

“The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is a community development program funded by the Australian Government. The program aims to support projects with a strong development focus that complement Australia's broader aid program which contributes to sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction.”

What types of projects are eligible under the Direct Aid Program?

The Direct Aid Program is a competitive small grants program (up to 8,000 Pa'anga). Each proposal is considered against the other proposals received.

In 2015-16 the Australian High Commission will be prioritising projects in **agriculture**, **women's economic empowerment** and **sport for development** to deliver benefits to the community in the areas of livelihoods and health. We will also consider proposals in areas of:

- ✓ Poverty alleviation
- ✓ Community health
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Fisheries
- ✓ Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls
- ✓ Youth and people with disabilities
- ✓ Water security

To strengthen your application, you should consider:

- ❖ How to maximise the number of people that will benefit from your project.
- ❖ Can the community make a contribution to support the project (land, material, labour or resources)?
- ❖ How can the project continue to provide a benefit to the community after the funding has been spent?



What types of projects are not eligible under the Direct Aid Program?

- × Projects that involve issuing cash grants, grants programs, micro-credit schemes or commercial ventures
- × Purchase of livestock or major assets, for example, vehicles.
- × Improvements to an individual's house or land
- × Any overseas travel
- × Routine, recurring running costs and administrative expenses including office rental and utility costs, spare parts, routine maintenance and reports, or staff salaries.

How to apply

To apply for a DAP Grant (8,000 Pa'anga or less):

1. Download and complete the Direct Aid Program Application Form from <http://tonga.embassy.gov.au/>
2. Obtain quotes from suppliers and businesses to support your application.
3. Request letters of reference for you organisation and project from relevant referees (Town/District Officers, Ministries, Group Leaders, etc).
4. Submit your application to electronically to james.deane@dfat.gov.au or in hard copy to the Australian High Commission, Salote Road, Nuku'alofa.

The Australian High Commission will consider DAP grants in excess of 8,000 Pa'anga in exceptional circumstances. It is necessary to make an appointment with the DAP Coordinator by calling 23244 or email james.deane@dfat.gov.au if you intend to submit an application for more than TOP 8,000.



More information on the Direct Aid Program can be found on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Homepage here:

<http://dfat.gov.au/aid/topics/development-issues/direct-aid-program/>