recipients will undertake the approved activity and provide the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development with a valid tax invoice and receipts, and other supporting documentation, when seeking reimbursement from DPIRD.

More information will be detailed in the Funding Assistance Agreement.

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What are the grant acquittal requirements?

Grant funding must be acquitted within three months of completion of the approved activity.

Who do I contact if I have a question?

Applicants are strongly encouraged to refer to the [User Guide](#) and discuss project proposals with their nominated regional Aboriginal Economic Development officer, prior to submitting an application.

***If you would like further information or require assistance,
please email aed@dpird.wa.gov.au***

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