



Local Treaty Conversation – Grant Guidelines

Closing 11:59pm, Wednesday 27 March 2019

Background

Reconciliation Victoria recognises the importance of engaging non-Aboriginal Victorians in supporting the Treaty process in Victoria. Reconciliation Victoria is working with key stakeholders, including the Victorian Treaty Advancement Commission, to coordinate activities and messaging related to Treaty in Victoria – both at a State and Local level. Local Treaty Conversations are part of Reconciliation Victoria's Treaty Engagement Project.

Reconciliation Victoria's **Treaty Engagement Project** is designed to:

- mobilise and grow the network of reconciliation supporters to build a supportive community environment for the Victorian Treaty/ies process;
- inform and engage the non-Aboriginal community about the importance of Treaty/ies;
- raise awareness of how Treaty/ies will benefit the broader community;
- raise awareness about the role non-Aboriginal people can play in reconciliation and advocating for Treaty/ies (guided by local Aboriginal voices);
- raise awareness and understanding among non-Aboriginal Victorians about the importance of Aboriginal history and culture and the need for truth, justice and healing;
- empower reconciliation supporters to continue the Treaty conversation with their local networks.

In mid-2018, Reconciliation Victoria was pleased to commence building community support for Treaty by engaging non-Aboriginal Victorians through a series of Regional Roadshows in partnership with the [Victorian Treaty Advancement Commission](#) and local councils in 11 regional centres. For a detailed report about the Treaty Roadshows click [here](#).

Local Treaty Conversations – Small Grants Program

Following on from the first phase of the Treaty Engagement project, this second phase will develop resources to encourage and support deeper local conversations with the non-Aboriginal community about Treaty/ies in Victoria in 10 locations around Victoria and also coordinate a Treaty event for local government.

A key component of this work is to support 10 local facilitators to host 10 Local Treaty Conversations across metro and regional Victoria by 30th June 2019. These local conversations will

be supported by the provision of Session Resources, including a Facilitator Guide, and Small Grants to cover expenses. Session Resources will include:

- Facilitator Planning Guide (including how to work with media to promote event)
- Facilitator Speaker Notes
- Agenda & detailed run sheet
- Handouts: Frequently Asked Questions/Mythbusters, Fact Sheets, Further Resources

A Reconciliation Victoria representative will attend all Local Treaty Conversations and provide phone and email support to Facilitators in planning their local conversation.

Grant Guidelines - Eligibility & Requirements

Small grants of up to \$1,000 (excluding GST) are available per Local Treaty Conversation event. Grants are aimed at Local Reconciliation Groups and Community Groups. Before applying, we encourage applicants to consider their understanding of the Treaty process to date and to get familiar with the Treaty information on [Reconciliation Victoria's website](#) as well as the [Victorian Treaty Advancement Commission's website](#).

- 1. As a Local Treaty Conversation Facilitator, you must be able to hold a local Treaty Conversation before 30th June 2019.** If you'd like to host a conversation post June 2019, let us know at info@reconciliationvic.org.au (note this may need to be part of the next project phase)
- 2. Local Treaty Conversations must:**
 - Engage local Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community as part of the planning and delivery
 - Engage local council in the planning and if possible, delivery (they may be able to provide venue at no cost)
 - Follow Reconciliation Victoria session outline and key messaging
 - Provide handouts
 - Support the aims of the Reconciliation Victoria's Treaty Engagement Project
- 3. Facilitators must demonstrate:**
 - the capacity to draw an audience of 30 – 50 people (minimum) from their local community, preferably from a diverse network.
 - a track record in organising events such as forums, including skills in promoting the event in local media, social media and beyond their own immediate network.
 - existing relationships with local Traditional Owners and/or members of their local Aboriginal community with the view to engage members in the planning and implementation of the event.
 - Desirable: reflection on how the non-Aboriginal community can support Treaty in Victoria

4. Facilitator must be prepared to:

- attend a briefing and resource feedback session Saturday 6 April, 9:30-11:30am, prior to our Reconciliation Network Forum – or at an alternative time around that date (tba). Under exceptional circumstances we may be able to arrange an alternative briefing session based on demand. Please note this in your grant application.
- submit a brief report (including photos and media reports) on the activity by Friday 5 July 2019. Report template will be provided.

Grant Assessment Process

Grant applications will be selected based on:

- Demonstrated ability to meet grant guidelines requirements and eligibility.
- Local Reconciliation Groups will be prioritised for grants however other community groups may apply.
- Where there is more than one grant application to host a Local Treaty Conversation in the same locations or nearby, Reconciliation Victoria may approach applicants to partner in hosting one event.

Grant Application Process

Grant Applications Open	Wed 13 th March 2019
Grant Applications Close	11:59pm, Wed 27 th March 2019
Successful recipients notified	Wed 3 rd April 2019
Unsuccessful recipients notified	Mon 5 th April 2019
Grant Recipient Briefing Session (required)	Sat 6 th April 2019
Grant Funds Distributed	Upon receipt of invoice – by 30 th June 2019
Project Reports Due	Fri 5 th July 2019