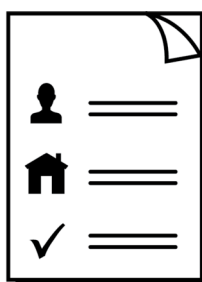




Disability self help grant program

2026 to 2028



Easy Read

About this booklet



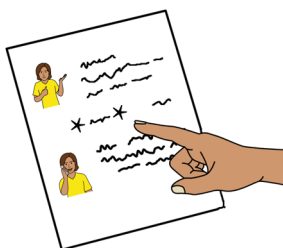
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This booklet is written in a way that is easy to understand.



You can read more about this topic on our [website](https://providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/disability-self-help-grants)
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We add a star before and after ***hard words***. Then we explain what the words mean.



You can ask someone to help you read and understand this booklet.



Contact information is at the end of this booklet.

About the *Disability self help grant program*



The Disability self help grant program gives
grants to *disability self help groups*.

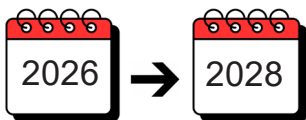
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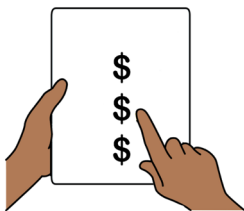
Grants means money that can be spent on
a group's activities and costs.



Disability self help groups support people with
disability, their families and carers.

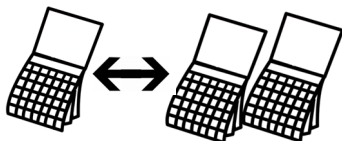


The program is from 2026 to 2028.



Groups can apply for

- up to \$7,000 each year



- 1 or 2 year grants.

How will the grants help?



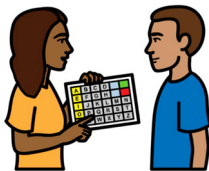
Disability self help groups do important work.

For example, they help people to

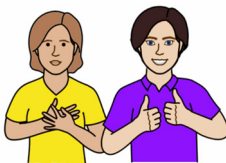
- connect with each other



- connect with their community



- share ideas and stories



- feel proud of who they are.



The grants will support disability self help groups to do their work.



Who can apply for a grant?

You can apply for a grant if your group

- has a focus on disability
- is led by people who have disability.



You must be a ***not for profit*** company or have an ***auspice***.

Not for profit means any money a group makes from the work they do is used to help people.



An auspice is an organisation that manages grant funding for another group.



You must also

- have an Australian Business Number or ABN, or be supported by an auspice



- have a bank account in your group's or auspice's name



- have followed the rules for other grants.

What can the grants be used for?

You can use grants for set activities.

For example



- electricity, phone and internet bills



- equipment like laptops



- getting people to join your group
 - for example, flyers and a web page



- activities that celebrate stories and important days about disability



- training and ***conferences***
 - conferences are events to learn about something



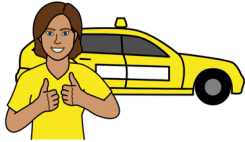
- ***guest speakers***
 - guest speakers come and share information with the group.



The grants can also help pay for meetings costs.

For example

- room hire



- transport to and from meetings



- childcare



- support workers



- food

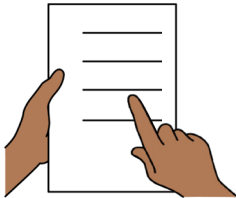


- ***interpreters***
 - interpreters explain things in different languages.

Grant focus areas



The grants have 4 focus areas.



Your organisation can apply for grants in 1 or more focus areas.



The focus areas are

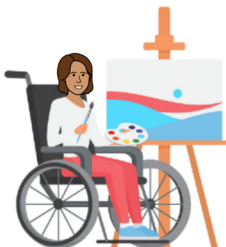
- help people to be strong



- help groups to be strong and reach people



- reach people with different life experiences



- help people to feel proud about disability.

Important dates



You can apply for a grant from
10 am on Monday 10 November 2025.



You can come to an online meeting
from 11 am to 12.30 pm
on **Thursday 27 November 2025.**



At the meeting, we will tell you about
the program.



Contact us if you want to come to the meeting.

Email disabilityshg@dffh.vic.gov.au



Applications close at
4 pm on Tuesday 27 January 2026.

How to apply



- Read this booklet and information on our [website](https://providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/disability-self-help-grants)
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- Read about how to write a grant application on our [website](http://www.vic.gov.au/how-write-good-grant-application)
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- Fill in the application on our online [Grants Gateway](https://grantsgateway.dffh.vic.gov.au/s/login/)
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More information



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and Housing

For more information contact the
Office for Disability.



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