



Capital Grants Program

What is the Capital Grants Program?

The **Capital Grants Program** is responsible for the administration and management of capital grants funded by the Department of Housing and Works, ranging from capital grants for social housing to capital grants to build community infrastructure. It is administered by the Capital Grants Program team within the Department.

The Capital Grants Program was initiated in 2020 as the Social Housing Economic Recovery Grants Program to aid COVID-19 economic recovery. It became the Community Housing Grants Program in 2023, expanding to include all social housing-related capital grants in Western Australia (WA). In 2024, it evolved into the **Capital Grants Program**, further broadening its remit to provide support to all other capital grants administered by the Department of Housing and Works.

The aim of the Capital Grants Program is to fund and support capital projects that develop the community and enhance the quality of life for Western Australians. As at 30 June 2025, the Capital Grants Program has total program funding of \$304.3 million for the building or refurbishment of 1,518 social housing dwellings and other capital grants.

What is a grant?

A 'grant' sets out an amount of funding to be provided for specific purposes within a defined period.¹ A grant agreement is a contract and, in WA, must be managed under the *WA Grants Administration Guidelines* and relevant legislation. The Capital Grants Program must adhere to a range of legislation including but not limited to the:

- *Financial Management Act 2006* (WA)
- *Procurement Act 2020* (WA)
- *Freedom of Information Act 1992* (WA)
- *Auditor General Act 2006* (WA)
- *State Record Act 2000* (WA)
- *Governance, Performance, and Accountability Act 2013* (WA)
- *Housing Act 1980* (WA)
- *Disability Services Act 1993* (WA)
- *Health Services Act 2016* (WA).

- ▶ **The Capital Grants Program team has robust governance structures and processes throughout all grants administration stages to ensure guidelines and legislation are met.** This includes designated governance roles for assessment (i.e. specialist assessment team), evaluation (i.e. evaluation panel) and approval (i.e. Minister for Housing and Homelessness) of grant funding.
- ▶ **All grants are governed by a grant agreement, which is a contract between the administering grantor and the grant recipient.** The grant agreement sets out the amount of funding to be provided to the grant recipient, for what purposes and for what discrete period. This is distinct from other financial arrangements such as service or commercial agreements that are made through a defined procurement process.

¹ Department of the Premier and Cabinet, *WA Grant Administration Guidelines*, 2022. Available from: <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/western-australian-grants-administration-guidelines-2022>;



What are some examples of our grant programs?

Community Housing Grants

The Community Housing Grants program supports registered community housing organisations with grant funding to:

- build new community housing
- refurbish existing housing stock nearing the end of its useful life
- maintain housing stock in regional and remote communities.

Regional Grants Round

The Regional Grants Round supports registered community housing organisations and local governments with funding to:

- refurbish existing housing stock nearing the end of its useful life
- deliver new housing options in regional WA for vulnerable people.

Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) Aboriginal Employee Housing (AEH) Grants

The ACCO AEH Grants program supports ACCOs in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions with funding to build new housing, refurbish existing housing and purchase existing housing for Aboriginal employees.

Early Years Partnership (EYP) Grants

The EYP Grants program supports the construction of:

- an ACCO-led Early Learning and Family Centre
- a community playground.

It aims to support the implementation of Community Plans to improve children's wellbeing and school readiness.

Housing Australia Future Fund Maintenance & Improvements

Grant Program Funds (HAFF Remotes): HAFF Remotes program supports repairs and upgrades to remote Aboriginal housing, including to improved safety, accessibility, and climate resilience. This project will extend the life of existing social housing, support local employment and culturally appropriate delivery.

Other capital grants programs

The Capital Grants Program team also supports negotiation and administration of other capital grants programs, through the calls for submissions process.