



Ngunnawal Bush Healing Farm transition to Community-control and residential services

Stage 1: Partnership and Readiness Grant

Information Session
28 November 2025

NOTE: This information session will be recorded.





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We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

We would also like to acknowledge and welcome other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may be attending today or watching this recording.

House keeping

As **this session is being recorded**, we kindly ask:

- keep noises in the room down
- one person speak at a time
- put questions in the Teams chat (mics are off).

We are **bound by probity**. This means we will:

- keep this session on track and provide time for questions at the end
- answer some of your questions now
- take other questions on notice to answer later.

We will publish the questions and answers along with this session recording.

Overview – this session covers:

- Grant information: key dates, background, objectives, eligibility
- How to apply:
 - Using SmartyGrants
 - Application tips, including ASD support
- FAQs (how your questions get answered)
- Q&A session

Abbreviations:

NBHF - Ngunnawal Bush Healing Farm

ACCO - Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation

ASD – Aboriginal Service Development

HCSD - Health and Community Services Directorate

FAQs – Frequently Asked Questions



Key dates

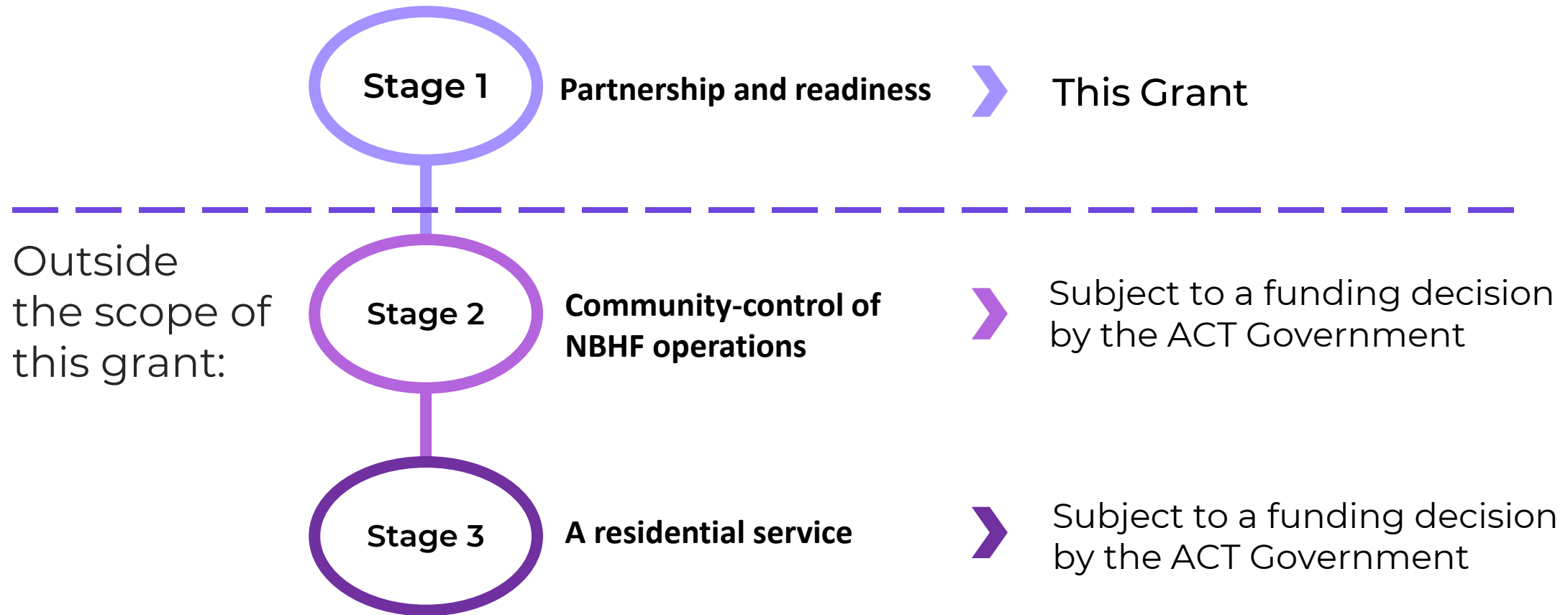
- NBHF transition to Community-control and residential services (Stage 1: Partnership and Readiness) - Grant Opportunity opened on **13 November 2025**
- Last date to ask questions **30 January 2026**
- Applications close 4pm on **9 February 2026**
- Earliest start date of grant activity **May 2026**

We acknowledge:

- It has been a 20-year process to get to this point.
- An unsuccessful approach to market in 2017, resulted in ACT Government running day programs.
- While not yet a residential service, we celebrate the incredible achievements of the NBHF team in delivering day programs, and the positive impacts for participants and Community.
- Formal reviews, as well as evidence from other jurisdictions have informed our approach.
- While not feasible to transition directly to a residential service, taking a staged approach

Staged Approach to transition the NBHF

This grant:



Grant objectives

- This grant process will identify an ACCO that HCSD can partner with through a formal agreement.
- The ACCO partner will be funded to:
 - work in partnership with the HCSD
 - work collaboratively with Community, and sector partners including ACCOs & ACCHOs
 - plan and prepare to transition the NBHF to Community-control.
- The amount provided for this grant (Stage 1) will depend on what is proposed and be subject to a value for money assessment.

Eligibility

Grant respondents must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- ACT ACCOs that meet the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap Clause 44* definition (see page 9 of the Grant Requirements document)

OR

- ACT ACCO-led partnerships and collaborations (see Partnerships and Collaborations section).

AND

The ACCO must operate, and have established governance structures, in the ACT. There is provision for new and establishing.

Aboriginal Service Development (ASD) Support

Aboriginal Service Development (ASD) Branch is available as a contact for ACCOs. The ASD team offers **support to participate in this grant opportunity**, including:

- answering questions about general grant application processes
- assistance in developing and submitting your application
- accessing business development services through the Badji program
- facilitating information requests from ACCOs through appropriate channels, in accordance with probity principles.

Please contact the ASD team via e-mail: **AboriginalServiceDevelopment@act.gov.au**

How to apply

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Check if you can apply

What you can do

Before you apply

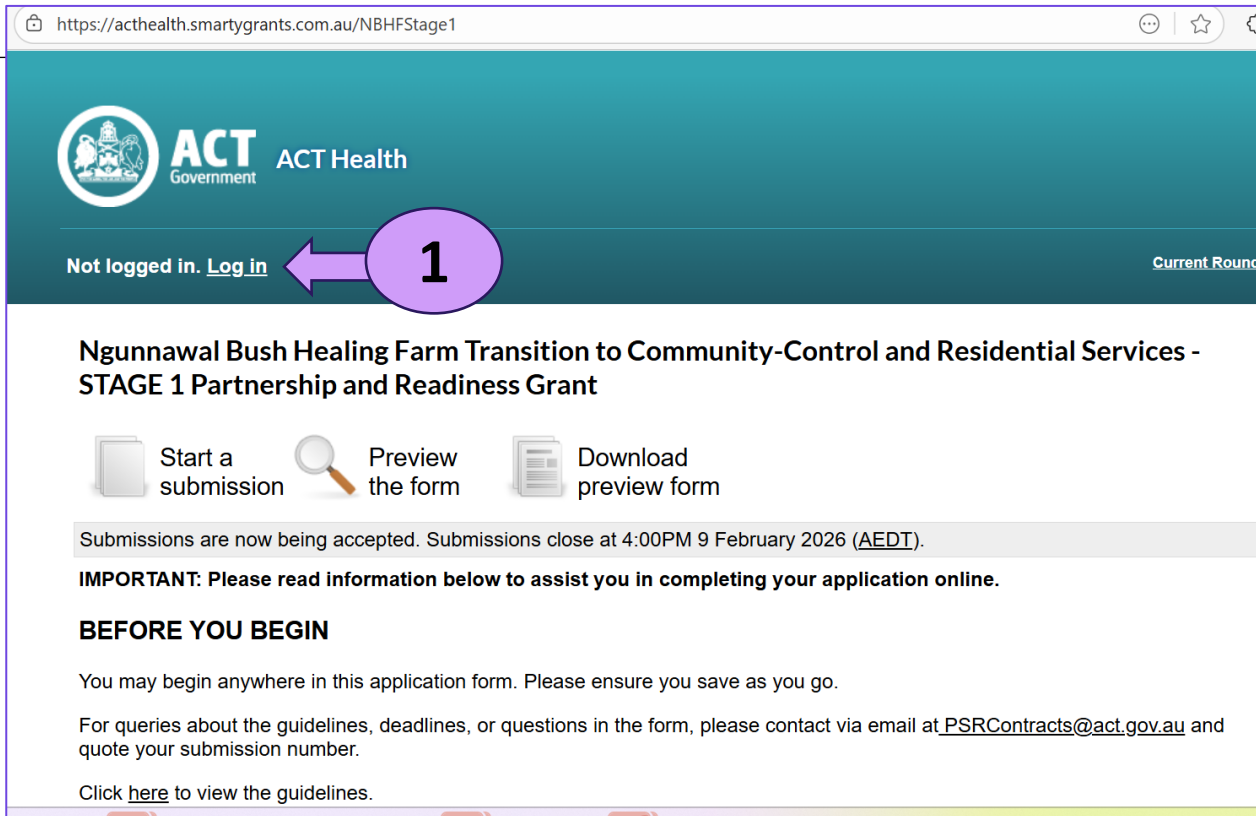
Apply

After you apply

Contact us

- *check your eligibility*
 - *read the grant requirements, plus 2 appendices*
 - *regularly check for updated FAQs*
- **Apply now**

How to apply – using SmartyGrants



https://acthealth.smartygrants.com.au/NBHFStage1

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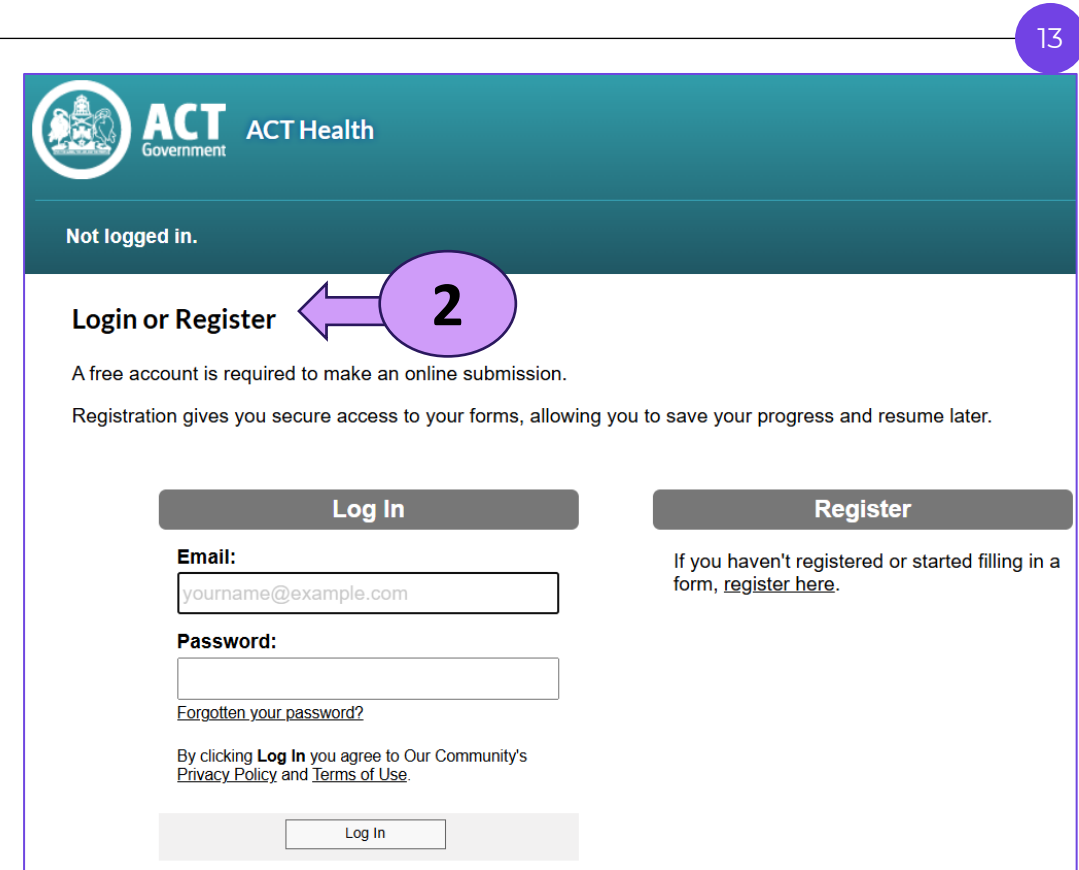
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Login or Register

A free account is required to make an online submission.

Registration gives you secure access to your forms, allowing you to save your progress and resume later.

Log In

Email:

Password:

[Forgotten your password?](#)

By clicking **Log In** you agree to Our Community's [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Use](#).

Register

If you haven't registered or started filling in a form, [register here](#).

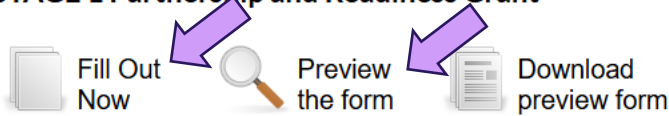
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NAVIGATING (MOVING THROUGH) THE APPLICATION FORM

On every screen (page of the form) you will find a Form Navigation contents box, this links directly to every page of the application. Click the link to jump directly to the page you want.

You can also click 'next page' or 'previous page' on the top or bottom of each page to move forward or backward through the application.

SAVING YOUR DRAFT APPLICATION

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Start a This is a preview of the NBHF Stage 1 Application Form form. When you are ready to submit your submission you're ready to apply, click Fill Out Now to begin.

Close

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Acknowledgement of Country

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Close

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- 2. Introduction
- 3. Eligibility
- 4. Contact Details - applicant organisation
- 5. Weighted Criteria 1 (50% Weighting)
- 6. Weighted Criteria 2 (20% Weighting)
- 7. Weighted Criteria 3 (30% Weighting)

Tip: work offline in a separate doc, then cut and paste your info in when ready to submit

Questions and answers become the FAQs

- The Q&A session today will inform the FAQ section on the Grant information (Funding and support) webpage:
<https://www.act.gov.au/money-and-tax/grants-funding-and-incentives/funding-to-support-ngunnawal-bush-healing-farm-transition-to-community-control-and-residential-services>
- The **FAQs will be updated** throughout the application period.
- **Please keep checking** the webpage.
- The opportunity to ask questions or seek clarification will **close ten (10) full days** before the end of the application period, 30 January 2026.

Thank you.

If you have questions about this grant?
Email **PSRContracts@act.gov.au**

Want support to apply?
Email **AboriginalServiceDevelopment@act.gov.au**