



### CLC help with main application steps

1. Contact the CLC about your project proposal
2. Discuss your project proposal together with the CLC and the government National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) that manages the ABA
3. Plan your project with the CLC, covering lasting benefit, need, capacity and risk management; and collect supporting documents
4. Write and submit the application to the NIAA with the CLC or with CLC advice
5. The NIAA checks the application and sends it to the ABA Advisory Committee (of all Aboriginal delegates from the four NT land councils)
6. The ABA Advisory Committee assesses the application and advises the Minister for Indigenous Australians on the application
7. The Minister decides whether or not to fund the project
8. Successful applicants negotiate a funding agreement with the NIAA. Funding is delivered according to a funding schedule in the agreement



#### For more information at the CLC:

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#### For more information at the NIAA:

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## Central Land Council (CLC) help with grant applications



For funding from the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA)



CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL



### Eligible applicants include:

- ✓ NT Aboriginal corporations with an Australian Business Number (ABN) registered for GST
- ✓ NT Aboriginal individuals with an ABN registered for GST

### Projects that can be funded include:

- ✓ Some enterprise projects, and other projects that support Aboriginal employment
- ✓ Education, training, sport, health and safety projects
- ✓ Building and other infrastructure projects
- ✓ Language, culture, media and leadership projects
- ✓ Land care and land management projects

### Things that cannot be funded include:

- ✗ Projects that are usually funded by governments
- ✗ Ongoing costs after the project end date
- ✗ Rent, investment or debt repayments
- ✗ Administration costs of existing operations
- ✗ Most interstate and overseas travel



### Assessment criteria

(used to decide successful applications)

#### Benefit, including:

- what the benefits will be
- how the project will achieve the benefits and make them last
- how the benefits will be measured

#### Need, including:

- record of some planning for the project, starting with why it is necessary
- records of consultations with others involved, affected or interested, who might confirm the need and support the project

#### Capacity, including:

- evidence of ability to deliver this project and experience delivering similar projects
- a list of risks to the project and how to manage the risks

### Applications also need to show:

The project is **value for money**, including

- a budget
- quotes for main items like building and other infrastructure work in the project
- any contribution the applicant or other funding source is making to the project

The applicant is **financially viable** including

- ability to manage the funding, make any payments with it and provide acquittal reports
- possibly a current financial or audited statement

### Applications may need to show:

- **Land tenure** over project land: ownership or long term lease
- **Incorporation records:** rule book or recent general report of the corporation

**Applications for projects over \$250,000** must attach a business plan or project management plan

