



CHAMPIONSHIPS
EVENTS TASMANIA GRANT
PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Events Tasmania Grants Program

Thank you for your interest in the Events Tasmania Grants Program. This document provides guidelines for organisations interested in seeking funding through the Championship grants category.

Before you submit your application online, please read the guidelines to confirm your eligibility.

About Events Tasmania

Events are an incredibly important part of the visitor economy. They create a trigger for travel, promote regional dispersal of visitors and generate fantastic stories and images that in turn increase people's desire to visit Tasmania.

Housed within the Department of State Growth, Events Tasmania delivers a balanced events portfolio that enhances Tasmania's reputation as a tourism destination.

Events supported through Events Tasmania provide a significant return on investment to the Tasmanian economy each year, as well as creating jobs and encouraging pride in our state.

Our support and funding programs have been developed to maintain a balanced events portfolio that:

- attracts people to Tasmania;
- encourages people to move around Tasmania; and
- gets people talking about Tasmania through their own circles of influence.

About the program

Established in 2002, the Events Tasmania Grants Program has provided funds to over 1000 events. Funding is available through the Events Tasmania Grants Program this year under the following grant categories:

- Touring grants
- Event Marketing Tasmania grants
- Championship grants
- One-off Assistance grants
- Event Ready grants

More information about the Events Tasmania Grants Program is available at www.eventstasmania.com/grants.



About Championship grants

Events Tasmania is committed to increasing the number of people coming to Tasmania, ensuring that they travel around the state while they are here.

As part of meeting these objectives, Events Tasmania is investing in events that bring competitors and supporters to Tasmania.

Eligibility

Grants are worked out against set criteria up to a maximum of \$10 000 and are available to eligible competitions, championships and sporting events that:

- attract more than 100 people from outside Tasmania who stay three nights or more in paid commercial accommodation (hotel, motel, B&B, cabin)
- promote pre- and post-championship holidays and regional touring as a part of their event promotion.

Applicants can be based anywhere in Australia, and must be able to enter into a funding agreement with the Tasmanian Government.

Championship grants funding criteria

Grants are valued from \$3 500 to \$10 000. There are three simple questions asked in the table below that will assist you with determining your grant value:

How many interstate or overseas visitors are coming to your Championship?	When is your championship being held?	Where in Tasmania is your championship being held?	Grant value
Between 100 and 199	Between December and February	Greater Hobart	\$3,500
		Outside Greater Hobart	\$5,000
	Between March and November	Greater Hobart	\$5,000
		Outside Greater Hobart	\$5,000
Between 200 and 399	Between December and February	Greater Hobart	\$5,000
		Outside Greater Hobart	\$5,000
	Between March and November	Greater Hobart	\$5,000
		Outside Greater Hobart	\$7,500
Over 400	Between December and February	Greater Hobart	\$5,000
		Outside Greater Hobart	\$7,500
	Between March and November	Greater Hobart	\$7,500
		Outside Greater Hobart	\$10,000

Events Tasmania strongly encourages applicants to demonstrate:

- Engagement with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community and the steps taken to acknowledge and/or incorporate genuine and meaningful inclusion of Tasmanian Aboriginal culture in the event.
- The operation of an environmentally sustainable event or how the event is working towards sustainable practices in operation and delivery.
- How your event currently meets the accessibility needs of patrons or the plans to identify and work towards this.

When and how to apply

There are no application deadlines for Championship grants, but we do suggest that you lodge your application at least three months prior to commencement of your event.

Grant applications are open from July – May (inclusive) each year.

Reasons you may not be eligible for a grant

Our funding programs don't support conferences, conventions, symposiums, trade fairs, fundraising events, expos, concert series, touring shows and events that are primarily a showcase for stall-holders to demonstrate, promote or sell services or products.

If your event already receives Events Tasmania funding through a Major Event Partnership, you are not eligible for funding from the Grants Program for the same event.

Taxation and financial implications

The receipt of funding from this program may be treated as income by the ATO. While grants are typically treated as assessable income for taxation purposes, how they are treated will depend on the recipient's particular circumstances.

Step by step guide to applying for, claiming and acquitting a Championship grant

To apply

1. Ensure that you meet the eligibility criteria prior to submitting an application.
2. Complete and submit the Championship grants online application form at the following link: eventstasmania.com/applynow/championships
3. Within two weeks you will receive notification that your application has been received, and if it has been approved (and if not, why).

To claim grant funds

4. As a successful applicant you enter into a funding agreement with the Tasmanian Government that outlines your commitments to receive the grant.
5. Once the funding agreement is finalised, you submit an invoice to us for the agreed grant amount, which will be paid within 30 days.

Deliver your event

6. At the conclusion of your event you are required to provide Events Tasmania with information detailing each attendee's name and the name of the paid accommodation they stayed at during the event.
7. Events Tasmania will audit your information to ensure compliance with the funding agreement, and follow-up with you afterwards.

It is strongly recommended that potential applicants seek independent advice about the possible tax implications for receiving the grant under the program from a tax advisor, financial advisor and/or the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), prior to submitting an application.

Confidentiality

The Tasmanian Government may use and disclose the information provided by applicants for the purposes of discharging its respective functions.

The Department may also:

1. Use information received in applications for any other departmental business.
2. Use information received in applications and during the performance of the project for reporting.

Administration and contact details

Funding will be administered by Events Tasmania through the Department of State Growth on behalf of The Crown in Right of Tasmania. Any person requiring further advice or information on the program, or submitting an application, is asked to direct enquiries to: info@eventstasmania.com or Events Tasmania on 6165 5022.

Important note

All applicants must take care to provide true and accurate information. Any information that is found to be false or misleading may result in action being taken and grant funds, if already provided, will be required to be repaid to the department.

Publicity of grant assistance

The Department of State Growth disburses public funds and is therefore accountable for the distribution of those funds. As part of the accountability process, the department may publicise the level of financial assistance, the identity of the recipient, the purpose of the financial assistance, and any other details considered by the department to be appropriate.

Right to information

Information provided to the Department of State Growth may be subject to disclosure in accordance with the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

Personal information protection

Personal information will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*. This information may be accessed by the individual to whom it related, on request to the Department of State Growth. A fee for this service may be charged.

Disclosure

The following applies to all successful applicants:

- Despite any confidentiality or intellectual property right subsisting in the grant funding agreement or deed, a party may publish all or any part of the grant funding agreement or deed without reference to another party.
- Nothing in this item 15 Disclosure, derogates from a party's obligations under the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* (Tas) or the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cwlth).

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