



# Diversity Days Grants Application Guide

## 'Celebrating LGBTQ+ Diversity'

NSW is home to thriving and diverse LGBTQ+ communities. We are the sum of resilient First Nations communities, diverse cultural and religious communities, and people of all ages and abilities. We are stronger as a community when we embrace and celebrate our own diversity.

Recent studies confirm LGBTQ+ people continue to experience prejudice that causes harm especially for people experiencing multiple forms prejudice and people living in Greater Western Sydney and regional areas.

LGBTQ+ groups and individuals are invited to apply for a small grant of up to \$1,000 to host local LGBTQ+ inclusive activities to celebrate Diversity Days that increase awareness and celebration of LGBTQ+ diversity in priority settings in NSW.

### Objectives of small grants:

- Increase visibility and celebration of LGBTQ+ diversity in priority settings in NSW
- Foster social connection and friendship by supporting activities that bring people together
- Foster local leadership by supporting development of community led activities
- Foster collaboration between LGBTQ+ communities, service providers and Councils

### Priority given to:

- Activities that are led by and engage LGBTQ+ First Nations communities, multicultural and multifaith communities, people with disabilities, younger and older LGBTQ+ people
- Activities that engage mainstream/LGBTQ+ communities to increase awareness of LGBTQ+ diversity
- Activities held in priority settings of Greater Western Sydney and Regional NSW
- New applications from LGBTQ+ groups without regular sources of funding

### Example activities:

- Activities that increase awareness of diversity such as cultural or religious ceremonies or celebrations
- Activities that foster social connection such as community events, arts, and recreation activities
- Informative activities that explore LGBTQ+ diversity such as panel events or awareness campaigns
- Activities that increase LGBTQ+ visibility such as celebration events or community stalls

### Eligibility criteria:

- Government bodies including councils are not eligible to be the main applicant as these grants are aimed at community organisations. Government bodies are welcome to partner with LGBTQ+ community groups for their proposed project, with that group applying for the grant.
- ACON is unable to fund any projects that primarily/exclusively target young people under the age of 18.

- We can only accept one application per organisation.
- Grant related activity must be organised and based within NSW and held after 30 June 2024 and completed by 30 June 2025
- Prior grant recipients who didn't complete the evaluation form are not eligible to apply.
- If successful you will be required to provide an ABN but if you don't have an ABN, then you will need to submit a completed '[Statement by Supplier](#)' form.

**Timeline:**

- Applications close 6pm June 17th 2024
- Successful applicants notified in the week of 1 st July 2024
- Events must be held between July 1 2024 and before June 2025
- Evaluation must be completed and sent to ACON within two weeks of your event (We will send you an evaluation survey link that you are to complete)

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