



DIRECT AID PROGRAM TONGA SUBMISSION GUIDELINES 2019-20



Tongan alphabet flashcards project supported by DAP grant in 2018

The Direct Aid Program is a competitive small grants program funded by the Australian Aid program. Grants of up to 8000 pa'anga are available for proposals that can demonstrate a strong benefit to local communities in line with the priorities of the Australian Aid program in Tonga.

In 2019-20, we particularly welcome proposals for projects that address the following needs:

- people with disabilities, women and girls, livelihoods, human rights, environment and climate change, community health, arts and culture, youth and social inclusion

In recent years, the Direct Aid Program in Tonga has supported projects including:

- a school library for GPS Pangai, Ha'apai
- a children's playground next to the BSP carpark in Nuku'alofa
- community consultations on the rights of LGBTI people in Tonga
- learning equipment to assist visually impaired students

To strengthen your application, you should consider:

- How will you 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?

- × issuing cash grants, cash prizes, grants programs, micro-credit schemes or commercial ventures
- × buying livestock, vehicles, lawnmowers, weed-eaters, or water tanks or fences for individual households
- × 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.

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATIONS 2019-20

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
September 13, 2019	December 13, 2019	March 13, 2020	May 29, 2020

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a DAP Grant (8000 pa'anga or less):

1. Download and complete the Direct Aid Program Application Form from <http://tonga.embassy.gov.au/dap> or request a hardcopy from the Australian High Commission, Salote Road, Nuku'alofa.
2. Obtain independent quotes from suppliers and businesses to support your application.
3. Request letters of reference for your organisation and project from relevant referees (town/district officers, ministries, group leaders, etc).
4. Submit your application electronically to leon.braun@dfat.gov.au or aulola.ake@dfat.gov.au or in hard copy to the Australian High Commission, Salote Road, Nuku'alofa.

The Australian High Commission may consider grants in excess of 8000 pa'anga in exceptional circumstances. If you intend to submit an application for more than 8000 pa'anga, you must make an appointment with the DAP coordinator by calling 23244 or emailing leon.braun@dfat.gov.au or aulola.ake@dfat.gov.au.



Learning equipment for visually impaired students at Tupou Tertiary Institute in 2018