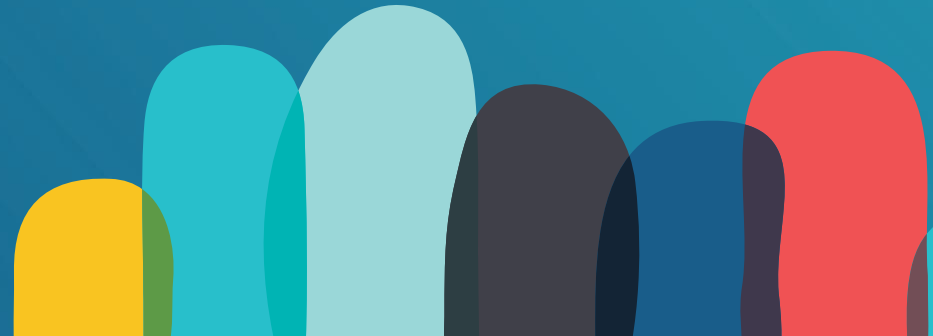




Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Communities**

# Youth Engagement Grants Non-Mandatory Briefing

Youth Team and Grants Team



# Acknowledgement of Country



I respectfully acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet and pay my respects to Elders past and present.

# Overview



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# Youth portfolio

# Youth portfolio



- The Youth portfolio, through the Department of Communities, leads a whole-of-government approach to improving outcomes for all young people in Western Australia aged 10 to 25 years old.
- We work in partnership with young people, the youth sector, community groups and across all levels of government to support the development of programs and initiatives that meet the diverse needs of young people.

# Youth portfolio



- The Youth portfolio delivers universal youth services that are open to all young people including vulnerable and marginalised young people. The key focus areas of the Youth portfolio are:
  - Youth development
  - Youth engagement
  - Positive promotion of young people
  - Advocating on behalf of the needs of young people

# Youth Action Plan



- The State Government is developing a new three-year Youth Action Plan for young people in Western Australia, to improve outcomes for young people aged 10 to 25 years old.
- Consultation with young people has been critical to shaping the new Youth Action Plan. We heard from over 2,200 young people with diverse experiences from across Western Australia.
- Young people shared the importance of support during the transition to adulthood, including education, training and life skills (budgeting, cooking, applying for jobs).

# Youth Engagement Grants Program



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- The WA Youth Engagement Grants Program 2025 provides grants for local governments and community service organisations to implement projects that engage young people (aged 10-25 years) in creative ways and help to achieve positive outcomes for young people in the community.



# Funding available

- Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for short-term, one-off activities or initiatives (up to 6 months).
  - E.g. a project that involves young people in the planning and delivery of a specific community activity, or workshops where young people can learn and develop life skills.
- Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for longer term (6-12 months), community-wide, strategic initiatives.
  - E.g. developing community-wide, multi-organisation youth service plans, a youth engagement conference or planning for youth-friendly communities.

# Program objectives



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The 2025 Program Objectives are informed by the Youth Action Plan consultations with young people and support local organisations that deliver projects that support, inform, and build capacity of young people in areas including:

- Equip young people with financial literacy skills including budgeting and managing bills, taxation, superannuation, and making smart investments
- Provide tailored advice and guidance to support young people achieve their individual careers aspirations, including advising on post-school pathways available to them and how to apply
- Support the entrepreneurial aspirations of young people by providing knowledge on how to start and successfully manage a business



# Program objectives

- Build the confidence of young people to navigate often overwhelming processes and procedures such as how to buy and/or rent a home, and applying for financial aid and/or other supports
- Develop practical skills that enable young people to function independently such as food preparation, home (cleaning and gardening), and vehicle maintenance (changing a tyre) and learning how to drive
- Support young people in achieving their employment goals by developing their skills on how to search and apply for a job, how to write a resume/cover letter and prepare for an interview including different forms in which applicants may be expected to engage in selection processes i.e. video pitch, graduate program entry requirements

# How are applications assessed?

# Assessment criteria



- The project will benefit young people aged between 10 and 25 years of age.
- The project address one or more of the Program Objectives.
- The project aligns with Communities' Youth Friendly Communities Principles. Further information available online at: <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/youth-friendly-communities>
- Young people are actively involved in the design, development, and implementation of the project. Further information available in Communities' Youth Participation Kit, online at: <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/youth-participation-kit>

# Assessment criteria



- The project demonstrated community need through evidenced consultations and research.
- Evidence of sound planning and ability to manage the project, including clearly defined aims, project outcomes and evaluation measures to determine the effectiveness, feasibility, and sustainability of the initiative.
- Ongoing benefits for young people following the completion of the project.
- The project delivers value for money. The amount requested is reasonable given the number of young people involved and the anticipated outcomes for young people.



# Assessment criteria



- Any applicant proposing a partnership or sub-contracting arrangement for delivery or evaluation of their project, must detail this arrangement in full in their application under the section for project description.
- After meeting the criteria, to ensure funding is allocated evenly across Western Australia, allocation of grants will be based on geographic location.
- Priority may be given to events held in regional and remote areas and to events and organisations that have not previously been funded through the Grants Program.

# Eligibility



# Who can apply:

Eligible groups and organisations must be:

- Incorporated non-for-profit community organisations
- Local government authorities
- Unincorporated organisations or community groups, applying through the auspice of an incorporated body or a local government authority



# Who cannot apply:

Entities not eligible to apply for funding include:

- Commonwealth of State Government agencies
- Individuals
- Commercial, for-profit organisations
- Unincorporated, community sector organisations (unless applying through an incorporated body or a local government authority)
- Organisations located in the Indian Ocean Territories



# Who cannot apply:

Entities not eligible to apply for funding include:

- Organisations that have outstanding acquittal or evaluation requirements from previous Communities' grant or program funding are ineligible to apply until the required documentation has been submitted.
- Please contact Communities if there are any queries about an organisations acquittal status.

# How can I apply through an auspice?



An unincorporated organisation or community group can apply for the Program through the auspice of a non-for-profit, incorporated organisation or a local government authority.

- The grant must be applied for through the auspice.
- An auspice organisation will assume administrative responsibility and accept and adhere to all terms and conditions of the grant, maintain financial records, and provide reporting information for successful applications.

# Submitting an application



# Form and timeline

You can access the application form on the Communities website:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/wa-youth-engagement-grants-program>

Closing: **2:30pm, Thursday 26 September 2024**

Applications must be submitted online by email:

[grants@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:grants@communities.wa.gov.au)

All applications will be acknowledged via email within five business days of receipt. Please contact Communities to confirm receipt if no acknowledgement is received by this time.



# Questions

If you have any further questions,  
please feel free to reach out at  
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