

# Closing the Gap Capacity Building Funding

The National Agreement on Closing the Gap provides a new way for governments and Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) to work together in partnership to achieve better outcomes for all Tasmanian Aboriginal people.

Strengthening ACCOs by building capacity to co-design and deliver programs and services for Aboriginal people by Aboriginal people is a key feature of the new approach.

The Tasmanian Government, in partnership with its Coalition of Peaks partner has agreed to fund a capacity building program for ACCOs to achieve better closing the gap target outcomes for Aboriginal people in Tasmania.

## Initial Funding Process

- An ACCO may initiate a funding agreement by providing the Department of Communities Tasmania (DCT) a written proposal that addresses the following:
  - Achieving Outcomes – What Gap will you seek to close? For example, is your proposal focussed on one or more of the national closing the gap targets? See over page.
  - Priority Reforms – How will your proposal address one or more of the four priority reforms identified in the Closing the Gap National Agreement?
  - Building Capacity – What Closing the Gap service or program are you currently delivering or proposing to deliver and how will the additional funding help you develop your service or program?
  - Outcomes - What will the funding be used for and where will it have impact? How many Aboriginal people will benefit from the new or expanded service or program and how will they benefit?
- The Tasmanian Government can discuss the nature of your project at the pre-proposal stage to provide guidance in relation to its alignment with the Closing the Gap National Agreement.

## Important Information

- Funding agreements will be prioritised based on demonstrated need in the community, National and State target outcome priorities and evidence of the involvement and support of Aboriginal people in the program or service design.



- The Funding Program is designed to be flexible and focussed on strengthening ACCOs. Proposals can be made until June 2023. A funding agreement may be for one year or two years in duration.
- An ACCO may submit more than one funding proposal aligned to current or new services and programs, or a proposal that is from a local geographic area that responds to multiple target outcomes. A funding agreement can also be negotiated with a group of ACCOs in relation to one or more target outcomes or places. A proposal may also include partnerships between an ACCO and government or non-government service providers, however the primary recipient of the funding will be the ACCO.
- The Government may cap the amount of funding provided to an ACCO depending on the uptake of funding agreements during the life of the capacity building program.
- Funding agreements will conform to requirements of the Treasurer's Instructions Financial Management Act 2016 Grant Management.

## Closing the Gap Target Outcomes:

Continued on next page.



## Closing the Gap Target Outcomes:

Health	<p><b>Target 1:</b> Close the Gap in life expectancy within a generation, by 2031.</p> <p><b>Target 2:</b> By 2031, increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander babies with a healthy birthweight to 91 per cent.</p>
Education	<p><b>Target 3:</b> By 2025, increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children enrolled in Year Before Fulltime Schooling (YBFS) early childhood education to 95 per cent.</p> <p><b>Target 4:</b> By 2031, increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children assessed as developmentally on track in all five domains of the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) to 55 per cent.</p> <p><b>Target 5:</b> By 2031, increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (age 20-24) attaining year 12 or equivalent qualification to 96 per cent.</p> <p><b>Target 6:</b> By 2031, increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 25-34 years who have completed a tertiary qualification (Certificate III and above) to 70 per cent.</p>
Employment	<p><b>Target 7:</b> By 2031, increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth (15-24 years) who are in employment, education, or training to 67 per cent.</p> <p><b>Target 8:</b> By 2031, increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 25-64 who are employed to 62 per cent.</p>
Housing	<p><b>Target 9:</b> By 2031, increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in appropriately sized (not overcrowded) housing to 88 per cent.</p>
Justice	<p><b>Target 10:</b> By 2031, reduce the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults held in incarceration by at least 15 per cent.</p> <p><b>Target 11:</b> By 2031, reduce the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people (10-17 years) in detention by at least 30 per cent.<sup>1</sup></p>
Family safety and wellbeing	<p><b>Target 12:</b> By 2031, reduce the rate of over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by 45 per cent.</p> <p><b>Target 13:</b> By 2031, the rate of all forms of family violence and abuse against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children is reduced at least by 50%, as progress towards zero.</p> <p><b>Target 14:</b> Significant and sustained reduction in suicide of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people towards zero.</p>
Land and sea	<p><b>Target 15a:</b> By 2030, a 15 per cent increase in Australia's landmass subject to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's legal rights or interests.</p> <p><b>Target 15b:</b> By 2030, a 15 per cent increase in areas covered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's legal rights or interests in the sea.</p>
Language and communication	<p><b>Target 16:</b> By 2031, there is a sustained increase in number and strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages being spoken.</p> <p><b>Target 17a:</b> By 2026, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have equal levels of digital inclusion.</p> <p><b>Target 17b:</b> Significant and sustained increase in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in the media, in particular community-controlled media.</p>