

Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety

Positive Ageing and Elder Abuse Awareness Grant

Frequently Asked Questions

These Frequently Asked Questions should be read in conjunction with the Grant Guidelines.

1. What is the Positive Ageing and Elder Abuse Awareness Grant?

The Positive Ageing and Elder Abuse Awareness Grant (the grant) provides funding to support community and statewide activities that raise awareness of ageism and elder abuse to promote prevention and early intervention.

The grant delivers on the Queensland Government's commitment to preventing and responding to elder abuse and creating age-friendly communities where older people feel safe, respected and included, and aligns with recommendations from the Parliamentary Inquiry into Elder Abuse.

Research has consistently shown a strong link between ageism and elder abuse. Ageism, which involves stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination against individuals based on their age, creates a social environment that can normalise or perpetuate elder abuse.

Addressing ageism and improving community awareness of elder abuse is best achieved through grassroots efforts within local communities and by fostering community partnerships, and two funding streams are available: a Local Awareness Stream and a Statewide Awareness Stream, each operating at a different level and designed to achieve complementary outcomes.

The Local Awareness Stream allows messages to be tailored to local contexts, cultures, and needs, encourages dialogue and active participation rather than passive awareness, and can reach vulnerable and socially isolated cohorts who are harder to engage through broader projects.

The Statewide Awareness Stream aims to establish a consistent and visible foundation for raising awareness of elder abuse and challenging ageism by reaching large numbers of older people with consistent key messages and developing resources and communication materials that can be used broadly and sustained beyond the life of the grant.

2. Where can I find further resources around Elder Abuse and Ageism to support my application?

For more information about Elder Abuse and Ageism please consider:

- World Health Organisation (2021): [Global Report on Ageism](#)
- [EveryAGECounts](#)
- [Ageism in healthcare: older adults' experiences](#)
- [Elder Abuse Prevention Unit](#)
- [Compass: Guiding Action on Elder Abuse](#)
- [Inquiry into Elder Abuse in Queensland – Report](#)
- [National Plan to End the Abuse and Mistreatment of Older People 2026-2036](#)

3. What funding is available under this grant?

The total amount of funding available through this open grant round is \$250,000 (excluding GST) for a 12-month period divided into two streams:

Local Awareness Stream:

Funding of \$150,000 (excluding GST) is available through this stream, including a minimum of \$30,000 (excluding GST) for projects that support First Nations peoples, culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities and people living in rural and remote areas.

One-off grants up to \$15,000 (excluding GST) are available to raise awareness of elder abuse or challenge ageism through place-based local projects.

State-wide Awareness Stream:

Funding of \$100,000 (excluding GST) is available through the Statewide Awareness Stream.

One-off grants of up to \$50,000 (excluding GST) are available for capability-building projects that raise awareness of elder abuse, challenge ageism and support older people's wellbeing at the statewide level.

4. Are there any priority cohorts under this grant?

The Local Awareness Stream sets aside a minimum of \$30,000 (excluding GST) for projects that support First Nations peoples, culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities and people living in rural and remote areas.

Projects that demonstrate collaboration with older people, partnership and/or an intergenerational approach will also be highly valued. Collaboration may include but is not limited to:

- Not-for-profit community organisations
- First Nations community-controlled organisations
- Local Government Councils
- Universities located in Queensland.

5. How do I demonstrate the organisation's capacity to work with First Nations peoples or CALD communities for the Local Awareness Stream?

If engaging with First Nations peoples or CALD communities:

- clearly indicate how your proposed project demonstrates how it will engage with the community, in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to ensure culturally safe service provision engagement, collaboration and implementation of proposed activities
- provide detail of your experience working with similar projects that demonstrates your capacity to work with First Nations Peoples and CALD communities in a culturally appropriate and safe environment.

6. My organisation is already funded to provide elder abuse and/or ageism community education – can I apply for the grant?

Funding available under this grant is not intended to support activities that duplicate, replace, or substantially overlap with activities already funded. If you are applying for funding, please demonstrate how your project is substantively different from any existing initiatives.

Projects that duplicate projects, programs or initiatives being delivered in the same location during 2026-2027 including those funded by Queensland Government, the Australian Government or non-government organisations are also not eligible for funding.

7. Can I apply for both Statewide and Local Awareness streams?

Yes, an organisation can apply for both streams as each stream operates at a different level and designed to achieve complementary outcomes. Applicants should consider that to achieve the objectives of the Statewide Awareness Stream; they are expected to demonstrate an established capacity to engage older Queenslanders across multiple regions and deliver initiatives at a statewide scale.

If you wish to apply for both streams, you must complete both a Local Awareness Stream and a Statewide Awareness Stream application form.

Please read the Grant Guidelines carefully before completing your application/s to ensure you meet the eligibility requirements.

8. What information should I include about quality control and reporting in Criterion 3?

Your response should explain how you will monitor the quality and delivery of your project, meet reporting requirements, and evaluate whether the activity achieved its intended outcomes for individuals and the broader community. Your evaluation approach should be proportionate to the size, scope and nature of your project. Applicants are not expected to undertake a complex or independent evaluation where this would not be appropriate for the activity.

You may wish to include:

- How you will monitor the project to ensure activities are delivered as planned, on time and to an appropriate standard.
- How you will collect, maintain and verify the information required to report on the project, such as participation numbers, activities delivered, expenditure, outcomes and feedback.
- How you will assess the effectiveness and impact of an activity.
- What indicators or measures you will use to determine whether the project has achieved its intended outcomes for individuals and the community.

9. Do I need to provide a Project Plan in the application?

A Project Plan is only required for the Statewide Awareness Stream; a template is provided in the Statewide Awareness Stream application form in SmartyGrants. The Project Plan should be no longer than 3 pages and needs to be uploaded in SmartyGrants.

10. What progress reporting is required for successful projects?

An interim report will be required at the half-way point of the project to demonstrate progress, as well as a final report at project completion. Applications need to consider and describe in the application how they will measure and report on the project's progress.

11. How do I know if my organisation is eligible to apply for this funding?

The Grant Guidelines detail the requirements for eligibility, use of funding and other application and assessment information that you need to be aware of prior to submitting your application.

Please ensure you read the Grant Guidelines carefully.

12. How do I apply?

Details about how to apply for a grant, as well as the grants guidelines can be found at www.qld.gov.au/positive-ageing-elder-abuse-grants.

13. When do applications open and close?

Applications will open for applicants via SmartyGrants at 09:00 AEST on 09 October 2026. The application period will remain open until 17:00 AEST on 30 November 2026.

14. Will late applications be accepted?

No, late applications will not be accepted. No extensions will be granted.

15. Who should I contact if I have more questions or if I have trouble using or submitting an application form?

Any questions received during the application period will be posted on SmartyGrants.

The department aims to respond to emailed questions within three business days.

For more information about the grants, including the guidelines, terms and conditions and how to apply:

- Email: seniors@families.qld.gov.au
- Visit the SmartyGrants website: [Positive Ageing & Elder Abuse Awareness Grants - Local Awareness Stream](#) and [Positive Ageing & Elder Abuse Awareness Grants - Statewide Awareness Stream](#)
- Visit our website at www.qld.gov.au/positive-ageing-elder-abuse-grants