



WA Youth Engagement Annual Grants Program 2026 Grant recipients

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Organisation	Project Name	Project Description	Funding Amount	Regions
Shire of East Pilbara	East Pilbara Youth Leadership Series: Empowering Regional Voices 2026	The Shire of East Pilbara will engage young people from the region in a year-long program of leadership development, skill-building, and community connection. The centrepiece, a Youth Leadership Retreat, will be complemented by leadership workshops, mentoring sessions, and youth-led projects, to foster confidence, connection, and capacity among young people - amplifying their voices and ability to shape their communities and futures.	\$10,000.00	Pilbara
Shire of Capel	Shire of Capel 2026 Youth Empowerment Program	The Shire of Capel Youth Empowerment Program will support young people aged 10–17 to grow, connect, and thrive through life skill development, leadership, creativity, and community involvement. By fostering confidence, inclusion, and youth voice, the program will empower participants to build resilience, express themselves, and make a positive impact as future leaders within their community.	\$10,000.00	South West
Shire of Cunderdin	STRIVE Youth Program	STRIVE- Supporting Teens to Respect, Inspire, Value, and Engage is a regional youth initiative that will support young people to respect themselves and others, inspire positive choices, value safe behaviours, and actively engage in their community, promoting personal growth and community safety.	\$10,000.00	Wheatbelt
Lionheart Camp for Kids Incorporated	Youth Grief Advisory Committee	The Youth Grief Advisory Committee (YGAC) is a youth-led initiative that will amplify the voices and experiences of young people who have been affected by grief and loss. The committee will provide guidance and insight to ensure programs, resources, and policies reflect the real needs of grieving young people.	\$9,250.00	South West; South-West Metro; Western Metro; North-West Metro; South-East Metro

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City of Fremantle	CMF Youth Upskill Training	The City of Fremantle is partnering with the City of Cockburn, City of Melville, the Department of Education and PCYC Hilton to support at-risk young people across the South-West region. This collaboration will create local pathways for skill development by providing opportunities to complete White Card training, RSA training, Barista training and Senior First Aid training.	\$8,668.00	South-West Metro;
City of Stirling	Stirling Peer-Led Youth Engagement	The City of Stirling in partnership with YACWA, will recruit and train 8–10 peer researchers aged 15-25 years to co-design and deliver engagement activities across the Stirling LGA. The engagement will capture authentic insights from young people, families, and the wider community to inform the City’s new Social Framework, ensuring youth voices shape future policy and community priorities.	\$10,000.00	North-West Metro
Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia Inc	WA Youth Advisory Group Learning Library	YACWA will develop and deliver a series of short, youth-friendly, online training modules for young people involved in Youth Advisory Groups. Modules will cover topics such as public speaking, chairing/facilitating meetings, designing effective peer engagement, and advocating to politicians/decision-makers. All sessions will be filmed and freely accessible on YACWA’s website, ensuring YAG members across WA have access to high-quality training.	\$10,000.00	Mid West; Pilbara; South West
Perth Rhinos Basketball Inc.	Skill Up Workshops	Perth Rhinos Basketball Inc. Will deliver co-designed workshops for young people aged 12–25 that build life-skills and complement basketball journeys. Workshop topics such as performance nutrition on a budget, financial literacy, employment readiness, and entrepreneurship, aim to empower participants to thrive both on and off the court.	\$5,000.00	North-West Metro

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City of Bayswater	Youth Advisory Council – revitalisation and renewal	The City of Bayswater seeks to revitalise its Youth Advisory Council by developing a contemporary, youth-led leadership program. Grant funding will support stronger engagement, improved skill-building, and clearer pathways for young people to influence City projects. A redesigned structure, training opportunities, and a major youth-led project/event will strengthen youth voice, leadership, and representation across the organisation.	\$4,870.00	East Metro
Integrity Initiative	Word Travels	'Word Travels' is a workshop which will be organised by Integrity Initiative. It will take lived-experience storytelling on the road, delivering creative workshops in regional WA. Young people will design and publish their own 'zines', learning practical, transferable skills such as project planning, communication, and teamwork. By combining creativity with capacity-building, the project boosts youth confidence, work-readiness, and community connection while amplifying diverse youth voices across the state.	\$10,000.00	Gascoyne; Great Southern; Mid West; Peel; Pilbara
Neurological Council of Western Australia (Inc)	Greater Geraldton Neuro Youth Action Plan Initiative	The Neurological Council of Western Australia will Co-design a Neuro Youth Action Plan that improves health and wellbeing for young people in Geraldton, Northampton, and Dongara impacted by neurological conditions or who are neurodiverse. It will provide school based, a youth-led workshop where youth voices will help shape community neuro services and inform relevant primary care and education strategies for the region and beyond.	\$10,000.00	Mid West

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Youth Focus - headspace Northam	LGBTQIA+ Drop In Space	Headspace Northam will provide monthly drop-in sessions for LGBTQIA+ young people living in the Wheatbelt to connect with like-minded peers, engage in identity-affirming activities, access support services, and actively participate in the community. These sessions may foster community belonging and inclusion while also providing a space for youth free from stigma and discrimination.	\$6,795.00	Wheatbelt
Milligan Community Learning and Resource Centre	Empowering Young Volunteers	Empowering Young Volunteers will co-design inclusive and accessible volunteer pathways with young people, strengthening youth participation in community life. Through youth-led development of strategies, policies, and support structures, the project will embed youth voice, foster meaningful engagement, and build skills for independence while enhancing regional organisations' capacity to involve and celebrate young volunteers.	10,000.00	South West
Shire of Gnowangerup	Youth Advisory Council	The Shire of Gnowangerup will establish a Youth Advisory Council to give young people a voice in local decision-making. The committee will empower youth to share ideas, develop leadership skills, and contribute to community projects, ensuring their perspectives are included in shaping the Shire's future.	\$10,000.00	Great Southern
Shire of Northam	Northam & Surrounds Youth Action Plan	The Shire of Northam, in partnership with headspace Youth Reference Group and local youth services, will develop a youth-led, community-informed Youth Action Plan. This plan will guide engagement and service delivery across Northam and surrounding areas, ensuring young people's voices shape the future of youth programs.	\$10,000.00	Wheatbelt

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Shire of Narembeen	Narembeen Youth Skills Series - Building Confidence and Capability	The Shire of Narembeen will deliver a series of hands-on workshops to support young people aged 12–25 to develop practical life skills, confidence, and employability.	\$5,000.00	Wheatbelt
Town of Port Hedland	Hedland Youth Leadership Pathways Program	The Town of Port Hedland will facilitate a youth-led leadership initiative designed to empower young people through structured development pathways, mentorship, and community engagement, building resilience, confidence, and readiness for future civic participation.	\$10,000.00	Pilbara
Peel Volunteer Resource Centre Inc	Volunteer Youth Advisory Group	Peel Volunteer Resource Centre Inc will establish a Youth Advisory Group (YAG) to empower young people aged 12–25 to shape youth volunteering initiatives. The YAG will foster leadership, amplify youth voices and promote inclusive community engagement through quarterly meetings, training and collaborative projects.	\$10,000.00	Peel
Dalwallinu Community Resource Centre Incorporated	Future Funders – Youth Financial Skills Workshop	Dalwallinu Community Resource Centre Incorporated will deliver an initiative to help young people learn how to manage money wisely. It includes a financial workshop, BBQ sizzle, and quiz with prizes to make learning enjoyable.	\$5,000.00	Wheatbelt
Sussex Street Community Law Centre	Dollars and Sense - Youth codesign	Dollars & Sense empowers young Western Australians to take charge of their financial futures. Sussex Street Community Law Service and local partners will test the D&S zine and codesign and prototype key channels for engagement with young people aged 15–25, creating real, relatable tools and approaches for learning about money, debt and tenancy that genuinely stick and reflect lived experience.	\$10,000.00	South-East Metro; East Metro

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City of Vincent	Youth Connect Workshop Series	"The City of Vincent will provide the Youth Connect Workshop Series, a vibrant program of interactive workshops and activities across the key themes which are designed by young people, for young people.	\$8,000.00	North-West Metro
What Were You Wearing Australia	Youth Advisory Council: Amplifying Youth Voice for Safer WA Communities	This initiative is dedicated to establishing and empowering the What Were You Wearing (WWYW) Australia Youth Advisory Council (YAC), a diverse, representative body of 12-15 young people aged 15–25 across Western Australia. This will be completed over a period of 12 months with five distinct phases.	\$8,600.00	Great Southern; Kimberley; Peel; North-West Metro; South-East Metro
Shire of Wandering	Wandering Youth For Life Program	The Shire of Wandering will provide youth in Wandering and surrounding areas with access to a range of practical skills workshops and activities across six months. Three activities per month, providing regular opportunities for youth to be engaged and learn in an inclusive and fun environment. An end of project function will be held, providing connection to youth services and outlets.	\$5,000.00	Peel; Wheatbelt;
Joombarn-buru Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	Drive and Thrive	Joombarn-buru Aboriginal Corporation will provide a project called Drive and Thrive that empowers young Aboriginal people at risk of disengagement by supporting them to gain a driver's licence, essential life skills, and a vocational skill set. Through mentoring, training, and practical learning, the program builds confidence, independence, and pathways to education and employment, fostering stronger community connection and supporting positive transitions into adulthood.	\$5,000	Kimberley

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Fraggle Farm Inc	Work Ready on the Farm	Fraggle Farm Inc will host a program called "Work Ready on the Farm," a mentorship program designed to prepare neurodivergent youth and young adults for employment in hospitality, animal care, and horticulture. Over six months, participants will rotate through practical work areas, gain experience, develop employability skills, and connect with local businesses for future job pathways.	\$8,000.00	Peel; South-West Metro
The Skill Engineer Ltd.	Digital Dreaming – Empowering young First Nations voices through mobile media creation.	The Skill Engineer, utilising a purpose built mobile multi-media outreach van will deliver Digital Dreaming across Broome, Bidyadanga, and the Dampier Peninsular communities to develop youth voices through storytelling, podcasting, and videography. The project builds digital, cultural, and employability skills while enhancing connection, inclusion, leadership and self-esteem. Participants will co-design and share their stories, creating lasting community pride and social cohesion.	\$9,804.00	Kimberley