



DIRECT AID PROGRAM – TONGA

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES 2021-22



Photo: Australia's Direct Aid Program funded for the purchase of water safety equipment for the paddling community in Nuku'alofa in 2020.

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 8,000 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 –

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

The Australian High Commission may consider grants more than 8000 pa'anga in exceptional circumstances. If you intend to submit a proposal for more than 8000 pa'anga, you must 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 2021-22

	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3
Applications Open	30 August 2021	10 January 2022	04 April 2022
Applications Close	10 September 2021	21 January 2022	15 April 2022

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a DAP Grant (8000 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:

- educational materials to assist students of Montessori Preschool
- papaya seeds for commercial purposes and training for farmers
- drilling of borehole for Ha'alaufuli 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 or commercial ventures
- ✗ buying livestock, vehicles, lawnmowers, weed eaters, water tanks or fences for individual households
- ✗ improvements to an individual's house or land
- ✗ any 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 20/21: Bus Stop for Ha'akame Community