



DIRECT AID PROGRAM – TONGA SUBMISSION GUIDELINES 2022-23



Photo: Australia's Direct Aid Program funded for Tonga's Waste Collection Teams' safety uniform - Waste Authority Limited in 2021.

WHAT IS THE DIRECT AID PROGRAM (DAP)?

The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is a competitive small grants program funded by the Australian Aid program, managed by the Australian High Commission in Nuku'alofa. The DAP invites proposals **up to 15,000 pa'anga** that demonstrate a strong benefit to local communities and align with the priority areas of the Australian Aid program in Tonga. These priorities include benefits to;

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

If you wish to discuss your proposal before submitting, please make an appointment with the DAP coordinator to discuss. You can contact them by phone (20411) or email (daptonga@dfat.gov.au)

KEY DATES FOR DAP 2022-23

	ROUND 1	ROUND 2
Applications Open	5 September 2022	20 March 2023
Applications Close	16 September 2022	31 March 2023

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a DAP Grant (15,000 pa'anga or less):

1. Click here: [Free Trial Signup — SmartyGrants](#) to register an account on the Smartygrants online system. If you can't access the application online, you may collect a hardcopy from the Australian High Commission, Salote Road, Nuku'alofa.
2. Answer each application question according to the instructions provided. Please contact the DAP Coordinator if you have any questions about the DAP application process.
3. Submit your application electronically to daptonga@dfat.gov.au or hard in a copy to the Australian High Commission.

In recent years, the DAP in Tonga has supported projects including:

- roof renovation for GPS Leimatu'a
- safety uniform for the Tonga's waste collection teams – Waste Authority Management
- Home Economics materials for Tailulu College - Tongatapu
- bus stations for Houma and Ha'akame community

To strengthen your application, you should consider:

- How will you maximise the number of people that will benefit from your project?
- Can the community contribute 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 DAP?

- ✗ issuing cash grants, cash prizes, grants programs, micro-credit schemes, commercial ventures, and payment for food caterings/meals
- ✗ buying livestock, vehicles, lawnmowers, weed eaters, water tanks or fences for individual households
- ✗ improvements to an individual's house or land
- ✗ overseas travel
- ✗ routine and/or recurring running costs and administrative expenses including rent and utility costs, spare parts, routine maintenance and reports, or staff salaries.



DAP R1 21/22: Tables and chairs for night classes - Holonga Vava'u youth

