





Acquittals

How to complete the online form

Purpose

This task card details the process for Funding Recipients to complete the online Financial Acquittal report.

If you have any questions regarding the Financial Acquittal report, please contact the Financial Assurance Centre of Expertise through the relevant inbox:

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| Department of Social Services | DSSacquittals@communitygrants.gov.au |
| Department of Social Services – Volunteer Grants | vgacquittals@communitygrants.gov.au |
| Attorney-General's Department | AGD.acquittals@communitygrants.gov.au |
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If you experience technical difficulties with the online form or the Grant Recipient Portal please contact our helpdesk at GRP.Helpdesk@communitygrants.gov.au or on 1800 020 283, ext. 5. If these issues persist, you can submit your report manually by completing the template at **Appendix A – Manual Financial Declaration (page 18 and 19)** and emailing to the relevant mailbox above.

Please note if you have a Non-Audited or Audited Financial Acquittal requirement and you cannot submit online, this can be emailed directly to the above email.

Process

You will receive a reminder email 30-days before the acquittal due date. The email will include instructions on how to access the online financial acquittal form.

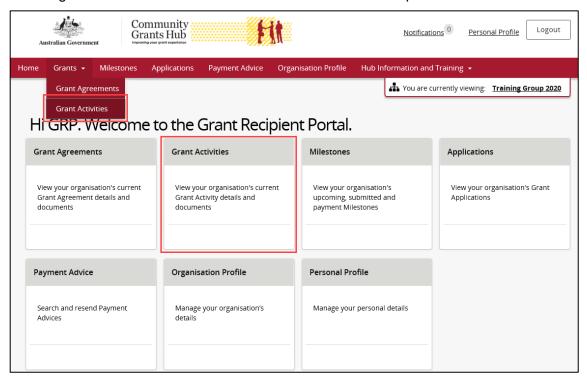
If your Organisation **is registered** for the <u>Grant Recipient Portal</u>, you will be prompted to access your acquittal form directly from the portal links. If you require assistance to access the Grant Recipient Portal, please visit the <u>Community Grants Hub website here</u>. If you are a registered funding recipient, please start at Step 1.

If your Organisation **is not registered** for the Grant Recipient Portal, you will be provided with a link and code to access the Financial Acquittal report. Please note that each acquittal has a unique link and access code, you cannot complete your acquittal using an old or alternate link. If you are not a registered funding recipient, please start at Step 6.

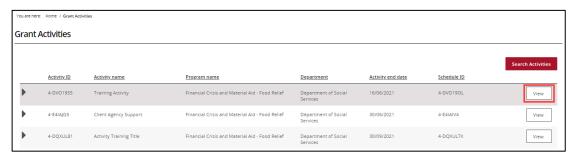
Accessing the Financial Acquittal report - Portal

Step 1 - Portal

From the Home screen of the Portal, select the **Grant Activities** tile. Alternatively, select **Grants** in the Navigation menu and select **Grant Activities** from the drop down menu.

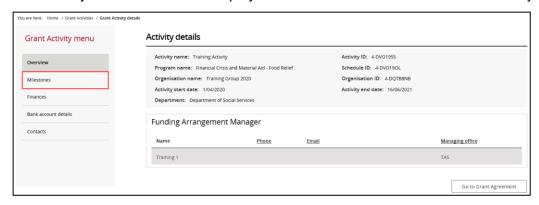


The Grant Activities screen will display. Select the View button to open the relevant Activity details.



Step 3

The Activity details screen will display. Select Milestones from the Grant Activity menu.

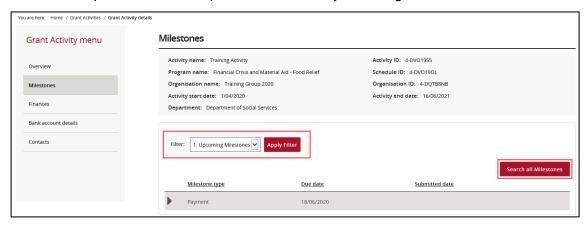


Step 4

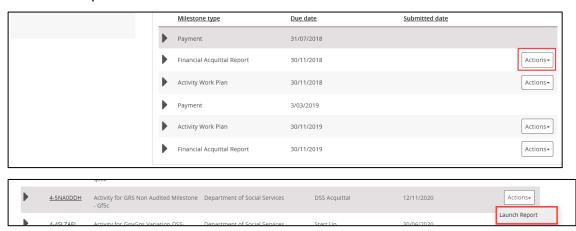
The Milestones screen will display. By default, Filter 1. Upcoming Milestones will be presented.

To change the filter, use the drop down and select Apply Filter or,

To locate a specific Milestone, perform a search by selecting **Search all Milestones**.



When the correct milestone has been identified, select **Actions** and then Launch Report to open the online report form.

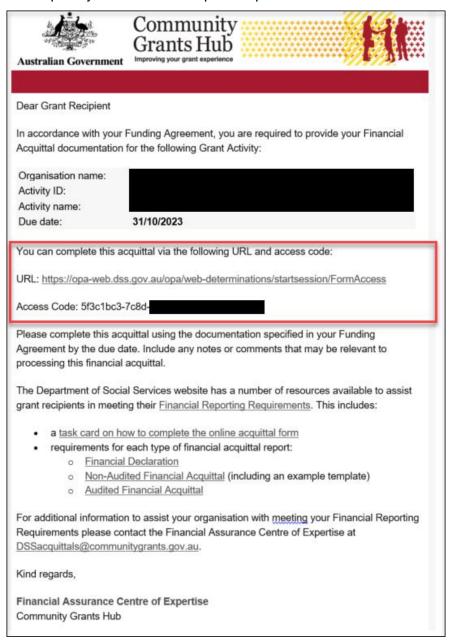


Proceed to Step 11 to complete your online Financial Acquittal Report.

Accessing the Financial Acquittal report – Non-Portal

Step 6 – Non-Portal

30 days before the acquittal due date, you will receive an email with a link and unique access code to complete your Financial Acquittal report.



Click the URL, or copy and paste into your browser search bar, to open your form. Copy the access code from the email and paste it into the into the *Access Code* box. Press **Next**.



Step 8

Enter in your password and press Next. Please skip to Step 10 if you know your password.

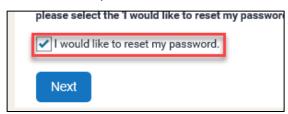


<u>Your password is your Organisation ID and can be located on the front page of your Grant Agreement.</u>



The Grant is being provided as part of the Financial Wellbeing and Capability program.

If you do not know your Organisation ID, please check the 'I would like to reset my password' checkbox and press **Next**. Please continue to **Step 9**.



Step 9

This step is only applicable if you have checked the 'I would like to reset my password' box.

In order to reset the password, please:

Enter in your email address and press Next.
 Please note only the email that received the original acquittal email will be able to reset the password.



2. You will receive an email with a reset token.



3. Copy the reset token and paste it into the Reset Token field. Press Next.



4. Set and confirm a new password and press Next.





When you have entered in your password (or reset your password), you will be directed to the 'Financial Acquittal Report' page.

Proceed to **Step 11** to complete your online Financial Acquittal Report.

Completing the online Financial Acquittal report

Step 11

The Financial Acquittal Report screen will display and include details about your grant.







Financial Acquittal Report

* indicates mandatory field

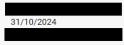
A financial acquittal report is a certification from your Organisation stating that the grant was spent for the purpose provided as outlined in the Grant Agreement.

Activity and financial acquittal report details

Activity ID: Financial Year: Program Schedule ID: Financial acquittal type:

2023-2024
Financial Declaration

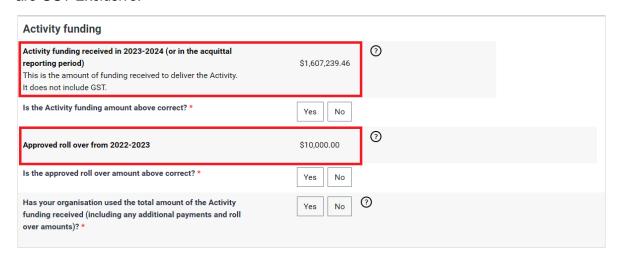
Activity Name: Due Date: Program name:



Notes:

- You may save your financial acquittal report and complete it at a later time by clicking the Save and exit button.
- Your report will not be received by the Community Grants Hub for assessment until you click the Submit button on the last step.
- Information on completing and lodging your financial acquittal is available from the Community Grants Hub website.

The form will pre-populate with funding details for the relevant financial year. The first pre-populated figure is the Base Funding paid for that relevant financial year. The second pre-populated figure is the approved rollover from the previous financial year. Please note all values are GST Exclusive.

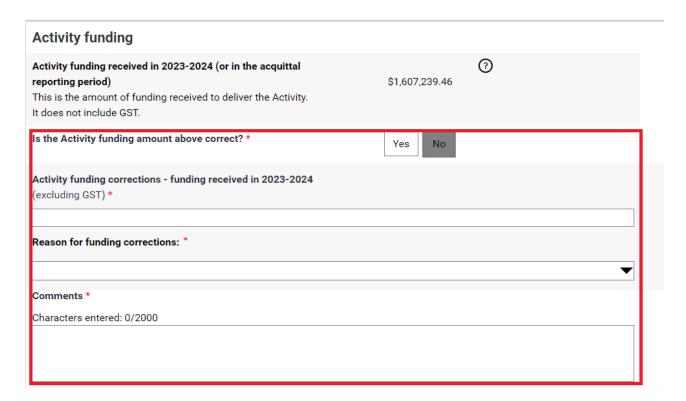


You will be prompted to:

a) Confirm the funding is correct.

If the pre-populated funding value is correct, select 'Yes'.

If the pre-populated funding value is not correct, select 'No' and you will be prompted to provide the correct value and reasoning for the correction. Please note that you must provide comments if the 'No' option is selected.



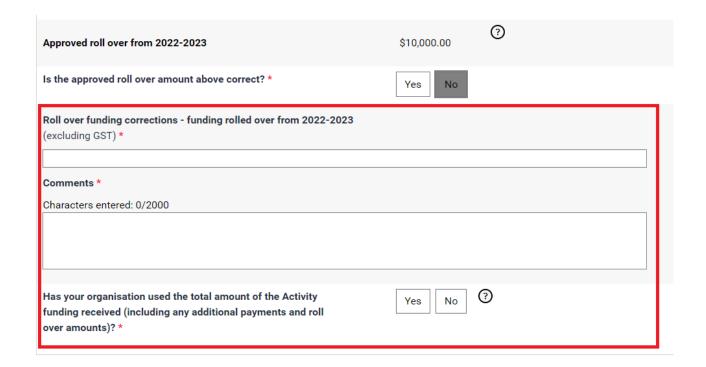


b) Confirm the pre-populated approval rollover amount is correct.

This refers to formal rollover approval detailed in your last acquittal outcome letter (if relevant). If there was no rollover approved in the last financial year, this figure should be \$0.00.

If the pre-populated rollover is correct, select 'Yes'.

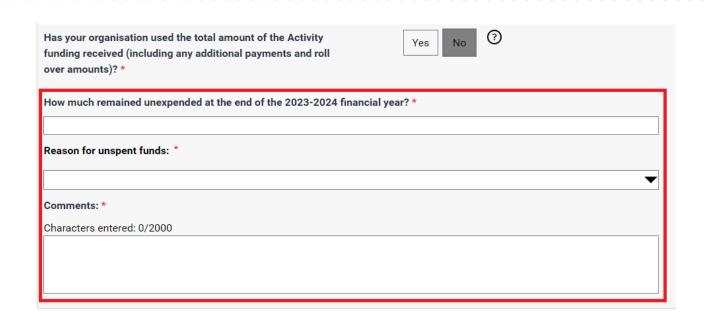
If the pre-populated base rollover value is not correct, select 'No' and you will be prompted to provide the correct value and comments for the correction. Please note that you must provide comments if the 'No' option is selected.



c) Confirm that you have expended the total value of activity funding, including any additional payments and/or roll overs, for the approved purpose.

If you have expended all funds, select 'Yes'.

If you have not expended all funds, select 'No' and you will be prompted to enter the value of unexpended funds and select a reason for the unspent funds. You must also provide comments about the reasons why the funds were not expended.



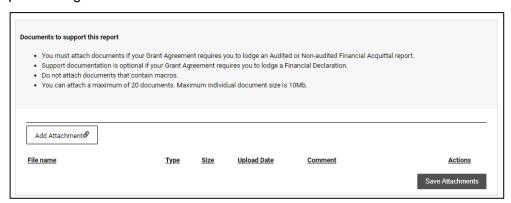
If your acquittal requirement is a <u>Non-audited</u> or <u>audited financial acquittal report</u>, proceed to <u>Step 13</u> for further details regarding the submission requirements.

If your acquittal requirement is a Financial Declaration, proceed to <u>Step 14</u> to lodge your report.

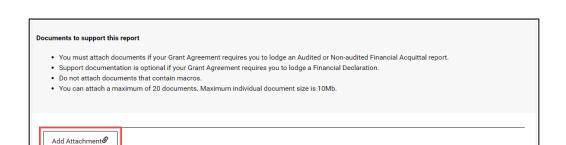
Step 13 – Non-Audit and Audited Acquittals only

If your Financial Acquittal reporting requirement is a Non-Audited Financial Acquittal Report or an Audited Financial Acquittal Report, you will be required to attach the Non-Audited / Audited report to the online form.

For further information on the types of documents required to meet your Non-Audited or Audited Acquittal requirements, please see Appendix B (page 20) or <u>Reporting Requirements</u> before proceeding.



Select Add Attachment to include documents saved on a desktop.



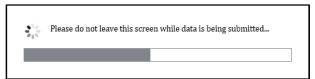
If required, select the **Actions** drop down to View, Remove or Edit comment for the attachment.



Once all attachments to support the Acquittal have been provided, select Save Attachments.

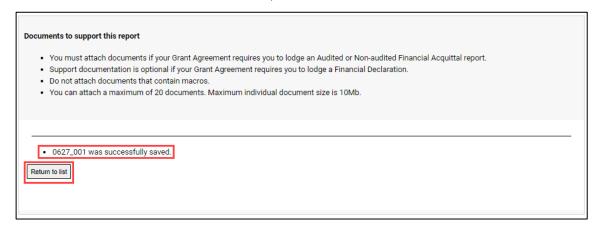


Do not leave this screen while data is being submitted. Once the message disappears, continue to complete the report.



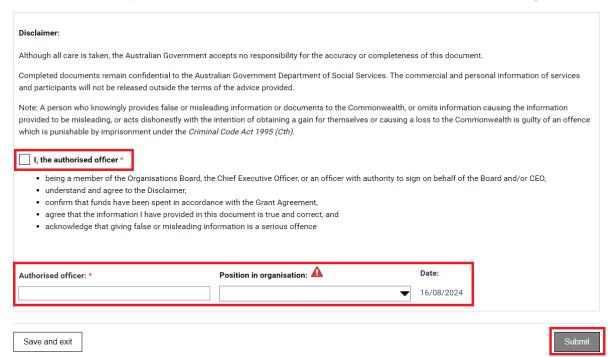
A message will display to advise if the documents were successfully saved.

If more documents need to be attached, select Return to list.

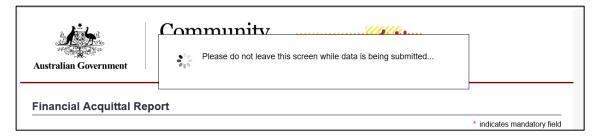


Review the Disclaimer and select the **checkbox** to agree to the Disclaimer. Select **Submit**.

Please note that by completing the checkbox and entering your name and position you are electronically signing the acquittal document, declaring that the information you have provided is accurate and that you are authorised to make this declaration on behalf of the organisation.



A message will appear to advising to stay on this screen until the data has been submitted.



A confirmation page will display. Select **Save and exit** to close the form.



You will also receive an email to confirming the submission of the online Financial Acquittal report.



Need further assistance?

If you require any clarification regarding your financial reporting obligations, please contact the Financial Assurance Centre of Expertise via email below:

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If you require an extension to the due date to meet your financial reporting obligations, please contact your Funding Arrangement Manager.

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Appendix A - Financial Declaration Financial Declaration

| ☐ Yes☐ No – please provide amount below and details on page 2 |
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Unspent Funds

\$ ENTER AMOUNT UNSPENT

Complete this section only if you have unspent funds.

If no, how much remained **unexpended** at the end of the financial year? (excluding GST)

| Reasons for Underspend | Reason for underspend: |
|--|---|
| Select reasons why the underspend occurred. | 1. ENTER AN EXPLANATION OF THE UNDERSPEND |
| ☐ Funds received late in the financial year ☐ Reduced demand for services ☐ Issues with recruiting staff ☐ Delay in project implementation ☐ Expenses less than anticipated ☐ Failure to manage expenses ☐ Other – provide in detailed explanation | |







Declaration

By making this declaration, I declare:

- I am a member of the Organisation's Board, the Chief Executive Officer, or an officer with authority to sign on behalf of the Board and/or CEO,
- I confirm that funds have been spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement,
- I agree that the information I have provided in this document is true and correct, and
- I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth).

| Name of person making the declaration ENTER NAME | |
|---|--|
| Signature of the person making the declaration INSERT SIGNATURE | |
| Position in organisation POSITION | |
| Date of declaration DATE | |
| Witnessed by WITNESS NAME | |

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Appendix B – Notes on Non-Audited and Audited Financial **Acquittals**

Non-Audited Financial Acquittal Reports

A Non-Audited Financial Acquittal report is an income and expenditure statement that shows how grant funding was spent on the Activity per the grant agreement. Also, any unspent funds must be declared. Non-Audited Financial Acquittals must be certified by someone from the Organisation with the authority to do so.

There is no specific format for a non-audited financial acquittal; however, it must;

- adhere to the applicable Australian Accounting Standards and be based on proper accounts and records:
- verify that the funding has been spent on the activity in accordance with the Agreement, Schedule and Terms and Conditions:
- pertain to Departmental funding only (an income and expense statement for your whole organisation is not acceptable);
- clearly differentiate income and expenditure relating to each grant you are funded for;
- include any other matters as specified in the Grant Agreement, and
- be certified by the Board, chief executive officer or an authorised officer of the Organisation.

A non-audited financial acquittal is submitted by completing the online form and then attaching your income and expenditure statement (e.g. Word, PDF, excel format etc). Please see an example of a non-audited financial acquittal that meets our requirements.

For more information on Non-Audited Financial Acquittal Reports, please visit the Community Grants Hub website: Non-Audited Financial Acquittals | Community Grants Hub

Audited Financial Acquittal Reports

An audited financial acquittal report is prepared by someone independent to the organisation. It includes an income and expenditure statement for the grant audited by a:

- Registered Company Auditor under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth); or
- member of CPA Australia; or
- member of the Institute of Public Accountants in Australia; or
- member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

There is no specific format for an audited financial acquittal, however it must;

be accompanied by an audit opinion;

- adhere to the applicable Australian Accounting Standards and be based on proper accounts and records;
- verify that the funding has been spent on the activity in accordance with the Agreement,
 Schedule and Terms and Conditions;
- pertain to Departmental funding only (an audited statement for your whole organisation is not acceptable);
- clearly differentiate income and expenditure relating to each grant you are funded for; and
- include any other matters as specified in the Grant Agreement.

An audited financial acquittal is submitted by completing the online form and then attaching your audit and audit opinion documents.

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