National Carers Week Grants 2020

FAQ’s

What is a National Carers Week grant?
The NSW Government Department of Communities and Justice funds Carers NSW to provide grants of up to $300 to carer support groups and organisations. The grants are to be used to plan events or activities either online or in person to support and celebrate carers as part of National Carers Week, which is scheduled to run from 11 to 17 October 2020.

Do the events and activities have to be held during National Carers Week?
It is preferable that the events and activities are held during or close to National Carers Week, in October 2020. However this year, there is extra flexibility to allow activities and events to be held at a later date if necessarily. All activities and events must be held and grant funding spent by June 2021.

What if we still have social distancing restrictions in place in October due to COVID-19?
We are hopeful that events and activities may be able to go ahead by October. However due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, funding will be provided to support and celebrate carers through a range of approaches including events or activities, either online or in person. It may be worth considering some new and innovative ways to celebrate with carers online or in new ways. There is extra flexibility this year and events and activities may be run at a later date if necessary, with the grant funding to be spent by June 2021.

How do I apply?
Applications should be submitted online. For your application to be considered, please ensure you click the ‘submit’ button at the end of the application form. You will then be directed to a new page which confirms receipt of your application.

If you do not have access to the internet during the grant application window, you can request an application form to be sent you via mail by calling on 02 9280 4755.

When do applications close?
Applications close 5:00pm Monday 22 June 2020. All online and printed applications must be received by this deadline.

When will I find out if my application has been successful?
You will be notified via email by the end of **July 2020** if your application has been successful. For successful applicants, your grant will be awarded by cheque which will be issued in **August 2020**.

**Is the grant inclusive of GST?**
Yes, the grants are inclusive of GST.

**Can I apply for a grant on behalf of more than one carer support group or organisation?**
Yes, you can apply for a grant on behalf of up to 10 carer support groups or organisations. For your application to be considered, you must complete a separate application for each carer support group or organisation.

**Can I plan an event for paid care workers, volunteers, foster or kinship carers?**
No, grants are specifically allocated to groups planning events for unpaid carers and people who care for a family member or friend who has a disability, mental illness, drug and/or alcohol dependency, chronic condition, terminal illness or who is frail. Foster and kinship carers may be included in these events if they specifically care for a child with disability.

**What if my carer support group or organisation doesn’t have an ABN number?**
You can still apply for a grant, however, you are required to submit a **Statement by a Supplier form** and a **Donation Application form**.

The Statement by a Supplier and Donation Application forms must be returned to Carers NSW by **Monday 22 June 2020** in order for your application to be considered. Please email your completed forms to **commsteam@carersnsw.org.au**.

**Why do I need to supply so much information on the event I’m planning?**
The information provided helps us assess the validity of each application. Details of the events are also published in the National Carers Week calendar to raise awareness of events in NSW.

**Can I save and come back to my online application?**
No, we suggest that you download and read the application questions before beginning your online application. We also recommend that you have information such as your group / organisations ABN, postal address and payment information on hand when completing your application.

Can I print a copy of my application?
No, copies of your application can be requested by emailing commsteam@carersnsw.org.au. We do receive a high number of enquiries regarding the grants program, so please be patient.

Can I make changes to my application?
Please email commsteam@carersnsw.org.au to request changes to your application.

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