



Grant Guidelines



About This Program

For nearly a decade, the Welcome Dinner Project (WDP) has brought together newly arrived and established Australians in local homes across the country. Through generous sharing and trust in one another, thousands of people have connected over pot-luck dinners that spark lasting friendships.

As WDP transitions to its next phase, Proveda is honored to partner with WDP to make its model and resources publicly and freely available - empowering communities across Australia and beyond to create their own meaningful connections.

While this transition work is in progress, we're proud to **support existing WDP community members with micro-grants to host celebratory dinners** - a chance to honor the project's impact, recognise its many contributors, and bring WDP communities together to celebrate this remarkable journey.

These micro-grants will support a meaningful conclusion to this chapter, bringing together people who have already connected through previous Welcome Dinners to celebrate the relationships and community bonds that have been formed.

Grant Amounts

- **Regional Areas:** \$500 AUD
- **Capital City Areas:** \$1,000 AUD

Event Timeline



Events must take place between September-12th December 2025

Eligibility Criteria

Who Can Apply?

- Past Welcome Dinner Project **facilitators**
- Past Welcome Dinner Project **coordinators**
- **Must have access to a suitable home venue** for hosting the dinner
- We encourage facilitators from the same region to come together and apply jointly

What Can Be Funded?

You decide how the funding can be used best for your celebration. Eligible expenses include:

- Basic refreshments and drinks (non-alcoholic)
- Cultural food ingredients for host/facilitator contributions
- Event materials and supplies (name tags, decorations, basic stationery)
- Transport assistance for guests (public transport vouchers, taxi fares)
- Basic promotional materials (printing, postage for invitations)
- Child-friendly activities and supplies
- Reasonable costs relating to coordination activities
- Thank you gifts for participants (maximum \$100 total)

Please note the following expenses are ineligible:

- Alcohol
- Permanent equipment purchases
- Catering services (dinners must maintain pot-luck tradition)
- Entertainment/performers fees
- Gift cards or cash payments to participants
- Any other costs not relating to the dinner

Event Requirements

- The event must be led by people with WDP facilitation experience
- Event must be held in a private home (ideally a previous host, facilitator or coordinator's home)
- Events should aim for a target attendance of 15-30 participants
- Focus on the existing community members. The majority of participants should be people who have previously been involved in the project, maintaining a mix of newer arrivals and established Australians
- Guests bring dishes to share (consistent with WDP's pot luck tradition)
- A dinner guide and resources will be provided to organisers
- There is no formal organisational support from WDP and/or Proveda. Dinners are "inspired by" rather than official WDP events. The Welcome Dinner Project name, logo and resources may be used for this celebration dinner

Application Process

Step 1: Submit an EOI

- Complete the EOI form and submit by **5th September 2025**

Step 2: Review Process

- Applications reviewed within 10 business days by Proveda
- Assessment based on eligibility and event appropriateness
- Successful applicants notified via email

Step 3: Grant Agreement

- Simple grant agreement emailed to successful applicants outlining conditions and reporting requirements
- Funds transferred within 7 business days of email acknowledgement of agreement

Step 4: Run your Event

- Events must occur within specified timeframe (September - 12th December 2025)
- Although no formal support is provided by WDP, we will provide guides to run your event according to the WDP home dinner format
- We can provide you with suggestions re: insurance if you wish to purchase insurance for your event

Step 5: Simple Follow-Up

- **No formal acquittal required** - only follow-up stories and photos needed
- Stories and photos to be shared within 2 weeks of the event, and will contribute to WDP archives.
- Follow up with your participants and community via a thank you email



Contact Information

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