

Diplomacy Grants Program frequently asked questions

My activity is not in DFAT's Focus Country, can I still apply?

The Australian Cultural Diplomacy Grants Program (ACDGP) supports our Public Diplomacy objectives, including DFAT's *Australia now* program. The list of 2017 ACDGP grantees can be found on the [ACDGP page](#) and as you can see they encompass a broad geographic spread including *Australia now* countries, Japan (2018), Germany (2017), Brazil (2016).

You say I need to get in-principle approval from the relevant DFAT office overseas. Do I need a letter from the Ambassador?

Applicants need to contact the DFAT Embassy or Consulate in the country in which they will undertake their project to seek in-principle support. This is a good opportunity for applicants to determine whether their project compliments DFAT's in-country public diplomacy objectives. There is no need to provide a letter from the Ambassador or DFAT staff in-country, you may simply provide the name and contact details of the DFAT officer that you spoke to in your application form. DFAT may crosscheck this as part of the assessment process.

You can find contact information for [DFAT's overseas embassies and consulates](#) on our website.

When can my activity start?

If you are applying in the 2018 round of the ACDGP your activity must start in the 2018-19 financial year. DFAT may not be able to offer you funding if your activity starts in June 2018 as we cannot retrospectively fund activities or provide funds before a Funding Agreement has been executed by both parties.

Do you have a newsletter that I can sign up to?

You can sign up for the newsletter on the [ACDGP home page](#).

The grants round is closed. Can I apply for a grant outside of the annual round?

No, the ACDGP only considers funding through the annual grants round.

When will you announce the outcome of the 2018 grant round?

Applications to the 2018 round of the ACDGP close 5pm AEST on 9 March. We anticipate a July announcement of the outcomes. We will update the [ACDGP home page](#) to reflect any changes to the 2018 ACDGP timeline.

Contact us

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