Applications to apply for funding are now open for eligible organisations to support NAIDOC activities across NSW.

Grants from $500-$1,000 are typically available and for more significant events, applications up to $3,000 can be considered.

Applications will be open until 5pm, Friday, 17 April 2015.

Applications can be made online and submitted through: www.aboriginalaffairs.smartygrants.com.au

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920’s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

The national NAIDOC Theme for 2015 is We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate. This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respects to Country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation.

Thank you
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For more information about NAIDOC Week 2015 grants:
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