



National Carers Week Grants 2024

FAQ SHEET

What is a National Carers Week Grant?

The NSW Government Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) funds Carers NSW to provide grants of up to \$500 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 13-19 October 2024.

How does COVID-19 impact National Carers Week grants and events?

It is a requirement that all 2024 grant applicants agree to comply with any COVID-19 health regulations and guidelines in place at the time of your event. Please check the NSW Government website at www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19 for the most recent information on COVID-19 restrictions.

If you do not agree to the above requirements, unfortunately we are unable to consider your application for a National Carers Week Grant.

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 as close as possible to, National Carers Week (13-19 October 2024).

Carers NSW also recommends having a 'Plan B' option for your event should any health regulations and restrictions change that would prevent an in-person event being delivered.

'Plan B' options could include a virtual event over Zoom, care packages, or gift vouchers.

In some instances, flexibility may be afforded to reschedule a planned face-to-face event to a later date in the year. However, **approval from Carers NSW will be required**, and all events/activities must be held and grant funding spent no later than Monday, 25 November 2024.

Is there a limit to how many grants one organisation can apply for on behalf of various carer groups?

Yes, organisations applying for grants on behalf of different carer groups can apply for up to 8 grants. The groups must be unique carer support groups with a focus on a specific cohort of carers (e.g. young carers; specific CALD groups; older parent carers; carers of children on the autism spectrum etc.) supported or auspiced by the one organisation.

How do I apply?

Applications open 9.00am Monday, 22 April 2024. 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 to you via mail by calling 02 9280 4744.

When do applications close?

Applications close 5.00pm Monday, 24 June 2024.

All 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 Friday, 26 July 2024 if your application has been successful or unsuccessful.

For successful applicants, your grant will be awarded by either EFT or cheque (EFT is preferred and encouraged), which will be distributed in August 2024.

Is the grant inclusive of GST?

Yes, the grants are inclusive of GST.

Can our carer support group collaborate with another group or organisation?

Yes, you can. Carers NSW encourages collaboration if the opportunity allows for carers from diverse groups to come together. For your joint event to be considered, you must each complete an application form.

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, caring for a family member or friend with disability, mental illness, drug and/or alcohol dependency, a chronic condition, terminal illness or who is frail.

Foster and kinship carers may be included in these events if, for example, they care for a child living with disability.

What can I spend the National Carers Week Grant funding on?

The funding is only to be used to host events or activities that celebrate and recognise carers as part of National Carers Week 2024.

The funding should only be used for the costs associated with these activities. Examples of acceptable events include purchasing tickets to attend a movie, theatre, music or cultural event, a day trip or tour, holding a workshop, organising a luncheon, morning tea, BBQ, picnic or dinner, or a wellness, pamper or activity day. Virtual events or self-care/wellbeing care packs are also acceptable.

As part of the application process, you should clearly outline how the funding will be used, which will be assessed by Carers NSW.

Should your application be successful, receipts **will need** to be provided as part of the acquittal process. Funding **must not** be used to purchase social media advertising, online platform subscriptions, tobacco, alcohol and other drugs or any other items not outlined in your application form.

What do I do with any unspent funds?

Grant recipients who do not spend their entire funded amount must contact Carers NSW (02 9280 4744) to organise a return of these funds. This should be done at the point of returning your acquittal form.

What if my carer support group or organisation doesn't have an ABN?

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 as part of your online application by Monday 24 June 2024.

Should my event be open for other carers outside of my group to attend?

National Carers Week is an opportunity to help people who have caring responsibilities self-identify as carers and encourage them to access information and support.

While it is not a requirement for your event or activity to be open for other carers outside of your group to attend, it is strongly encouraged.

Carers NSW encourages grant applications from groups or organisations who support young carers, culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and LGBTQI+ carers.

Can I make changes to my application?

Please email commsteam@carersnsw.org.au to request changes to your application.

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/organisation's ABN, postal address and payment information on hand when completing your application.

Questions can be downloaded from the Carers NSW website www.carersnsw.org.au/training-events/national-carers-week

Can I print a copy of my application?

Yes, you will receive a copy of your application details via email once submitted. This file will be sent in PDF format alongside your confirmation email.

If you do not receive this email, you can contact Carers NSW by emailing commsteam@carersnsw.org.au.

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