

# Child Safe Statement of Compliance

## Activity and Statement details

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| <b>Agreement ID:</b>   |                  | <b>Activity Name:</b>        | Strong and Resilient Communities – Community Support – Small Grants for Volunteer Involving Organisations Activity |
| <b>Statement Type:</b> | CB9 (Manual)     | <b>Reporting Start Date:</b> | 29 November 2024   |
| <b>Due Date:</b>       | 29 November 2024 | <b>Reporting End Date:</b>   | 31 May 2025  |

If a proposed activity involves interaction with children, applicants must comply with the Australian Government’s Child Safety obligations.

At a minimum applicants must, in delivering the proposed activity, be compliant with all relevant state, territory and Commonwealth law relating to employment or engagement of Child-Related Personnel. Where the activity involves planned interactions with children grantees must also apply the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, undertake an annual risk assessment of child safety and provide child safe training and education for staff.

Details on the specific child safe eligibility criteria can be found on the [Child Safety for DSS grants](#)<sup>[1]</sup> webpage and the supporting [Frequently Asked Questions for DSS Grantees](#)<sup>[2]</sup>.

In relation to the above Activity, 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 above grant agreement with VolunteeringACT:

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<sup>[1]</sup> <https://www.dss.gov.au/doing-business-with-dss/child-safety-for-dss-grants>

<sup>[2]</sup> <https://www.dss.gov.au/doing-business-with-dss-child-safety-for-dss-grants/frequently-asked-questions-for-dss-grantees>

- comply with all relevant legislation relating to requirements for working with children in the ACT; 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 VolunteeringACT.
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:
    - (1) the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations;
    - (2) the organisation's risk management strategy;
    - (3) all relevant legislation relating to requirements for working with children, including Working With Children Checks; and
    - (4) 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:**

I declare and confirm all of the above statements to be true

OR

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

If you are NOT compliant, 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 (limit your response to 300 words):

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I warrant that I have the authority to make this declaration on behalf of my organisation

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

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)*

This must be completed by an authorised signatory for the organisation (e.g. Chief Executive Officer, President, Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary).

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| <b>Name:</b>                 |  |
| <b>Position:</b>             |  |
| <b>Name of organisation:</b> |  |
| <b>Date:</b>                 |  |