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Journalism Assistance Fund Program

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1. Journalism Assistance Fund Program processes

The Journalism Assistance Fund Program is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives

This grant opportunity is part of the above grant program which contributes to Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCA) Outcome 5 - Promote an innovative and competitive communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, so all Australians can realise the full potential of digital technologies and communications services. DITRDCA works with stakeholders to plan and design the grant program according to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles \(CGRPs\)](#).



The grant opportunity opens

DISR publish the grant guidelines on [business.gov.au](#) and [GrantConnect](#).



You complete and submit a grant application

You complete the application form, addressing all the eligibility criteria in order for your application to be considered.



We assess all grant applications

DISR assess the applications against eligibility criteria and notify you if you are not eligible.



Grant decisions are made

The decision maker decides which applications are successful.



DISR notify you of the outcome

DISR advise you of the outcome of your application.



We enter into a grant agreement

DISR will enter into a grant agreement with successful applicants. The type of grant agreement is based on the nature of the grant and will be proportional to the risks involved.



Delivery of grant

You complete the grant activity as set out in your grant agreement. DISR manage the grant by working with you, monitoring your progress and making payments.



Evaluation of the Journalism Assistance Fund

DITRDCA will evaluate the specific grant activity and Journalism Assistance Fund Program as a whole. We base this on information you provide to us and that we collect from various sources.

1.1. Introduction

These guidelines contain information for the Journalism Assistance Fund Program.

This document sets out:

- the purpose of the grant program/grant opportunity
- the eligibility and assessment criteria
- how we consider and assess grant applications
- how we notify applicants and enter into grant agreements with grantees
- how we monitor and evaluate grantees' performance
- responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity.

This grant opportunity and process will be administered by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the department/DISR) on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCA).

We have defined key terms used in these guidelines in the glossary at section 1313.

You should read this document carefully before you fill out an application.

2. About the Journalism Assistance Fund Program

The Journalism Assistance Fund Program (the program) will run over 3 years from 2025-26. The program was announced as part of the News Media Assistance Program (News MAP) to support public interest journalism and media diversity in Australia - recognising these are critical to a healthy democracy, social cohesion and informed citizens.

The purpose of the program is to support the sustainability of Australian news publishers in the face of significant disruption to the media sector. Organisations producing core news content will be eligible for funding. The funding will support a proportion of the wages for journalists producing core news content that is distributed digitally.

The objectives of the program are to:

- support the sustainability of Australian news publishers in the face of significant disruption to the media sector
- support the creation of news content distributed digitally
- encourage the continued employment of journalists who primarily produce news that is in the Australian public interest
- building and maintaining social cohesion in Australia.

The intended outcomes of the program are to:

- support and safeguard news coverage in Australia
- mitigate the significant risk to the financial sustainability of news publications in Australia.

We administer the program according to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles \(CGRPs\)](https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-and-principles-2024)¹.

¹ <https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-and-principles-2024>

3. Grant amount and grant period

3.1. Grants available

The Australian Government has announced a total of \$67.6 million over 3 years for the program.

- The minimum grant amount is \$39,000 over three years.
- The maximum grant amount is \$7.5 million over three years.

The grant amount per eligible journalist is \$13,000 full time equivalent (FTE) per year, or \$39,000 per eligible FTE journalist over three years.

If the journalist is not employed full time with the applicant, the grant amount requested should be based on a pro-rata amount of the FTE.

If you employ between 0.5 and 1 total FTE journalists your organisation will be eligible for \$13,000 per year.

You can only receive one grant under the program (as determined by your organisation's ABN). If you submit more than one application, only the first eligible application will be funded.

3.2. Project period

You must complete your project by 31 March 2028.

You must maintain the employment of journalists producing core news content that is distributed digitally for the project period in your grant agreement.

As part of Australian Government grant processes we use the term project to describe the activities of a grant recipient under a grant agreement with the Commonwealth.

4. Eligibility criteria

We cannot consider your application if you do not satisfy all eligibility criteria.

4.1. Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

To be eligible you must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- have an account with an Australian financial institution
- be an entity that produces and publishes core news content that is distributed digitally

and be one of the following entities:

- an entity, incorporated in Australia
- a company
- an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
- an incorporated association
- a co-operative

- a partnership
- an incorporated not for profit organisation or registered charity
- a sole trader.

4.2. Additional eligibility requirements

We can only accept applications where:

- you provide evidence that each journalist applied for under this program produces core news content under one of your entity's publications
- you provide payroll details as evidence that each journalist applied for under this program was employed in the previous 3 months (see section 6.1 for details of evidence required)
- you confirm that you intend to maintain the number of eligible FTE journalists producing core news content applied for under this program for the project period.

We cannot waive the eligibility criteria under any circumstances.

4.3. Who is not eligible to apply for a grant?

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

- any organisation not included in section 4.1
- an organisation included on the [National Redress Scheme's website](#) on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'
- an employer of 100 or more employees that has [not complied](#) with the *Workplace Gender Equality Act (2012)*
- a newswire service
- affiliated with a foreign government, political party, union, financial institution, non-government organisation, or policy lobby group where that affiliation would influence or might be seen to influence, the content produced by the applicant
- insolvent
- a foreign controlled Australian entity (section 820-780 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997)
- a trust (however, an incorporated trustee may apply on behalf of a trust)
- a Commonwealth, state, territory or local government body (including government business enterprises)
- a non-corporate Commonwealth entity.

5. What the grant money can be used for

5.1. Eligible grant activities

To be eligible the project must pay wages for journalists who create core news content for digital distribution.

Eligible activities must directly relate to the project and the maintenance of the number of eligible FTE journalists you are funded for under the program.

Core news content is content that reports, investigates or explains:

- issues or events that are relevant to engaging Australians in public debate and in informing democratic decision making, or
- current issues or events of public significance for Australians at a local, regional, state or national level.

5.2. Ineligible grant activities

Activities that are not eligible include:

- paying journalists producing core news content for a print-only publication
- paying journalists that do not produce core news content.

The following are not considered to be core news:

- sponsored content
- lifestyle
- real estate
- entertainment or celebrity news
- opinion and editorial pieces.

5.3. Eligible expenditure

You can only spend the grant on eligible expenditure you have incurred as part of the grant and as defined in your grant agreement.

Eligible expenditure is \$13,000 per journalist full time equivalent (FTE) per year for the production of core news content that is distributed digitally.

If you employ a minimum of 0.5 total FTE journalists and less than 1 FTE journalists your organisation will be eligible for \$13,000 per year.

See section 9.3 for information about how we pay the grant.

We may update the guidance on eligible and ineligible expenditure from time to time. If your application is successful, the version in place when you submitted your application applies to your project.

Not all journalists contributing to your publication may meet the eligibility requirements and be eligible for grant funding. Not all expenditure on your project may be eligible for grant funding. The Program Delegate (who is a Manager within the department with responsibility for administering the program) makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure and may give additional guidance on eligible expenditure if required.

To be eligible, expenditure must be a direct cost of the project.

You must incur the project expenditure between the project start and end date for it to be eligible unless stated otherwise.

5.4. What the grant money cannot be used for

Expenditure items that are not eligible are any cost which isn't the payment of journalists wages for the production of core news content for digital distribution.

6. How to apply

Before applying you should read and understand these guidelines, the sample [application form](#) and the sample [grant agreement](#) published on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.

Applicants should read all eligibility criteria closely and attach the required evidence that supports the eligibility criteria.

You will need to set up an account to access our online [portal](#).

You can apply at any time while the program remains open. The program will open for applications on 21 November 2025 and will remain open until 30 April 2026 or until the funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

To apply, you must:

- complete and submit the application through the online [portal](#)
- provide all the information requested
- address all eligibility criteria
- include all necessary attachments.

You are responsible for making sure your application is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the [Criminal Code Act 1995](#). If we consider that you have provided false or misleading information we may not progress your application. If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should call us immediately on 13 28 46.

After submitting your application, we can contact you for clarification if we find an error or any missing information, including evidence that supports your eligibility/merit. The acceptance of any additional information provided after the submission of your application is at the discretion of the Program Delegate. Additional information should not materially change your application at the time it was submitted and therefore may be refused if deemed to be purely supplementary.

You can view and print a copy of your submitted application on the portal for your own records.

If you need further guidance around the application process, or if you have any issues with the portal, [contact us](#) at business.gov.au or by calling 13 28 46.

6.1. Attachments to the application

You must provide the following documents with your application:

- payroll details demonstrating that each journalist applied for under this program was employed in the previous 3 months from the date the application is submitted
- one example of digital core news content produced by each journalist applied for under this program under one of your entity's publications that must:
 - include the byline or ensuring it is clearly identifiable who the journalist is that produced the content
 - be news content that has been created no earlier than 3 months from the date the application is submitted
 - be provided as an attachment and/or an accessible link
 - if the link or attachment is behind a paywall provide log in details

- if the content is in a language other than English provide both the original content as evidence and a translation of it into English.
- trust or partnership deed (where applicable).

You must attach supporting documentation to the application form in line with the instructions provided within the form. You should only attach requested documents. Individual file sizes cannot be greater than 25MB, while the total of all attachments cannot exceed 50MB. We will not consider information in attachments that we do not request.

6.2. Timing of grant opportunity processes

You can only submit an application between the published opening and closing dates. We cannot accept late applications.

You can submit an application at any time while the grant opportunity remains open.

Program funding may be exhausted prior to the application close date resulting in the closing date being announced earlier.

You can expect to receive an outcome of your application within 4-6 weeks from date of submission, and if approved payment within 4 weeks (once a grant agreement has been executed).

6.3. Questions during the application process

If you have any questions during the application period, [contact us](#) at business.gov.au or by calling 13 28 46.

7. The grant selection process

7.1. Assessment of grant applications

Your application will be considered through a demand driven grant process. Applications will be reviewed in order of receipt until available funding is exhausted.

DISR first review your application against the eligibility criteria. We may seek technical expert advice from DITRDCA on the eligibility of the application.

If we identify unintentional errors in your application, we may contact you to correct or clarify the information.

7.2. Who will approve grants?

The Program Delegate decides which grants to approve taking into account the eligibility assessment and the availability of grant funds.

The Program Delegate's decision is final in all matters, including:

- the grant approval
- the grant funding to be awarded
- any conditions attached to the offer of grant funding.

We cannot review decisions about the outcome of your application.

The Program Delegate will not approve funding if there are insufficient program funds available across relevant financial years for the program.

8. Notification of application outcomes

We will advise you of the outcome of your application in writing. If you are successful, we advise you of any specific conditions attached to the grant.

8.1. Feedback on your application

If you are unsuccessful, we will give you an opportunity to discuss the outcome with us.

9. Successful grant applications

9.1. The grant agreement

You must enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the Commonwealth. The grant agreement has general terms and conditions that cannot be changed. A sample [grant agreement](#) is available on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.

We will manage the grant agreement through the online portal. This includes issuing and executing the grant agreement. Execute means both you and the Commonwealth have accepted the agreement. We are not responsible for any expenditure you incur and cannot make any payments until a grant agreement is executed.

The approval of your grant may have specific conditions determined by the assessment process or other considerations made by the Program Delegate. We will identify these in the offer of grant funding.

The Commonwealth may recover grant funds if there is a breach of the grant agreement.

We will use a simple grant agreement.

You will have 30 days from the date of a written offer to execute this grant agreement with the Commonwealth. During this time, we will work with you to finalise details.

The offer may lapse if both parties do not sign the grant agreement within this time. Under certain circumstances, we may extend this period. We base the approval of your grant on the information you provide in your application. We will review any required changes to these details to ensure they do not impact the project as approved by the Program Delegate.

9.2. Specific legislation, policies and industry standards

You must comply with all relevant laws, regulations and Australian Government sanctions in undertaking your project. You must also comply with the specific legislation/policies/industry standards that follow. It is a condition of the grant funding that you meet these requirements. We will include these requirements in your grant agreement.

In particular, you will be required to comply with state/territory legislation in relation to working with children.

9.3. How we pay the grant

The grant agreement will state:

- the maximum grant amount we will pay each year
- how many FTE journalists you will employ each year.

We will make payments according to an agreed schedule set out in the grant agreement. Payments are subject to submitting a satisfactory progress report and maintaining the number of FTE journalists in your grant agreement.

If there are changes to your FTE your progress payments may be adjusted to reflect this. Where there are increases in FTE you will not be eligible for more than the maximum grant amount as stated in your grant agreement.

Depending on the availability of program funds at the end of the program, DITRDSCA reserve the right to distribute or not distribute any remaining funds.

9.4. Grant Payments and GST

We will add GST to your grant payment and provide you with a recipient created tax invoice. You are required to notify us if your GST registration status changes during the project period.².

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the [Australian Taxation Office](#). We do not provide advice on tax.

10. Announcement of grants

If successful, your grant will be listed on the GrantConnect website 21 calendar days after the date of execution.

We will publish non-sensitive details of successful projects on GrantConnect. We are required to do this by the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles \(CGRPs\)](#). Section 5.4. We may also publish this information on business.gov.au. This information may include:

- name of your organisation
- title of the project
- description of the project and its aims
- amount of grant funding awarded
- Australian Business Number
- business location
- your organisation's industry sector.

² See Australian Taxation Office ruling GSTR 2012/2 available at [ato.gov.au](#)

11. How we monitor your grant activity

11.1. Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your project or organisation.

We need you to promptly advise us of any key changes to your organisation or its business activities, particularly if they affect your ability to complete your project, carry on business and pay debts due.

You must also promptly inform us of any changes to your:

- name
- addresses
- nominated contact details
- bank account details
- changes to your organisation, for example if it no longer employs journalists producing core news.

If you become aware of a breach of terms and conditions under the grant agreement, you must contact us immediately.

11.2. Reporting

You must submit reports in line with the grant agreement. We will provide the requirements for these reports as appendices in the grant agreement. We will remind you of your reporting obligations before a report is due. We will expect you to report on:

- progress against agreed milestones and outcomes
- changes to FTE journalists which will have an impact on grantee eligibility
- project expenditure, including expenditure of grant funds
- changes to entity eligibility which will have an impact on grantee eligibility for example changes in GST registration, insolvency, or partnership status.

We will monitor the progress of your project by assessing reports you submit and may conduct site visits to confirm details of your reports if necessary. Occasionally we may need to re-examine claims, seek further information or request an independent audit of claims and payments.

11.2.1. Progress reports

Progress reports must:

- include details of your progress towards completion of agreed project activities
- show the total eligible expenditure incurred to date
- be submitted by the report due date (you can submit reports ahead of time if you have completed relevant project activities).

We will only make grant payments when we receive satisfactory progress reports.

You must discuss any project or milestone reporting delays, changes to staffing, or changes to your organisation, which may impact eligibility with us as soon as you become aware of them.

11.2.2. Ad-hoc reports

We may ask you for ad-hoc reports on your project. This may be to provide an update on progress, or any significant delays or difficulties in completing the project.

11.2.3. End of project report

When you complete the project, you must submit an end of project report.

End of project reports must:

- include the agreed evidence as specified in the grant agreement
- identify the total eligible expenditure incurred for the project
- include a declaration that the grant money was spent in accordance with the grant agreement and to report on any underspends of the grant money
- be submitted by the report due date.

11.3. Audited financial acquittal report

We may ask you to provide an independent audit report. An audit report will verify that you spent the grant in accordance with the grant agreement. The audit report requires you to prepare a statement of grant income and expenditure.

11.4. Grant agreement variations

We recognise that unexpected events may affect project progress. In these circumstances, you can request a variation to your grant agreement, including extending the timeframe for completing the final report.

You are unable to request an increase in grant funds.

If you want to propose changes to the grant agreement, you must put them in writing before the grant agreement end date. You can submit a variation request via our online portal.

If a delay in the project causes milestone achievement and payment dates to move to a different financial year, you will need a variation to the grant agreement. We can only move funds between financial years if there is enough program funding in the relevant year to allow for the revised payment schedule. If we cannot move the funds, you may lose some grant funding.

You should not assume that a variation request will be successful. We will consider your request based on factors such as:

- how it affects the project outcome
- consistency with the program policy objective, grant opportunity guidelines and any relevant policies of the department
- changes to the timing of grant payments
- availability of program funds.

11.5. Compliance visits

We may visit you during the project period, or at the completion of your project to review your compliance with the grant agreement or to confirm details of your reports if necessary. We will provide you with reasonable notice of any compliance visit.

11.6. Record keeping

We may also inspect the records you are required to keep under the grant agreement.

11.7. Evaluation

DITRDCA will evaluate the program to measure how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved. We may use information from your application and project reports for this purpose. We may also interview you, or ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the program was in achieving its outcomes.

We may contact you up to two years after you finish your project for more information to assist with this evaluation.

11.8. Acknowledgement

If you make a reference to the support you have received under the program you must acknowledge the grant by using the following:

‘This publication received support from the Australian Government under the Journalism Assistance Fund Program. Support from the program covers part of the cost of employing journalists, but does not influence the production of specific content.’

12. Probity

We will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair, according to the published guidelines, incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct and is consistent with the CGRPs.

These guidelines may be changed from time-to-time by DISR. When this happens, the revised guidelines will be published on GrantConnect.

12.1. Enquiries and feedback

For further information or clarification, you can contact us on 13 28 46 or by [web chat](#) or through our [online enquiry form](#) on business.gov.au.

We may publish answers to your questions on our website as Frequently Asked Questions.

Our [Customer Service Charter](#) is available at business.gov.au. We use customer satisfaction surveys to improve our business operations and service.

If you have a complaint, call us on 13 28 46. We will refer your complaint to the appropriate manager.

If you are not satisfied with the way we handle your complaint, you can contact:

General Manager
Business Grants Hub
Department of Industry, Science and Resources
GPO Box 2013
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You can also contact the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#) with your complaint (call 1300 362 072). There is no fee for making a complaint, and the Ombudsman may conduct an independent investigation.

12.2. Conflicts of interest

Any conflicts of interest could affect the performance of the program. There may be a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, if our staff, any member of a committee or advisor and/or you or any of your personnel:

- has a professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who is able to influence the application selection process, such as an Australian Government officer
- has a relationship with or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the applicants from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently or
- has a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain because the organisation receives a grant under the grant program/grant opportunity.

As part of your application, we will ask you to declare any perceived or existing conflicts of interests or confirm that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest.

If you later identify an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, you must inform us in writing immediately.

Conflicts of interest for Australian Government staff are handled as set out in the Australian [Public Service Code of Conduct \(Section 13\(7\)\)](#) of the [Public Service Act 1999](#). Committee members and other officials including the decision maker must also declare any conflicts of interest.

We publish our [conflict of interest policy](#)³ on the department's website. The Commonwealth policy entity also publishes a conflict of interest policy on its website.

12.3. Privacy

Unless the information you provide to us is:

- confidential information as per below, or
- personal information as per below.

³ <https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/conflict-interest-policy>

We may share the information with other government agencies for a relevant Commonwealth purpose such as:

- to improve the effective administration, monitoring and evaluation of Australian Government programs
- for research
- to announce the awarding of grants.

We must treat your personal information according to the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) and the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). This includes letting you know:

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information
- to whom we give your personal information.

We may give the personal information we collect from you to our employees and contractors and other Commonwealth employees and contractors, so we can:

- manage the program
- research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities.

We, or the Minister, may:

- announce the names of successful applicants to the public
- publish personal information on the department's websites.

You may read our [Privacy Policy](#)⁴ on the department's website for more information on:

- what is personal information
- how we collect, use, disclose and store your personal information
- how you can access and correct your personal information.

12.4. Confidential information

Other than information available in the public domain, you agree not to disclose to any person, other than us, any confidential information relating to the grant application and/or agreement, without our prior written approval. The obligation will not be breached where you are required by law, Parliament or a stock exchange to disclose the relevant information or where the relevant information is publicly available (other than through breach of a confidentiality or non-disclosure obligation).

We may at any time, require you to arrange for you; or your employees, agents or subcontractors to give a written undertaking relating to nondisclosure of our confidential information in a form we consider acceptable.

We will treat the information you give us as sensitive and therefore confidential if it meets all of the following conditions:

- you clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential
- the information is commercially sensitive
- disclosing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else

⁴ <https://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/privacy-policy>

- you provide the information with an understanding that it will stay confidential.

We may disclose confidential information:

- to our Commonwealth employees and contractors, to help us manage the program effectively
- to the Auditor-General, Ombudsman or Privacy Commissioner
- to the responsible Minister or Assistant Minister
- to a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

We may also disclose confidential information if:

- we are required or authorised by law to disclose it
- you agree to the information being disclosed, or
- someone other than us has made the confidential information public.

12.5. Freedom of information

All documents in the possession of the Australian Government, including those about the program, are subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act).

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give members of the public rights of access to information held by the Australian Government and its entities. Under the FOI Act, members of the public can seek access to documents held by the Australian Government. This right of access is limited only by the exceptions and exemptions necessary to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons in respect of whom the information relates.

If someone requests a document under the FOI Act, we will release it (though we may need to consult with you and/or other parties first) unless it meets one of the exemptions set out in the FOI Act.

13. Glossary

Term	Definition
administering entity	When an entity that is not responsible for the policy, is responsible for the administration of part or all of the grant administration processes.
application form	The document issued by the Program Delegate that applicants use to apply for funding under the program.
<i>Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles (CGRPs)</i>	Establish the overarching Commonwealth grants policy framework and articulate the expectations for all non-corporate Commonwealth entities in relation to grants administration. Under this overarching framework, non-corporate Commonwealth entities undertake grants administration based on the mandatory requirements and key principles of grants administration.
completion date	The expected date that the grant activity must be completed and the grant spent by.
core news content	Content that reports, investigates or explains: a. issues or events that are relevant to engaging Australians in public debate and in informing democratic decision making; or b. current issues or events of public significance for Australians at a local, regional, state or national level.
date of effect	Can be the date on which a grant agreement is signed or a specified starting date. Where there is no grant agreement, entities must publish information on individual grants as soon as practicable.
Department	The Department of Industry, Science and Resources.
decision maker	The person who makes a decision to award a grant.
distributed digitally	For the purposes of this program, content that is distributed digitally can include: a. a digital channel or digital publication b. a website c. a digital edition

Term	Definition
	d. social media profiles e. streaming services (or profiles on a streaming platform) f. broadcasted content g. an email newsletter. It must be: h. operated by the applicant i. designed to be distributed digitally.
eligible activities	The activities undertaken by a grantee in relation to a project that are eligible for funding support as set out in 5.1.
eligible application	An application or proposal for grant funding under the program that the Program Delegate has determined is eligible for assessment in accordance with these guidelines.
eligibility criteria	Refer to the mandatory criteria which must be met to qualify for a grant. Assessment criteria may apply in addition to eligibility criteria.
eligible expenditure	The expenditure incurred by a grantee on a project and which is eligible for funding support as set out in 5.3.
grant	For the purposes of the CGRPs, a 'grant' is an arrangement for the provision of financial assistance by the Commonwealth or on behalf of the Commonwealth: a. under which relevant money⁵ or other Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) money⁶ is to be paid to a grantee other than the Commonwealth; and b. which is intended to help address one or more of the Australian Government's policy outcomes while assisting the grantee achieve its objectives.
grant activity/activities	Refers to the project/tasks/services that the grantee is required to undertake.

⁵ Relevant money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 8, Dictionary.

⁶ Other CRF money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 105, Rules in relation to other CRF money.

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grant agreement	A legally binding contract that sets out the relationship between the Commonwealth and a grantee for the grant funding and specifies the details of the grant.
grant funding or grant funds	The funding made available by the Commonwealth to grantees under the program.
grant opportunity	Refers to the specific grant round or process where a Commonwealth grant is made available to potential grantees. Grant opportunities may be open or targeted and will reflect the relevant grant selection process.
grant program	A ‘program’ carries its natural meaning and is intended to cover a potentially wide range of related activities aimed at achieving government policy outcomes. A grant program is a group of one or more grant opportunities under a single [entity] Portfolio Budget Statement Program.
GrantConnect	The Australian Government’s whole-of-government grants information system, which centralises the publication and reporting of Commonwealth grants in accordance with the CGRPs.
grantee	The individual/organisation which has been selected to receive a grant
journalist	A person paid to produce core news content. Refer to definition of core news content within these guidelines.
Minister	The Commonwealth Minister for Communications.
non-income-tax-exempt	Not exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1997</i> (Cth) or under Division 1AB of Part III of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1936</i> (Cth).
payroll details	For the purposes of this grant program payroll details include payroll summaries, payslips, or evidence of contractor payments. The payroll details must clearly identify the applicant entity as the payer and clearly identify the relevant journalist/s receiving the payment.
personal information	Has the same meaning as in the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> (Cth) which is:

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	Information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable: - whether the information or opinion is true or not; and - whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not.
Program Delegate	A Manager within the Business Grants Hub in DISR with responsibility for administering the program.
program funding or program funds	The funding made available by the Commonwealth for the program.
project	A project is defined as the activity undertaken by the grantee under the program. For the Journalism Assistance Fund Program 'project' refers to the funding to support wages for eligible journalists producing core news content that is distributed digitally.