



# First Nations Cancer Awareness Day

Small Grant Program

## For Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations in South Australia

### Program Overview

Cancer Council SA is supporting Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations to lead a First Nations Cancer Awareness Day in their own communities, with grants of up to \$5,000 available. This initiative aims to:

- Increase cancer awareness and prevention through culturally safe education and engagement;
- Promote early detection and healthy lifestyles, and;
- Strengthen community leadership and ownership in cancer prevention and wellbeing.

### Objectives

- *Cancer Awareness and Prevention:* Support activities that educate community members about cancer risks, screening, and nutrition, alcohol and physical activity.
- *Community Engagement:* Encourage culturally appropriate events that involve local leaders and community members.
- *Cultural Safety:* Ensure activities respect and incorporate cultural practices and traditions.

### Eligible Activities

Grant funds can be used in three ways:

1. Community events or gatherings focused on cancer awareness and education.
2. Cultural activities that promote health and wellbeing.
3. Light catering, venue hire, resources and materials for the event.

## What We Can't Fund

To ensure the small grants focus on delivering community-based cancer awareness activities, funding cannot be used for the following:

Existing service shortfalls or deficits, including:

- Covering budget gaps from previous or ongoing programs
- Retrospective costs already incurred prior to funding approval

Capital and infrastructure costs, including:

- Building works, renovations, or permanent infrastructure
- Purchase of large equipment, vehicles, or assets not directly related to the event

Staffing and salary costs, including:

- Ongoing staff salaries, wages, or on-costs
- Backfilling of existing staff positions
- Employment of new permanent or ongoing roles

Clinical service delivery, including:

- Diagnostic, treatment, or screening services
- Individual medical consultations or follow-up care

Recurrent or ongoing program costs, including:

- Activities intended to continue beyond the one-off event
- Programs requiring future or ongoing funding

Costs not directly related to the approved event, including:

- General organisational operating expenses
- Administration or overhead costs not specific to the Cancer Awareness Day

Activities that are not culturally safe or aligned with program objectives, including:

- Activities without meaningful community involvement
- Activities that do not clearly contribute to cancer awareness, prevention, or early detection

Funding must be used solely for the approved First Nations Cancer Awareness Day activity and within the agreed timeframe.



## Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant must be an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation operating in South Australia.
- Event/activity must be held within 2026 and focus on First Nations Cancer Awareness.
- Activities must align with all the objectives of the program and be culturally safe.

## Funding Available

- Up to \$5,000 plus GST per ACCHO.
- Funding is one-off and must be used for the approved event.

## Application Process

1. Complete the Application Form (available via Cancer Council SA website or by request)
2. Provide:
  - Event/Activity Details: Date, location, and description of planned activities.
  - Budget Breakdown: How the grant will be spent.
  - Community Engagement Plan: How you will involve local community members.
3. Submit the application by [insert deadline] to [insert email/contact details].

## Assessment Criteria

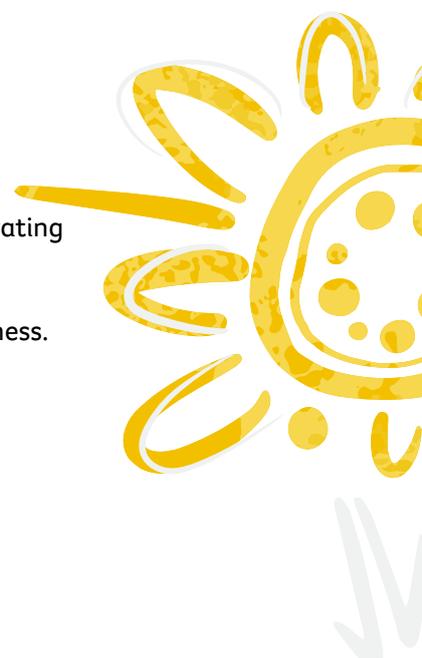
Applications will be assessed based on:

- Alignment with program objectives.
- Cultural appropriateness and community involvement.
- Feasibility of the event and budget.

## Reporting Requirements

Successful applicants must use provided reporting templates to:

- Provide a short event summary report (including photos if possible).
- Complete a brief evaluation of the event, including identifying areas of improvement.
- Outline how the event contributed to cancer awareness and prevention.
- Financial acquittal



## Key Dates

- **Applications Open:** 30 March 2026
- **Applications Close:** 16 April 2026
- **Notification of Outcome:** 23 April 2026
- **Event Delivery:** 22 May 2026

## Support

Cancer Council SA can provide:

- Educational resources and materials.
- Guidance on cancer prevention messaging.
- Assistance with promotion through networks.

This is an opportunity for communities to lead the conversation about cancer, in their own way, for their own mob.

