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Dear s. 47G(1)(a)

The Community Grants Hub, on behalf of the Department of Home Affairs, is pleased to invite your organisation to deliver the Large Projects and National Support initiative as part of Program 2.5 - Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship Program.

Please find attached the grant opportunity documents for your review, which include both the Grant Opportunity Guidelines and the Commonwealth Standard grant agreement conditions.

Please respond to this invitation by completing the acceptance forms at **Attachment A** and **Attachment B**, and returning it to support@communitygrants.gov.au.

The closing date for your response is **5.00 PM AEDT on Wednesday, 7 February 2024**.

Please quote 2023-2320 – Large Projects and National Support on the subject line of your document when communicating with the Community Grants Hub.

If you have any questions, please email the Community Grants Hub at support@communitygrants.gov.au up until 5.00 PM AEDT on **Monday, 5 February 2024**.

Yours sincerely

The Community Grants Hub

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Attachment A

Acceptance of the Invitation to deliver the Large Projects and National Support activity

ID and Project Name	2023-2320 - Large Projects and National Support		
Funded Organisation	Australian Associated Press (AAP)		
Location/s	National		
Funding Amount (GST exclusive) and Activity Period	2023-24	2024-25	Total Funding
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Child Safety Compliance and Declaration

Can you confirm the relevant Child Safe measures will be in place before the proposed activity commences?

- Child related employees, contractors or volunteers delivering the activity are compliant with all State, Territory and Commonwealth law relating to the employment or engagement of people who work or volunteer with children, including mandatory reporting and Working With Children Checks.
- National Principles for Child Safe Organisations are implemented.
- All Child-Related Personnel implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.
- A risk assessment has been undertaken to identify the level of responsibility for Children and the level of risk of harm or abuse to Children and appropriate risk management strategies to manage any identified risks have been put in to place.
- A training and compliance regime is in place to ensure that all Child-Related Personnel are aware of, and comply with:
 - the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations;
 - the Grantee's risk management strategy;
 - Relevant Legislation relating to requirements for working with Children, including Working With Children Checks; and
 - Relevant Legislation relating to mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect, however described.

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- Any subcontracting arrangement entered into by the Grantee imposes the same obligations set out here on the subcontractor and also requires the subcontractor to include those obligations in any secondary subcontracts.

RESPONSE:

Please select a response from the drop down list below.

I can confirm the above Child Safety Measures will be in place prior to the activity start.

National Redress Scheme

To be eligible for this grant opportunity your organisation, or your project partner must NOT be an organisation included on the [National Redress Scheme's](#) website list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'. Please confirm that you meet this eligibility requirement.

RESPONSE:

Please select a response from the drop down list below.

I can confirm

You declare your ability to comply with the *Privacy Act 1988* and the Australian Privacy Principles and impose the same privacy obligations on officers, employees, agents and subcontractors that you engage to assist with the activity, in respect of personal information you collect, use, store, or disclose in connection with the activity. Accordingly, you must not do anything, which if done by the Department of Home Affairs would breach an Australian Privacy Principle as defined in the Act.

Invitation to deliver the activity as outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines
(please tick the relevant box below)

Accepted ☒

Declined ☐

Attachment B

Organisational details

Organisation legal name	Australian Associated Press Limited
Organisation trading name	Australian Associated Press Limited (or AAP)
Organisation ABN	ABN 94 641 582 121
Organisation entity type	Company
Is your organisation an Indigenous organisation?	No - Non-Indigenous Organisation.
Business address (i.e. street number, street address, suburb/town, state, postcode)	s. 47G(1)(a)
Postal address (As above <u>or</u> PO box no, suburb/town, postcode)	As above
Organisation phone number	s. 47G(1)(a)
Organisation fax	
Organisation general email	
Organisation financial email	
Organisation web address	
Organisation bank account BSB	
Organisation bank account number	
Organisation bank account name	
Organisation financial institution	

Primary Contact Person details

Title (Mr, Mrs, Dr, etc.)	s. 47G(1)(a)
First name	
Last name	
Position	Head of Strategy and Public Affairs
Address	s. 47G(1)(a)
Phone number	
Email address	

Declaration

This declaration must be signed by an authorised representative of the Applicant. The authorised representative should be a person who is legally empowered to enter into contracts and commitments on behalf of the Applicant.

I declare that:

- The information contained in this form is true and correct.
- I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.
- I have read, understood and agree to the Grant Terms and Conditions, should this Application be successful.
- I give consent to the Community Grants Hub to make public the details of the Applicant and the funding received, should this Application be successful.

☒ I understand and agree to the declaration above.

☒ I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information to the Community Grants Hub is a serious offence under Section 137.1 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth)*.

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Signature:

**Electronic signature: Double click after "Signature" to open Bitmap Image, hold down left mouse button to sign, close bitmap image by clicking on top right corner, which will finalise your electronic signature

Date:

6 February 2024

Full name of signatory:

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Position of signatory:

Chief Executive Officer

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Activity Work Plan

Background and instructions

Activity Work Plan (AWP) – provides information about how you will deliver services. Your Funding Arrangement Manager (FAM) will negotiate and approve your AWP at the start of an agreement or reporting period. *Item E. Reporting* of the grant agreement specifies when the AWP is due. You will need a copy of your grant agreement and grant opportunity guidelines to complete the AWP. A copy of your grant application, where relevant, is also useful.

Activity Work Plan Report (AWPR) – documents what you have delivered against the approved AWP. *Item E. Reporting* of the grant agreement specifies when the AWPR is due. Please use your approved AWP to document your achievements and progress for the reporting period in the AWP Report column.

Each table includes guidance text to assist you to complete the template. Add rows to the tables as required.

If you have any questions about completing the AWP or AWPR, please contact the Community Grants Hub. See *Item F. Party representatives and address for notices* in your grant agreement.

Activity details

Organisation name	Australian Associated Press Ltd	Grant Activity Name	Social Cohesion Measures Grant Large Projects and National Support	Grant Activity ID	4-JC2NWMG
ACTIVITY DETAILS					
Activity Start Date	17 April 2024	Activity End Date	30 June 2025	Total Activity Funding	s. 47G(1)(a)
Activity Requirement:	The grantee will undertake this activity in adherence to the requirements outlined in the Social Cohesion Measures Grant Large Project and National Support Grant Opportunity Guidelines and the relevant grant application.				
This Activity Work Plan covers the following period	Activity Work Plan Start Date	17 April 2024	Activity Work Plan End Date	30 June 2025	



Activity deliverables

When completing the Activity Work Plan, populate the Objective, Deliverable, Time frames and Measures of Success sections. Only complete the AWP Report column when submitting your AWPR.

You may duplicate the rows in this table as many times as necessary to describe each deliverable.

Objective	Deliverable	Measures of success	AWP Report
Describe the intended outcome that your activity / service aims to achieve. Outline the need. Identify key issues that the activity / service seeks to address and the groups that may experience these issues.	- Describe the key tasks / output that you will complete to achieve the activity objectives. - Deliverables should be specific, measurable, and linked to the intended objectives of a service or deliverable.	Identify one or more measures of success for the stated objective/s and indicators that will demonstrate the impact of the action(s).	- Document if your intended deliverables have been achieved, or outline if you are on track to achieve the deliverable. - If you are not on track to achieve the deliverable, outline what steps you have taken so far and steps you will take in the future to achieve the deliverable.
The aim of increasing the capacity of AAP's fact checking unit 'AAP FactCheck', is to mitigate the harms of mis and disinformation, including by enabling a greater volume of harmful content to be checked at a faster rate, and by improving the accessibility of the trusted information AAP FactCheck produces,	1. Identify an increased volume of verifiable misinformation and disinformation circulating online in Australia, including in relation to Australian Palestinian, Muslim and other communities affected by the Hamas-Israel conflict, and provide fact-based content to counter it, including content in Arabic. Reduce time taken to publish fact-check articles. Goal- 40% increase in article volumes. 30% reduction in article production times.	1. AAP FactCheck will report production times and article volumes in comparison to pre-grant baselines. Insight into the impact will be provided via engagement metrics on content, and examples of published checks.	1. Increased debunk articles tackling mis and disinformation: AAP FactCheck has achieved its goal of a 40% increase in the volume of fact-check articles responding to misinformation and disinformation circulating online. Pre-grant, the monthly article volume was 25/month. Under the grant, article volume has been at or above our target of 35/month, ranging from 35-60 articles per month, since July 2024. We aim to exceed our targets over the next six months. Debunk article production time sped up: In the same period, production times have been reduced to below the 30% reduction targeted. Pre-grant, the average turnaround time for a completed article was 6 days. Most articles are now published in less than half that time, meaning action on false content is taken faster, reducing the harm it can cause. This has been achieved by expanding our



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Describe the intended outcome that your activity / service aims to achieve. Outline the need. Identify key issues that the activity / service seeks to address and the groups that may experience these issues. particularly for CALD communities. There is a high volume of mis and disinformation on social media, including regarding the Hamas-Israel conflict, which is negatively impacting Australian Palestinian, Muslim and other communities. Attacking this mis and disinformation via a set of measures to improve trust in the information environment will support communities identified in this grant and also promote social cohesion	- Describe the key tasks / output that you will complete to achieve the activity objectives. - Deliverables should be specific, measurable, and linked to the intended objectives of a service or deliverable. Timeframe: <i>Commencing June 2024, achieve goal by end of grant period.</i> 2. Provide fact-check articles and advice to third-party fact-checking partners to the greatest extent possible. Goal - contribute to a reduction in mis/disinformation in circulation on social media, including in relation to the Hamas-Israel conflict. Timeframe: <i>Throughout the grant period.</i> 3. Routinely create and share a mix of re-active and pro-active content based on analysis of the disinformation environment. Goal - add explainers, pre-bunk and analysis to our content mix to support accurate understanding and social cohesion. Timeframe: <i>Throughout the grant period.</i>	Identify one or more measures of success for the stated objective/s and indicators that will demonstrate the impact of the action(s). 2. Data on the impacts on problematic posts and actors on Meta and TikTok will be provided to the extent permitted under our commercial third-party fact-checking contracts. 3. Success = regularly posting AAP FactCheck content in new formats, impact indicated by audience reach. URLs for new content types can be collated and insight into the impact will be via engagement metrics and examples of published content.	- Document if your intended deliverables have been achieved, or outline if you are on track to achieve the deliverable. - If you are not on track to achieve the deliverable, outline what steps you have taken so far and steps you will take in the future to achieve the deliverable. team and maintaining the rigorous editing and production process required for fact checking and to meet AAP's high standards ensuring trusted, impartial verdicts. It is of note that AAP FactCheck has debunked more than 50 false claims directly relevant to the Hamas-Israel conflict, and/or Australian Palestinian and Muslim communities. Since late June, two Arabic translations of fact-check articles have been provided free to publishers serving CALD communities. 2. Contributing to the reduction of mis/disinformation online (Meta, TikTok & Google partnerships): Up to 60 AAP FactCheck articles each month are provided to Meta's third-party fact-checking program and dozens of fact-check assessments are separately provided to TikTok's fact-checking program. Individual AAP FactCheck articles have a significant impact - firstly, the verdicts inform interventions Meta and TikTok place on harmful content to protect their users, and secondly, Meta applies AI matching technology to attach AAP FactCheck articles to misinformation spreading the same falsehood, exponentially increasing the reach. AAP FactCheck articles also top Google returns for related searches.



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Describe the intended outcome that your activity / service aims to achieve. Outline the need. Identify key issues that the activity / service seeks to address and the groups that may experience these issues. more broadly, as outlined in the deliverables.	- Describe the key tasks / output that you will complete to achieve the activity objectives. - Deliverables should be specific, measurable, and linked to the intended objectives of a service or deliverable. 4. Create and deliver a social media education campaign designed to empower communities to recognise and avoid disinformation. <i>Timeframe: Between September 2024 and the next federal election.</i>	Identify one or more measures of success for the stated objective/s and indicators that will demonstrate the impact of the action(s). 4. Links to social media campaign materials will be provided, as will an impact report detailing a range of relevant metrics.	- Document if your intended deliverables have been achieved, or outline if you are on track to achieve the deliverable. - If you are not on track to achieve the deliverable, outline what steps you have taken so far and steps you will take in the future to achieve the deliverable. terms, promoting factual information when people are searching for information. 3. Delivering information in new formats, reaching new audiences: The grant has enabled AAP FactCheck to begin a video service routinely publishing a mix of debunk, pre-bunk and explainer videos across 8 social channels. AAP FactCheck also regularly provides analysis articles sharing information, or addressing issues, that don't suit the framework of a fact-check article and can be pushed directly to news subscribers of AAP. These additions to our service have helped us reach new audiences in new ways, increasing the impact of our work. This deliverable is on track. 4. Helping millions of Australians to identify AI-generated disinformation: AAP FactCheck ran a month-long social media educational campaign highlighting media literacy concepts. The campaign, which gamified awareness of AI-generated disinformation and basic media literacy skills, reached 2.5 million Australians
Support fact checked, balanced and impartial media.	1. Goal of the activity is a 40% increase in AAP FactCheck articles. (As noted above at 1.) These are attached to false claims circulating on Meta platforms and	1. AAP FactCheck will report on article volumes in comparison to pre-grant baselines.	1. Increased fact checking in the media: As per point 1 above: AAP FactCheck has achieved its goal of a 40% increase in the volume of fact-check articles responding to misinformation and



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Note: This grant is for AAP FactCheck, which is a unit within AAP, not for AAP's general newsgathering. In delivering activities under this grant, AAP retains full editorial independence over all aspects of the fact-checking process, from identifying and selecting the claims to be checked, through to publishing.	are published by AAP FactCheck directly. Timeframe: <i>Commencing June 2024, achieve goal by end of grant period.</i> 2. Increase publication of AAP FactCheck content by news outlets (both AAP subscribers and non-subscribers), including those working in Arabic. Timeframe: <i>Throughout the grant period.</i>	2. Report on the number of AAP FactCheck articles published by other news outlets and the number of outlets publishing the content.	disinformation circulating online. These articles are available to AAP's hundreds of traditional news media subscribers to publish, as well as online through social media and AAP's website. 2. Building new relationships with CALD publishers: AAP FactCheck engaged with 45 different CALD publishers - none of whom were existing AAP clients. Many opted into our translation project, in which two articles per week were shared in Arabic, Vietnamese and Simplified Chinese. AAP FactCheck began sharing analysis articles to AAP news subscribers, and AAP FactCheck's new website will help drive interest and engagement when it launches in late January. We will work with AAP's commercial staff to promote fact-check articles to news outlets.
Strengthen Australia's confidence in the information environment and enhance social cohesion by debunking and reducing the volume	1. Increase fact-checking capacity and fact-based content creation to counter misinformation and disinformation circulating in Australia. Goal: Expand team to achieve 40% increase in fact-check article volume, and reduce	1. AAP FactCheck will confirm recruitment outcomes and report production times and article volumes in comparison to pre-grant baselines.	1. Total number and speed of debunks increased to reduce the circulation of mis/disinformation: AAP FactCheck recruited 1.5 producers, 2.5 journalists and an Audience Growth Editor to drive productivity. We also refined workflows and have achieved our goal of a 40% increase in article volume and exceeded our goal of a 30% reduction in production times.



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	non-English speakers by translating up to 3 fact-check articles per week into Arabic, Vietnamese and Simplified Chinese. Timeframe: <i>Commencing June 2024 with 1 article in 3 languages per week, building to 3 articles in 3 languages per week before end of grant period.</i> 5. Seek input from a range of communities, including those impacted by the Hamas-Israel conflict, as part of the creation of a social media education campaign to support the development of stronger media literacy skills. Timeframe: <i>Between September-December 2024 (or in line with federal election 2025).</i>	4. Provide collated URLs to all translated content. Insight into the impact of the new content set will be via engagement metrics and examples of published content. 5. Provide a summary of consultation outcomes and how they shaped the campaign.	human translations of our fact-check articles addressing viral mis/disinformation. Since late June 2024, AAP FactCheck has translated two articles per week into three languages: Arabic, Vietnamese and Simplified Chinese. These translations are provided free of charge to media serving CALD audiences. Prior to the grant, AAP FactCheck could not support non-English speaking audiences with our factual journalism. 5. Media literacy campaigns: AAP FactCheck has run one successful social media educational campaign and intends to run a second campaign in the lead-up to the federal election, focused on general media literacy messages to support CALD audiences. Consultation with CALD communities will be conducted, and will help inform the campaign messaging.



Risk management (please note any predicted risks & related mitigation strategies)

When completing the Activity Work Plan, populate the Risk and How the Risk will be Managed sections. Only complete the AWP Report column when submitting your AWPR.

You may duplicate the rows in this table as many times as necessary to describe each identified risk.

Risk List any risks you have identified that could affect the successful delivery of activities, outputs and/or outcomes. Risks might include activity, operational, health and safety or reputational.	How the Risk will be Managed - Outline the action(s) your organisation will take to mitigate and/or manage each risk. - This should include consulting your FAM ahead of any media contact referencing activities or issues related to your Grant Agreement.	AWP Report - Document if your risk management strategies were successful and/or provide an update on how they are progressing. - List any new risks are identified, and new management strategies as required.
1. Staff impacted by vicarious trauma through exposure to certain content while undertaking fact-checking duties. 2. Errors in fact-checking impacting AAP FactCheck's reputation and trusted position in the media landscape. 3. Public suspicion that government funding will impact AAP FactCheck impartiality.	1. Training for management by trained providers on mitigating, identifying and managing vicarious trauma. Training provided to staff on practices limit likelihood of vicarious trauma. Implementation of workplace practices designed for vicarious trauma mitigation. 2. Rigorous and entrenched processes in place determining appropriate sources, diversity of sources, editorial analysis and extensive multi-layered editing and review. Errors are addressed quickly and transparently. AAP Standards committee and International Fact-Checking Network oversight of complaint handling and adherence to procedures. 3. Public communication and messaging regarding AAP FactCheck's processes and commitment to objectivity. Reporting to the government restricted to grant deliverables. Adherence to long standing editorial processes.	1. Training on avoiding vicarious trauma was provided to all journalists at AAP FactCheck. Managing vicarious trauma training was also provided to managers. Strategies outlined in the training have been adopted and consistently applied, and staff welfare is a routine subject of conversation in management check-ins. 2. AAP FactCheck has further enhanced editing and production processes under the grant funding, and no errors of fact have been made despite an uptick in volume, thanks to diligent adherence to our stated processes. We also routinely review and discuss our processes to ensure they remain in line with best-practice 3. AAP FactCheck's processes and commitment to objectivity are publicly stated on our website and reiterated in ad hoc public statements. Our reporting to the government focuses on grant deliverables - and we have not received any criticism of our impartiality directly linked to our work under this grant.



Budget

When completing the Activity Work Plan, populate the Items and Budgeted Amount sections for the financial year. Only complete the AWP Report column when submitting your AWPR.

You may duplicate the rows in this table as many times as necessary to describe each item / key category.

Items	Budgeted Amount	AWP Report
List the budget category (e.g. staff, travel)	List the amount expected to be spent	Document the amount you actually spent.
2023/24 Staff Costs Training (External) Travel (induction) Hardware Overheads (recruitment, legal, finance, rent, phones, HR, recruitment, IT etc)	s. 47G(1)(a)	
2024/25 Staff Costs (new positions, PM etc) Training (External) Travel (induction) Social Media Education Campaign Translations		



Stakeholder

When completing your Activity Work Plan, populate the Stakeholder, Interest or Impact and Engagement Strategy sections. Only complete the AWP Report column when submitting your AWPR.

You may duplicate the rows in this table as many times as necessary to describe each stakeholder.

Stakeholder	Interest or Impact	Engagement Strategy	AWP Report
Name the stakeholders who you will need to engage with in the delivery of this activity.	Describe why you need to engage with the stakeholder. Eg. what interest does the stakeholder have in the activity, or how will the activity affect the stakeholder?	Describe how you will engage with the stakeholder to mitigate potential risks. This may relate to the stakeholder's interest in, or the impact of, the activity.	- Document whether your stakeholder engagement strategies were successful. You may want to provide an update on how they are progressing. - Consider if your current stakeholder engagement strategy requires updating.
SBS	SBS is our chosen accredited translation provider for this project. SBS is also a news client of AAP, so may publish some of the content created under this grant.	Providing translations of fact-checked content is relatively high risk due to the nuance of language and inability for our FactCheck editors to check non-English articles before publication. Therefore we will jointly establish and follow uniform protocols to support the accuracy and timeliness of translations. SBS will be credited as the translator so readers know it is a human translation (not AI). We will regularly check-in with the translation team to ensure the project is progressing well on both sides. We will also promote the content to the SBS news language team.	AAP FactCheck has been working effectively with SBS In Language for all our translation needs. We established workflows minimising the turn-around-time, and have open lines of communication. SBS News has not yet published our translated articles, but conversations are ongoing.



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Name the stakeholders who you will need to engage with in the delivery of this activity. Multicultural NSW	Describe why you need to engage with the stakeholder. Eg. what interest does the stakeholder have in the activity, or how will the activity affect the stakeholder? Advisory role, and to facilitate community/allied services connections	Describe how you will engage with the stakeholder to mitigate potential risks. This may relate to the stakeholder's interest in, or the impact of, the activity. Consult Multicultural NSW to take lessons from their translation and campaign experience with CALD communities, and help build community connections.	- Document whether your stakeholder engagement strategies were successful. You may want to provide an update on how they are progressing. - Consider if your current stakeholder engagement strategy requires updating. Insights from Multicultural NSW helped us form our approach to engaging CALD audiences. Their advice helped identify cultural consultants who will support our media literacy campaign insights from the community, and aid us in deepening connections to CALD media.
Community groups	Consultative role - provide culturally relevant insights and advice that will highlight mis/disinformation narratives impacting their communities and inform our priorities for fact-checking. It will also support a culturally-appropriate and relevant social media education campaign.	We will consider a range of communications - from direct meetings, to surveys and feedback forms. We will seek to engage a consultant to support our efforts to identify and liaise with community groups to ensure they are included and invested in our project. We will also encourage open and ongoing communication by offering regular meetings and promoting the option to suggest content for fact-checking. This will ensure educational campaign messaging is culturally appropriate and relevant, and that AAP FactCheck has more insight into mis/disinformation impacting diverse communities.	Consultation with community groups will be driven by experienced cultural consultants we will engage this year as part of our preparation for a media literacy educational campaign on social media. AAP FactCheck promotes input from any stakeholders via our website, and we conducted outreach to 45 CALD media groups ahead of the translation component of this project going live.



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Name the stakeholders who you will need to engage with in the delivery of this activity. AAP News subscribers (traditional media outlets)	Describe why you need to engage with the stakeholder. Eg. what interest does the stakeholder have in the activity, or how will the activity affect the stakeholder? To reach different audiences and amplify the content created under the grant, we are aiming to generate interest among AAP's newswire subscribers in publishing more AAP FactCheck articles, just as they would any of our other reporting.	Describe how you will engage with the stakeholder to mitigate potential risks. This may relate to the stakeholder's interest in, or the impact of, the activity. Better integrating FactCheck content with AAP's traditional Newswire content is an organisation-wide objective. Engagement will include regular communication to news outlets from our editorial leaders to raise awareness among subscribers that AAP FactCheck content is available for them to publish. Publication of AAP FactCheck articles is subject to terms and conditions ensuring content cannot be substantially altered, to protect us from unacceptable edits.	- Document whether your stakeholder engagement strategies were successful. You may want to provide an update on how they are progressing. - Consider if your current stakeholder engagement strategy requires updating. AAP FactCheck expanded its content set to include news-style analysis pieces centred on the information environment, and they have been used in traditional news publications. CALD publishers have also embraced our translated and English content. We have improved communication about our content via a bespoke tool that connects AAP to newsrooms around the nation. In 2025, more effort will go into encouraging greater uptake of AAP FactCheck content by traditional news publishers.
Meta	AAP FactCheck is a third-party fact check provider to Meta. The grant will enable AAP to fact check more content on Meta platforms, including content related to the Hamas-Israel	We will inform our partners at Meta of the grant and will seek Meta's support via ad credits to boost the social media educational campaign created under this project. The relationship will largely be business as usual with Meta, they are not directly involved in the delivery of the project and are not receiving direct funding from the Australian Government for this work. The strict editorial	AAP FactCheck notified Meta of our grant. We did 40% more fact-checking for Meta during the grant period, resulting in more interventions on mis/disinformation on its platforms. We expect to maintain that level of fact-checking, or grow it, in 2025. Meta supported the social media educational campaign created under this



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	conflict. As Meta's partner, AAP FactCheck's reputation as a trusted independent fact check service is critical to uphold.	control of the FactCheck unit and investment in broad campaigns will maintain AAP's strong reputation of independence.	project and published on Meta properties, helping it to reach 2.5 million Australians.
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	relating to the Hamas-Israel conflict on social media.		
Google	Google has also made a large contribution to increase AAP FactCheck's capacity and impact over the same timeframe. The Google partnership has many shared goals with this project, however there is no overlap of funding.	Google was a foundational partner of the AAP FactCheck unit and we will continue to work closely with them. They are aware of Home Affairs' Hamas-Israel conflict fact-checking grant and raised no risks associated with it. Internally, we have a system to ensure it is clear what Google is funding vs Home Affairs and other potential philanthropic contributions.	Google provided funds to AAP FactCheck for capacity building in 2024, and the work done under Google funding was tracked and classified independently of this grant. Google is supportive of AAP FactCheck's collaborative approach to information integrity.
Media Diversity Australia	MDA is a representative group that receives feedback from communities relevant to the grant.	We have met with MDA and explained the role of AAP FactCheck and the aim of this grant activity. We will provide further information to MDA around the critical role fact checking plays in supporting social cohesion, and will check in with the CEO as the project progresses.	MDA offered advice and support as AAP FactCheck worked to engage diverse communities and promote social cohesion. We worked together on training for CALD journalists, and on occasion, consulted their resources.



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International Fact-Checking Network (IFCN)	This project will be relevant to the IFCN when we apply for re-accreditation, as they have strict guidelines we must meet around diversity of funding, government influence and impartiality. We require this accreditation to continue our platform partnerships.	AAP FactCheck will disclose the Home Affairs funding to the IFCN as part of our re-accreditation process.	AAP FactCheck will formally disclose the grant to the IFCN at the relevant time, but has advised of the funding in conversation with IFCN contacts. No issues were identified at that time.



Further comments

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Signed for and on behalf of (Legal Organisation Name)	<u>Australian Associated Press Ltd</u>	Department of Social Services
Signature	s. 47G(1)(a)	_____
Name	s. 47G(1)(a)	_____
Position	Chief Executive Officer	_____
Date	<u>12/7/24</u>	____/____/____



Activity Work Plan

Background and instructions

Activity Work Plan (AWP) – provides information about how you will deliver services. Your Funding Arrangement Manager (FAM) will negotiate and approve your AWP at the start of an agreement or reporting period. *Item E. Reporting* of the grant agreement specifies when the AWP is due. You will need a copy of your grant agreement and grant opportunity guidelines to complete the AWP. A copy of your grant application, where relevant, is also useful.

Activity Work Plan Report (AWPR) – documents what you have delivered against the approved AWP. *Item E. Reporting* of the grant agreement specifies when the AWPR is due. Please use your approved AWP to document your achievements and progress for the reporting period in the AWP Report column.

Each table includes guidance text to assist you to complete the template. Add rows to the tables as required.

If you have any questions about completing the AWP or AWPR, please contact the Community Grants Hub. See *Item F. Party representatives and address for notices* in your grant agreement.

Activity details

Organisation name	Australian Associated Press Ltd	Grant Activity Name	Social Cohesion Measures Grant Large Projects and National Support	Grant Activity ID	4-JC2NWMG
ACTIVITY DETAILS					
Activity Start Date	17 April 2024	Activity End Date	30 June 2025	Total Activity Funding	s. 47G(1)(a)
Activity Requirement:	The grantee will undertake this activity in adherence to the requirements outlined in the Social Cohesion Measures Grant Large Project and National Support Grant Opportunity Guidelines and the relevant grant application.				
This Activity Work Plan covers the following period	Activity Work Plan Start Date	17 April 2024	Activity Work Plan End Date	30 June 2025	



Activity deliverables

When completing the Activity Work Plan, populate the Objective, Deliverable, Time frames and Measures of Success sections. Only complete the AWP Report column when submitting your AWPR.

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Objective	Deliverable	Time frames	Measures of success	AWP Report
- Describe the intended outcome that your activity / service aims to achieve. - Outline the need for the activity/service. - Identify key issues that the activity / service seeks to address and the groups that may experience these issues.	- Describe the key tasks / output that you will complete to achieve the activity objectives. - Deliverables should be specific, measurable, and linked to the intended objectives of a service or deliverable.	Specify the timeframes in which you expect to complete the deliverable.	- Identify one or more measures of success for the stated objective/s. This should include indicators that will, once collected, demonstrate the impact of the action(s). - A measure of success includes what the Department of Social Services and/or you intend to measure, how it will be measured, and when it will be measured.	- Document if your intended deliverables have been achieved, or outline if you are on track to achieve the deliverable. - If you are not on track to achieve the deliverable, outline what steps you have taken so far and steps you will take in the future to achieve the deliverable.
The aim of increasing the capacity of AAP's fact checking unit 'AAP FactCheck', is to mitigate the harms of mis and disinformation, including by enabling a greater volume of harmful content to be checked at a faster rate, and by improving the accessibility of the trusted information AAP FactCheck produces, particularly for CALD communities.	1. Identify an increased volume of verifiable misinformation and disinformation circulating online in Australia, including in relation to Australian Palestinian, Muslim and other communities affected by the Hamas-Israel conflict, and provide fact-based content to counter it, including content in Arabic. Reduce time taken to publish fact-check articles. Goal- 40% increase in	1. Commencing June 2024, achieve goal by end of grant period. 2. Throughout the grant period.	1. AAP FactCheck will report production times and article volumes in comparison to pre-grant baselines. Insight into the impact will be provided via engagement metrics on content, and examples of published checks. 2. Data on the impacts on problematic posts and actors on Meta and TikTok will be provided to the extent permitted under our commercial third-party fact-checking contracts.	



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- Describe the intended outcome that your activity / service aims to achieve. - Outline the need for the activity/service. - Identify key issues that the activity / service seeks to address and the groups that may experience these issues. There is a high volume of mis and disinformation on social media, including regarding the Hamas-Israel conflict, which is negatively impacting Australian Palestinian, Muslim and other communities. Attacking this mis and disinformation via a set of measures to improve trust in the information environment will support communities identified in this grant and also promote social cohesion more broadly, as outlined in the deliverables.	- Describe the key tasks / output that you will complete to achieve the activity objectives. - Deliverables should be specific, measurable, and linked to the intended objectives of a service or deliverable. article volumes. 30% reduction in article production times. 2. Provide fact-check articles and advice to third-party fact-checking partners to the greatest extent possible. Goal - contribute to a reduction in mis/disinformation in circulation on social media, including in relation to the Hamas-Israel conflict. 3. Routinely create and share a mix of re-active and pro-active content based on analysis of the disinformation environment. Goal - add explainers, pre-bunk and analysis to our content mix to	Specify the timeframes in which you expect to complete the deliverable. 3. Throughout the grant period. 4. Between September 2024 and the next federal election.	- Identify one or more measures of success for the stated objective/s. This should include indicators that will, once collected, demonstrate the impact of the action(s). - A measure of success includes what the Department of Social Services and/or you intend to measure, how it will be measured, and when it will be measured. 3. URLs for new content types can be collated and insight into the impact will be via engagement metrics and examples of published content. 4. Links to campaign materials will be provided, as will an impact report detailing a range of relevant metrics .	- Document if your intended deliverables have been achieved, or outline if you are on track to achieve the deliverable. - If you are not on track to achieve the deliverable, outline what steps you have taken so far and steps you will take in the future to achieve the deliverable.



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	support accurate understanding and social cohesion. 4. Create and deliver a social media education campaign designed to empower communities to recognise and avoid disinformation.			
Support fact checked, balanced and impartial media. Note: This grant is for AAP FactCheck, which is a unit within AAP, not for AAP's general newsgathering. In delivering activities under this grant, AAP FactCheck retains full editorial independence over all aspects of	1. Goal of the activity is a 40% increase in AAP FactCheck articles. (As noted above at 1.) These are attached to false claims circulating on Meta platforms and are published by AAP FactCheck directly. 2. Increase publication of AAP FactCheck content by news outlets (both AAP subscribers and	1. Commencing June 2024, achieve goal by end of grant period. 2. Throughout the grant period.	1. AAP FactCheck will report on article volumes in comparison to pre-grant baselines. 2. Report on the number of AAP FactCheck articles published by other news outlets and the number of outlets publishing the content.	



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the fact-checking process, from identifying and selecting the claims to be checked, through to publishing.	non-subscribers), including those working in Arabic.			
Strengthen Australia's confidence in the information environment and enhance social cohesion by debunking and reducing the volume of mis and disinformation circulating online, including in relation to the Hamas-Israel conflict.	1. Increase fact-checking capacity and fact-based content creation to counter misinformation and disinformation circulating in Australia. Goal: Expand team to achieve 40% increase in fact-check article volume, and reduce fact-check article production times by 30% 2. Build analysis capabilities and create and regularly publish pre-bunk, explainer, analysis text and videos on social platforms.	1. Achieve goals by end of grant period. 2. Commencing June 2024, with video added from August. 3. Commencing May 2024 4. Commencing June 2024 with 1 article in 3 languages per week,	1. AAP FactCheck will confirm recruitment outcomes and report production times and article volumes in comparison to pre-grant baselines. 2. AAP FactCheck will provide a report including topline insights from AAP FactCheck analysis and collate URLs for new content types. Insight into the impact of the new content set will be via engagement metrics and examples of published content.	



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	3. Fact-check a broad range of issues and claims capable of impacting/influencing diverse communities. 4. Expand the audience for AAP FactCheck content. Goal: Improve access to fact-check content for non-English speakers by translating up to 3 fact-check articles per week into Arabic, Vietnamese and Simplified Chinese. 5. Seek input from a range of communities, including those impacted by the Hamas-Israel conflict, as part of the creation of a social media education campaign to support the development of stronger media literacy skills.	building to 3 articles in 3 languages per week before end of grant period. 5. Between September-December 2024 (or in line with federal election 2025).	3. AAP FactCheck will collate information summarising the mis/disinformation themes fact-checked and collate URLs to all fact-check articles. 4. Provide collated URLs to all translated content. Insight into the impact of the new content set will be via engagement metrics and examples of published content. 5. Provide a summary of consultation outcomes and how they shaped the campaign.	



Risk management (please note any predicted risks & related mitigation strategies)

When completing the Activity Work Plan, populate the Risk and How the Risk will be Managed sections. Only complete the AWP Report column when submitting your AWPR.

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Risk - List any risks you have identified that could affect the successful delivery of activities, outputs and/or outcomes. - Risks might include, but are not limited to activity, operational, health and safety or reputational.	How the Risk will be Managed - Outline the action(s) your organisation will take to mitigate and/or manage each risk. - This should include consulting your FAM ahead of any media contact referencing activities or issues related to your Grant Agreement.	AWP Report - Document if your risk management strategies were successful and/or provide an update on how they are progressing. - List any new risks are identified, and new management strategies as required.
- Staff impacted by vicarious trauma through exposure to certain content while undertaking fact-checking duties. - Errors in fact-checking impacting AAP FactCheck's reputation and trusted position in the media landscape. - Public suspicion that government funding will impact AAP FactCheck impartiality.	- Training for management by trained providers on mitigating, identifying and managing vicarious trauma. Training provided to staff on practices limit likelihood of vicarious trauma. Implementation of workplace practices designed for vicarious trauma mitigation. - Rigorous and entrenched processes in place determining appropriate sources, diversity of sources, editorial analysis and extensive multi-layered editing and review. Errors are addressed quickly and transparently. AAP Standards committee and International Fact-Checking Network oversight of complaint handling and adherence to procedures. - Public communication and messaging regarding AAP FactCheck's processes and commitment to objectivity. Reporting to government restricted to grant deliverables. Adherence to long standing editorial processes.	



Budget

When completing the Activity Work Plan, populate the Items and Budgeted Amount sections for the financial year. Only complete the AWP Report column when submitting your AWPR.

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Items	Budgeted Amount	AWP Report
List the budget category (e.g. staff, travel)	List the amount expected to be spent	Document the amount you actually spent.
2023/24 Staff Costs Training (External) Travel (induction) Hardware Overheads (recruitment, legal, finance, rent, phones, HR, recruitment, IT etc)	s. 47G(1)(a)	
2024/25 Staff Costs (new positions, PM etc) Training (External) Travel (induction) Social Media Education Campaign Translations		



Stakeholder

When completing your Activity Work Plan, populate the Stakeholder, Interest or Impact and Engagement Strategy sections. Only complete the AWP Report column when submitting your AWPR.

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SBS	SBS is our chosen accredited translation provider for this project. SBS is also a news client of AAP, so may publish some of the content created under this grant.	Providing translations of fact-checked content is relatively high risk due to the nuance of language and inability for our FactCheck editors to check non-English articles before publication. Therefore we will jointly establish and follow uniform protocols to support the accuracy and timeliness of translations. SBS will be credited as the translator so readers know it is a human translation (not AI). We will regularly check-in with the translation team to ensure the project is progressing well on both sides. We will also promote the content to the SBS news language team.	



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Multicultural NSW	Advisory role, and to facilitate community/allied services connections	Consult Multicultural NSW to take lessons from their translation and campaign experience with CALD communities, and help build community connections.	
Community groups	Consultative role - provide culturally relevant insights and advice that will highlight mis/disinformation narratives impacting their communities and inform our priorities for fact-checking. It will also support a culturally-appropriate and relevant social media education campaign.	We will consider a range of communications - from direct meetings, to surveys and feedback forms. We will seek to engage a consultant to support our efforts to identify and liaise with community groups to ensure they are included and invested in our project. We will also encourage open and ongoing communication by offering regular meetings and promoting the option to suggest content for fact-checking. This will ensure educational campaign messaging is culturally appropriate and relevant, and that AAP FactCheck has more insight into mis/disinformation impacting diverse communities.	
AAP News subscribers	To reach different audiences and amplify the content created under the	Better integrating FactCheck content with AAP's traditional Newswire content is an organisation-wide objective.	



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Signed for and on behalf of
(Legal Organisation Name)

Australian Associated Press Ltd

Department of Social Services

Signature

s. 47G(1)(a)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Name

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Position

Chief Executive Officer

Funding Arrangement Manager

Date

12/7/24

12 / 07 / 24



Australian Associated Press Ltd

Dear Grant Recipient

Acquittal of Large Projects and National Support funding for the 2023-2024 financial year

Thank you for submitting your Large Projects and National Support acquittal documentation for the 2023-2024 financial year.

We have reviewed your documents and determined there are unspent funds to be rolled over. Rolled over funds are to be used to deliver the activity in the next financial year, or by the end of the Activity period, whichever is earlier. Please see **Table 1** for details.

If you disagree with the outcome, please email the Agency's acquittal inbox listed on the [Community Grants Hub website](#) within 30 days of this email.

Please note that the Department reserves the right to seek the return of any funds or pursue other remedies if an investigation reveals funds were not used in accordance with your grant agreement.

Yours sincerely

Financial Assurance Centre of Expertise
Community Grants Hub

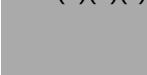
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Please note that all amounts in following tables are **GST Exclusive**:

Table 1 – Base Funding

Program Schedule ID	Activity ID	Activity Program Name	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
			2023-2024 Funding to be acquitted	Approved roll over from 2022- 2023	Total amount reported as expended in 2023-2024	Unexpended funding
4-JC2NWEO	4-JC2NWMG	Social Cohesion Measures Grant Large Projects and National Support	s. 47G(1)(a)			

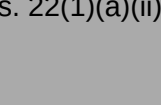
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To: 
Cc:
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Date: Sunday, 2 March 2025 6:08:28 PM

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Hi ,

The AWP Report for AAP is approved.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)


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Hi ,

Completed the review of all 4 reports and have not identified any red flags, so recommend approving them.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)


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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ,

For the National component, s. 22(1)(a)(ii) has further requested an extension till 1702/2025 for the submission and attached are the reports for the other 4 org's:

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
- s. 22(1)(a)
- AAP (review done)
- s. 22(1)(a)

A review of the AAP's progress report raises nil concerns. Will review the other 3 reports today and if any concerns arise, will flag with you.

For the Youth component, no progress reports have been received at our end. Just requested an urgent update from the Hub, currently awaiting.

Please let me know if any further info is needed.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: RE: For Action Tomorrow - Large Projects - Status Update [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I checked the executed agreement for one grantee and the Activity Work Plan Report was due on 19 January 2025. I don't have access to the Hub systems to see if any have been submitted. I can email them to check – I'll try to look in Trim first and see if s. 22(1)(a)(ii) knows.

Thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: For Action Tomorrow - Large Projects - Status Update [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sneha has asked for us to include information in the senate estimates briefing on the status of the national projects.

Are you able to forward me the mid term reports that we have received to date for these, including the youth projects (or advise where these are up to)?

Thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Child Safety Statement of Compliance Form

Activity and Statement details

Agency Name:	Department of Home Affairs
Activity ID:	4-JC2NWMG
Activity Name:	Social Cohesion Measures Grant Large Projects and National Support
Program Schedule ID:	4-JC2NWE0
Program Name:	Large Projects and National Support
Statement Type:	Compliance - Child Safe - CB9
Due Date:	31/03/2025
Reporting Start Date:	01/01/2024
Reporting End Date:	31/12/2024

Instructions:

- Read the form and complete the mandatory fields in the compliance statement.
- The Authorising Officer must be the head of the organisation, CEO or another person who is suitably authorised by the organisation to legally bind the Grantee by executing the Statement.
- Press the Submit button.
- You will receive an email confirming your submission has been received.
- If you have any questions regarding your compliance requirements information is available on the [Community Grants Hub website](#).
- If you have further questions, please contact your Funding Arrangement Manager.

In relation to the above Activity, from the Reporting Start Date to the Reporting End Date, I make the following statements:

1. I have made diligent inquiries and have reasonable grounds to believe that all Child-Related Personnel working with children on behalf of the organisation in the provision of grant activities under the grant agreement with the department:

- comply with all relevant legislation relating to requirements for working with children in the jurisdiction in which the activities are delivered; and
 - comply with all relevant legislation in jurisdictions including any child-related schemes and mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect as required or otherwise defined by state or territory legislation.
2. I undertake to ensure that all Child-Related Personnel will continue to comply for the duration of any funding arrangements the organisation holds with the department.
3. My organisation has:
- implemented the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations;
 - ensured that all Child-Related Personnel implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations;
 - completed a risk assessment to identify the level of responsibility for children and the level of risk of harm or abuse to children (and will update this risk assessment at least annually);
 - put into place an appropriate risk management strategy to manage risks identified through the risk assessment required (and will update this risk management strategy at least annually);
 - imposed the same child safety obligations on the subcontractor and secondary subcontractors, if required; and
 - provided training and established a compliance regime to ensure that all Child-Related Personnel who may interact with children in their provision of grant activities, are aware of, and comply with:
 - (i) the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations;
 - (ii) the organisation's risk management strategy;
 - (iii) all relevant legislation relating to requirements for working with children, including Working With Children Checks; and
 - (iv) all relevant legislation relating to mandatory reporting of suspected abuse or neglect.

I make the following statement for the above Reporting Period and for the remainder of the agreement if the activity is ceasing within 12 months:*

My organisation has not met all the conditions outlined in the statements above

Please provide a description of how you are not compliant referring to specific clauses. Also tell us what you are doing to become compliant and how long this will take:

AAP is unable to make statements in relation to Child-Related Personnel as there are no such personnel associated with AAP's grant activities. AAP has no dealings with children, either direct or indirect, in any of our grant activities, and this will remain the case throughout the

remainder of the grant period. Our grant activities are centred on the creation of editorial content and its virtual distribution, all completed by a team of adults in an office environment removed from any interactions with children.

(Selected) I warrant that I have the authority to make this declaration on behalf of my organisation*

(Selected) By including my name in this form it is deemed to be my signature for the purpose of this form*

(Selected) I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information to the Commonwealth is a serious offence under Section 137.1 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth)*

State your name:*

s. 47G(1)(a)

State your position:*

Chief Executive Officer

The name of the organisation this declaration applies to:

Australian Associated Press Ltd

Date: 21/03/2025



Australian Associated Press Ltd

Dear Grant Recipient,

Thank you for submitting your Child Safe Statement of Compliance

- Activity: Social Cohesion Measures Grant Large Projects and National Support
- Activity ID: 4-JC2NWMG
- Period: 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

You have stated that this activity does not involve direct or incidental contact with people under 18.

As a result, we have accepted your annual Child Safe statement of compliance.

Please get in touch with your Funding Agreement Manager to review your request to remove the child safety clause from the agreement.

Note: If you have other activities funded by the Commonwealth with Child Safe Clauses, you must submit a statement of compliance for each one.

Yours Sincerely

Community Grants Hub

21/05/2025

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