



**Australian High Commission
Tuvalu**



**Falepili
Community
Grants**

FALEPILI COMMUNITY GRANTS GUIDELINES

FAKATAKITAKIGA KI SENE FESOASOANI A TE FALEPILI

OVERVIEW / FAKAMATALAGA

The Falepili Community Grants program (the Program) is a competitive, flexible small grants program funded by the Australian Government and managed by the Australian High Commission in Tuvalu. The program invites proposals AUD \$10,000 up to AUD \$50,000 that support improved development outcomes for a local community, support the objectives of the Falepili Union, and that complement the broader Australia Tuvalu relationship. Proposals for the Program may cover a period of up to two years.

A te polokalame o Sene Fesoasoani a te Falepili se sene fesoasoani mai te Malo o Ausitalia kae e onoono ki ei a te Ofisa Maluga o Ausitalia i luga i Tuvalu. E matala te polokalame tenei ki sose tusi fakatagi ki te aofaki sene Ausitalia mai te \$10,000 ki te \$50,000 tela e lagoon atu ki atiakega aoga mo fenua, e `lagoon ki fakamoemoega o te feagaiga mo te Falepili, kae fakamalosi i ei te fesokotakiga `lei o Tuvalu mo Ausitalia. Tusi fakatagi ki te Polokalame e mafai o fakagalue iloto i se lua tausaga.

WHO CAN APPLY / KO OI E MAFAI O FAKAAOGA TE AVANOAGA

The Falepili Community Grants program is available to eligible organisations **in Tuvalu** including the following:

- Local NGOs and CSOs
- Sporting organisations
- Religious organisations
- Academic institutions
- Kaupule
- Local community organisations, or individuals acting on behalf of a community or group located in Tuvalu for a development related purpose.

The following groups are not eligible to independently apply for this Community Grant funding:

- United Nations or other multilateral and regional organisations
- Partner Government (ie. Government of Tuvalu ministries and departments)
- Australian NGOs
- Private businesses
- Local communities in Australia

Where an activity involves multiple organisations that are eligible to apply for the Falepili Community Grant, an eligible organisation must serve as the Lead Applicant on behalf of the group and be responsible for grant administration, financial management, reporting, and compliance requirements on behalf of all participating organisations.



If an individual or organisation has received Direct Aid Program funding before and did not successfully complete the activity, submit their reports, and/or did not adequately acquit their funds, they may not be eligible to receive a grant under the Program, at the discretion of the Australian High Commission.

A te polokalame o Sene Fesoasoani a te Falepili e matala ki fakapotopotoga i Tuvalu e pela mo:

- Fakapotopotoga kola se kau mai lalo o te Malo
- Fakapototoga i mea tau tafaoga
- Fakapotopotoga a lotu
- Fakapotopotoga o akoakoga
- Fakapotopotoga o fenua, io me se tino tela e sui mai ne ia se fakapotopotoga io me se potukau i luga i Tualu i mea tau atiakega

Ko fakapotopotoga konei mai lalo e se talia ke fakatagi mai ki te Sene Fesoasoani tenei:

- Malo `Soko io me ko nisi fakapotopotoga i te Pasefika
- Malo (pela mo minisituli io me ko matagaluega i te Malo o Tuvalu)
- Fakapotopotoga kola se kau i te Malo o Ausitalia
- Pisinisi
- Fakapotopotoga i Ausitalia

Kafai e isi se polokalame tela e aofia i ei a fakapotopotoga e uke kola e talia o fakatagi mai mai lalo o te Sene Fesoasoani a te Falepili, ko te fakapotopotoga tela e talia mai lalo o fakanofonofoga konei e tau o fakatakitaki mai ne ia te tusi fakatagi. Ko ia i o ia te tiute o fakasoaso a te sene fesoasoani, faiga o lipoti mo nisi mea e manakogina. E sui mai ne ia a nisi fakapotopotoga kola e galue tasi latou ki te polokalame tena.

Ko te tino io me ko te fakapotopotoga tela ne maua ne ia sene fesoasoani mai te polokalame ko te Direct Aid muamua kae seki fakataunu a te atiakega, aumai a lipoti, io me seki fakaasi mai te fakaaogaga ne ia o te sene, ko se mafai latou o fakatagi mai ki te sene fesoasoani i te Polokalame tenei, kae e faka`na eiloa ki te iloiloga a te Ofisa Maluga o Ausitalia.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES / ATIAKEGA KOLA E TALIA

The Program funds activities (such a training, services, small-scale infrastructure) that support improved development outcomes for a local community.

This year's program will favourably consider projects in the following priority areas:

- Health
- Education
- Gender equality
- Disability equity,
- Social inclusion
- Australia Awards Alumni activities
- Activities that benefit communities on the outer islands of Tuvalu
- Activities that have a clear plan for ongoing maintenance costs (if relevant to the proposed activity)

Organisations that are interested in applying for the Falepili Community Grants must have an active bank account under the organisation's name and a focal point and be able to provide progress reports and financial acquittals to the Australian High Commission. Your application must have a clear budget.

Projects may have a timeframe of up to two years.



E fakatupe ne te Polokalame a atiakega (pela mo fakaakoakoga, sevesi, galuega fakatutu fo`liki) kola e `lago ki atiakega aoga kae `lei mo te fenua.

A te polokalame o te tausaga tenei ka fialia ki polotieki i vaega taua konei:

- Ola `lei;
- Akoakoga;
- Te paagatasi;
- Aofia o tino se `lei katoatoa
- Te aofia o tino katoa
- Atiakega mai tamaliki ne akoga i avanoaga akoga a Ausitalia
- Atiakega kola e aoga ki fenua katoa o Tuvalu
- Atiakega kola e isi se palani manino ki faka`leiga tumau o kope io me atiakega (mafai e taua ki te atiakega e fakatagi mai ki ei)

Fakapotopotoga e tau o isi sena akauni i te pagike mai lalo o te igoa o te fakapotopotoga io me ko te tino tela e mafai o fakamaua a lipoti mo fakatauga tupe ki te Ofisa Maluga o Ausitalia. Tau tusi fakatagi ki te avanoaga tenei e tau o aofia i ei se pateti tela e manino `lei. Sose polotieki e tau o fakataunu iloto i se lua tausaga.

NON-ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES: / E SE FAKATUPE NE MAUA A FEITU KONEI:

The Program cannot fund activities that have any of the following **as the main objective or key focus**:

- Supporting commercial ventures/purposes, for example, funding activities that may be generating revenue with the aim of making a profit
- supporting ongoing operational costs such as utilities (power, water), salaries, rental of land, purchase and/or operational costs for vehicles or other operational assets such as buildings
- funding international travel
- sponsoring a major sporting tournament
- supporting activities of the Government of Tuvalu
- promoting Australian interests

E se mafai ne te Polokalame o fakatupe a atiakega tela e saga malosi ki vaega konei:

- `Lago ki atiakega fakapisinisi, e pela mo te fakatupega o atiakega kola e maua mai ei a sene io me taketi ke maua ne sene e uke
- `lago ki `togi o manakoga masani (iti, vai), peofuga, liisi o te manafa, `togi io me ko tausiga o se kope fakateletele io me ko te togi o se fale
- `togiga o te malaga ki tua atu mo Tuvalu
- fakatupega o se fakataufaiga lasi
- `lago atu ki atiakega o te Malo o Tuvalu
- fakalausaga o manakoga o Ausitalia

KEY DATES FOR FALEPILI COMMUNITY GRANTS 2026

PO MASINA TAUA O TE SENE FESOASOANI A TE FALEPILI 26

Applications Open Taimi Tala o Tusi Fakatagi	14 September 2026 14 Setema 2026
Applications Close Taimi Pono o Tusi Fakatagi	11pm 10 October 2026 11pm (afiafi) 10 Oketopa 2026

HOW TO APPLY/ E FAI PEFEA A TUSI FAKATAGI

If you live in Funafuti, you must apply online. Applicants from the outer islands may apply online or in hardcopy. Hard copies will be available at the Kaupule office. All hard copy applications must be delivered to the Kaupule office or Australian High Commission by the closing date.

Kafai koe e nofo i Funafuti, e tau mo koe o fakafonu tau pepa fakatagi iluga i te itaneti. Ko latou mai fenua o Tuvalu e mafai o fakafonu te pepa iluga i te itaneti io me io me fakafonu te pepa fakatagi kola e print. A `kopi o pepa fakatagi ka maua ne koe i te ofisa o te Kaupule. A kopi o te pepa fakatagi kola ko oti ne fakafonu e tau ave ki te ofisa o te Kaupule io me ko te Ofisa Maluga o Ausitalia mai mua o te taimi `pono.

Online (preferred method and all applicants from Tuvalu) / Fakafonu te pepa fakatagi i te itaneti (e gali atu te auala tenei ki a taua i Tuvalu)

- Go to [Round 1 Falepili Community Grants - DFAT Community Grants](#)
Fano ki te [Round 1 Falepili Community Grants - DFAT Community Grants](#)
- After you have made an account, select the Falepili Community Grants round
Kafai ko oti ne faite tau akauni, ke `toko i te "Falepili Community Grants"
- Answer each application question according to the instructions provided
Ke tali a fesili katoa i ei e pena eiloa mo fakamatalaga i ei
- Submit your application electronically via smartygrants before applications close
Toko te 'SUBMIT' i luga i te *smartygrants* koituai o oko ki te taimi pono o tusi fakatagi

Hardcopy / Pepa Fakatagi kola e print

Hard copies applications are only available to applicants from outer islands. Hard copies of the application form can be collected from the Kaupule office on the island where you are applying.

A pepa fakatagi kola e print e talia fua mo latou i fenua foliki o Tuvalu mai tua o te laumua. Mo pepa fakatagi kola e print e mafai o maua sau `kopi i te ofisa o te Kaupule i tou fenua.

- Complete each application question according to the instructions provide and ensure your writing is clear and easy to read
Fakafonu a te pepa o fesili e tusa mo fakamatalaga i ei kae fakamautinoa ke tusi fakalei ke maina fakalei
- Drop off the hardcopy to the Australian High Commission (Annex) i tafa o te Telecom or the office of the Kaupule before applications close
Fakaoko mai tau pepa fakatagi ki te Ofisa Maluga o Ausitalia i tafa o te Telecom io me ko te ofisa o te Kaupule mai mua o te taimi pono

For questions about the Program and application process please contact the Australian High Commission at ahc.funafuti@dfat.gov.au.

Ko fesili e uiga ki te Polokalame mo te fanoga o te pepa fakatagi, fakamolemole fesokotaki mai ki te meli iti o te Ofisa Maluga o Ausitalia ko te ahc.funafuti@dfat.gov.au

To strengthen your application, you should consider the following / Ke fakamalosia tau pepa fakatagi, ke mafaufau ki mea konei:

- How will you maximise the number of people that will benefit from your project?
[Ka fakalasi aka pefea ne au te aofaki o tino ka penefiti mai taku polotieki?](#)
- How can the project continue to provide a benefit to the community after the funding has been spent?
[E mafai pefea o fakatumau ne te polotieki a tena penefiti ki te fenua mafai ko oti a te fakataugatupe tenei?](#)
- Provide a clear and detailed budget, and if relevant attach various quotes for proposed purchases.
[Fakamatala kae fakalauefa te pateti/fakataugatupe, mo nisi pepa fakamaoni o mea ka manakogina ke fakaaoga ki ei a sene](#)
- How your activity can consider gender, disability equality, and climate change
[E fakaaofia pefea ne tau atiakega a te paagatasi, ko tino se `lei katoatoa io me ko mea tau mafulifuliga o tau o aso](#)

Examples of Projects we have funded previously / Ko Polotieki ne fesoasoani ki ei muamua:

- Community health and sanitation training and capacity building in school
[Fakaakoakoga o te tausiga o te ola `lei mo te tu `ma](#)
- Strengthening security of women and girls
[Fakamalosiga te nofo `lei o fafine mo tamafine](#)
- Coral replanting
[Fakaolaga mo te `tokiga o kamu i te tai](#)
- Enhancing preschool safety and security
[Faka`leiga te nofo lei o tamaliki i te akoga kamata](#)
- Youth social-environmental solutions
[Fakamalosiga ki talavou taua o te galue tasi mo te tausiga o te enivalomene](#)
- Empowering women through traditional crafts: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CFrt3z8CX/>
[Fakamalosiga o fafine e auala i meataulima: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CFrt3z8CX/](#)