

First Peoples Grant Fund Criteria



The First Peoples Grant Fund has been created by the Australian Greens to support the travel and accommodation costs for First Peoples to attend National Conferences. It is an ongoing Fund with the goal of growing the Fund to support more First Peoples attending National Conferences. The Fund was created in 2015 and relies entirely on donations from members, supporters and Member Bodies.

Definitions

“Applicant or Applicants” means First Peoples making an application to access the Fund as outlined under this Criteria.

“Travel costs or Cost of travel” means the cost of traveling to National Conference, which may include the cost of public transport or taxis or ride-sharing services.

“Accommodation costs or Cost of accommodation” means the cost for accommodation for up to a 3-star venue.

“Fund” is the abbreviation for First Peoples Grant Fund.

The Fund and Criteria

1. The First Peoples Grant Fund is an ongoing fund of the Australian Greens to support the travel and accommodation costs for First Peoples to attend Australian Greens’ National Conferences.
2. This Fund can only be accessed for the use of supporting the travel and accommodation costs for First Peoples to attend Australian Greens’ National Conferences.
3. The Australian Greens Office Bearers Group is responsible for considering and approving applications to access the Fund, and will report to National Council on expenditure from and growth of the Fund.
 - a. Applicants will be required to provide the following information for their application to be considered:
 - i. Full name
 - ii. Residential address
 - iii. Phone number
 - iv. Email address
 - v. Branch name (where the applicant is a member - see Paragraph 4d)

- vi. Estimated cost of travel and/or accommodation (where it is not possible or feasible to arrange a billet - see Paragraph 6)
 - vii. Working status
 - viii. Personal situation and need to access the Fund
 - b. The Australian Greens Office Bearers Group will be required to consider each applicant's personal situation and need to access the Fund.
 - c. Applicants may be asked to speak to their application and/or to provide further information to assist the Australian Greens Office Bearers Group in making its decision.
4. Priority to the Fund will be given to First Peoples who are:
 - a. Members of the Australian Greens;
 - b. Living in designated remote communities; then rural; then regional; then metropolitan areas of the host State in which the National Conference is being held;
 - c. Personal situation and need to access the Fund;
 - d. Should there be no applications from members from the host State in which the National Conference is being held, then applications from First Peoples who are not members and reside within the host State in which the National Conference is being held, may be considered.
 - e. Should there be no applications from the host State in which the National Conference is being held, then applications from members from other States who identify as First Peoples may be considered.
 - f. Should there be no applications from the host State in which the National Conference is being held or from members from other States who identify as First Peoples, then Member Bodies' delegates to National Conference who identify as First Peoples may be considered.
5. Where at all possible up to 100% of travel costs should be met for individual applicants to the Fund, with not less than 60% of travel costs to be met for successful applicants.
 - a. Successful applicants will receive the determined amount via direct deposit to the bank account nominated by the applicant.
6. Where it is not possible, or feasible, to arrange a billet, up to 100% of accommodation costs will be met, with not less than 60% of accommodation costs to be met for successful applicants.
 - a. Funding for accommodation will not be provided for successful applicants living in the same city or town in which the conference is being held.
 - b. Where an applicant's accommodation costs are to be met, the applicant will receive the determined amount via direct deposit to the bank account nominated by the applicant.
7. Registration fees for national conferences will be waived for successful applicants who are not delegates to the Conference.
8. The Australian Greens expect successful applicants to be in attendance for the duration of the National Conference for which they have received funding to attend.

9. Successful applicants will be required to prepare an article, or at least be prepared to be interviewed for an article, for Green Magazine about their experience and what they gained from attending a national conference.
10. Successful applicants can only access the Fund once in any given financial calendar year.
 - a. Unsuccessful applicants are able to apply to access the Fund for subsequent national conferences.
11. Funding provided to applicants is entirely dependent on the availability of funds in the First Peoples Grant Fund which may limit the number of successful applicants chosen.
12. Personal daily expenses are not covered by the Fund and are the responsibility of successful applicants.