

## **2020-23 Australian Political Parties for Democracy Grant Program (APPDP)**

### **Liberal Party of Australia Application**

Please select your party from the eligible options below:

- The Liberal Party of Australia (ABN 15 217 882 958, including on behalf of  
The Nationals (ABN 68 075 415 882))
- The Australian Labor Party (ABN 38 318 251 221)
- The Australian Greens (ABN 98 738 022 715)

Please select the financial year funding option for which you are applying:

- 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 (application due 16 October 2020)
- 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 (application due 1 June 2021)
- 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (application due 1 June 2022)

### **Activity Details**

It should be noted that the activities listed below are expressed in terms that imply the opening of Australia's international borders at some point in the 2020-21 financial year. In the absence of a reopening of the international borders, or until such time as that occurs, efforts will be made where practicable to carry out some programs remotely.

### **Activity 1**

#### **Democracy Building Program**

##### **Timing**

The Activity operates from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. The dates of specific activities within the 20-21 year will be determined in conjunction with our international partners, reflecting dates that are workable for them and that accommodate the dates fixed for election campaigns, Liberal Party conferences and other relevant events within Australia.

##### **Countries and organisations to be assisted/visited**

The countries and organisations to be supported through this activity will include a range of political parties from Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Fiji, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Sri

Lanka, India, Nepal, Maldives, Mongolia and Malaysia (and from other countries if opportunity arises). Other organisations we will work with will include the PNG Registrar of Political Parties, the International Republican Institute, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Asia Pacific Democrat Union.

### **Expected Inputs**

The financial input of APPDP funding will be used to cover all the financial costs, for staff time, travel costs, venue hire and any other costs needing to be incurred. In addition is the input of the time of the trainers who travel abroad to lead training programs when that time is provided voluntarily. Staff time will be utilised to provide all necessary planning and leadership needed for effective implementation of the programs under this Activity. This will include all necessary liaison with the parties and organisations involved in the programs, including the organisations listed in the previous paragraph and also federal and state electoral commissions and various Liberal Party units at federal and state level. Training in overseas countries, observation of election campaigning and Liberal Party conferences in Australia and the organising of a campaign seminar for the Asia Pacific Democrat Union will be among the programs to be organised by the Liberal Party.

### **Estimated Costs**

The amount budgeted for the Activity is \$475,000 (comprising \$325,000 for program implementation and travel and \$150,000 for administrative costs that are program-related).

### **Assessment Criteria**

The various programs to be implemented under this Activity will meet the APPDP aims by providing training and other experiences that equip the representatives of democratic parties with improved skills for carrying out the various functions of their party, improving in particular their skills in electoral campaigning by participation in seminars and observation of election campaigns in Australia. The skills development training and observation will also extend to the communication of parties and MPs with constituents and communities and the organisation of significant party conferences. The Liberal Party will participate in the observation of elections in other countries as opportunity arises where international observers can provide scrutiny for democratic processes.

The benefit of the Activity will be seen in the enhancing of the skills of participating parties in their political and electoral work, and in the level of participation in our programs that they wish to sustain. Feedback from individual participants and their parties will assist in our assessment of the worth of particular programs and provide guidance for future program planning and development.

## **Activity 2**

### **International Party Relationships**

#### **Timing**

The Activity operates from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. The dates of specific activities within the 20-21 year will be determined in conjunction with our international partners, reflecting dates that are convenient for both them and the Liberal Party, accommodating overseas and Liberal Party conference dates and the timing of elections abroad and other relevant events both overseas and within Australia.

#### **Countries and organisations to be assisted/visited**

The organisations and parties to be visited may include, but will not be limited to:

International Democrat Union  
International Young Democrat Union  
International Women Democrat Union  
Asia Pacific Democrat Union  
Konrad Adenauer Foundation  
International Republican Institute  
UK Conservative Party  
New Zealand National Party  
US Republican Party  
Conservative Party of Canada

#### **Expected Inputs**

The financial input of APPDP funding will be used to cover all the financial costs, for staff time, travel costs, venue hire and any other cost needing to be incurred. In addition is the input of the time of Liberal party officebearers and members who travel abroad representing the Liberal Party at events covered by the Activity when that time is provided voluntarily. Staff time will be utilised to provide all necessary planning and leadership needed for effective implementation of the programs under this Activity. This will include all necessary liaison with the parties and organisations involved in the programs.

#### **Estimated Costs**

The amount budgeted for the Activity is \$425,000 (comprising \$300,000 for program implementation and travel and \$125,000 for administrative costs that are program-related).

#### **Assessment Criteria**

The various programs to be implemented under this Activity will meet the APPDP aims by supporting international cooperation between democratic parties and the sharing of information on party processes and operations. The Liberal Party has a substantial level of involvement in the international organisations of centre-right parties, in particular the

International Democrat Union and the organisations linked with that. The exchanges extend to interchanges of information in the key area of election campaigning.

The benefits for the Liberal Party come in the continued operation of these international organisations and also in increased understanding for the Liberal Party of current campaigning and organisational development in like-minded parties. Opportunities are also taken to interact with the democracy foundations linked with our sister parties, which can assist in enhancing the way programs under Activity 1 operate.

## **Administration**

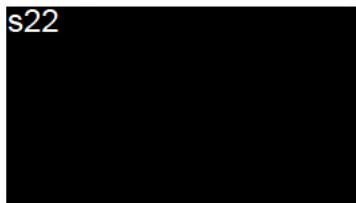
### **Estimated Costs**

Supplementary to Activities 1 and 2, provision is made for a budget of \$100,000 for the general administration necessary for sustaining the programs under Activities 1 and 2. This will include staff costs that cannot be separately attributed to programs under the Activities and will also include subscriptions to the International Democrat Union and related international organisations. It will also include necessary audit and bank fees.

## Checklist and Declaration

Please check each box and sign the declaration below.

Check box	Acknowledgement and declaration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I have read and understood the Guidelines and I am eligible to apply for this grant.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I understand that this grant spans three years (tranches), and a separate application like this is required for each tranche, to be submitted by the due date in each case.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I understand that, should there be a change to the Guidelines, Finance will publish the revised Guidelines and advise me accordingly.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I understand the Government determined the eligibility and funding available for this grant.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I understand that my grant application will be assessed in accordance with the Guidelines' <i>Assessment Criteria</i> explained in this application and that funding will only be provided as grants for substantiated expenditure that meets the eligibility requirements.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I understand that assessment of my grant application may include an external expert/adviser to inform the process if necessary, in accordance with the Guidelines.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I understand that any relevant supplementary documentation attached to this grant application will be considered with it, and that Finance may refuse to accept any additional information that would change my submission after the application closing time.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I understand that grant funds cannot be pooled or carried across financial years, nor is it possible to draw upon other financial years' allocations to fund activities from within the financial year for which they are claimed.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I understand that grant funds cannot be used for financial contributions to other countries' political parties, or candidates, or for any activities determined reasonably to be contrary to Australia's interests.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If my grant application is successful, I understand that I need to keep proper and detailed accounts and records in accordance with the Guidelines.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If my grant application is successful, I understand that expenditure must be incurred between the start date, and end or completion date, for my grant activity for it to be eligible.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If my grant application is successful, I understand that payment arrangements are made up to the maximum amount payable for the corresponding financial year, subject to receipt of a valid tax invoice for the corresponding time period.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If my grant application is successful, I understand that I must enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the Commonwealth (represented by Finance), and I will be issued with a 'Letter of Agreement' explaining as such.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If my grant application is successful, I understand that I need to report on its findings in accordance with the Guidelines. This includes the submission of Expenditure Progress Reports, Audit Statements, Activity Completion Reports, and Acquittal

Check box	Acknowledgement and declaration	
	Statements and if necessary, ad-hoc reports throughout the process if requested by Finance.	
☑	To the best of my knowledge, there are no perceived or existing conflicts of interests with regards to this grant application. I understand that if I identify an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, I must inform Finance in writing immediately which, after a possible investigation of the circumstances, could affect the eligibility of my application.	
☑	I am aware of the Privacy, Confidential Information and Freedom of Information details disclosed in the Guidelines.	
I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this application is complete and accurate, and I will advise Finance immediately of any changes to circumstances that may affect this grant, if they arise.		
<b>Signature:</b> 	<b>Name:</b> Andrew Hirst  <b>Position in party:</b> Federal Director  <b>Date:</b> 16/10/20	