

YOUTH SECTOR GRANTS SCHEME SUPPORTED BY LOTTERYWEST

ABOUT THE GRANTS SCHEME

The Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA) introduces the Youth Sector Grants Scheme supported by Lotterywest, which has emerged as part of a sector-wide response to the issues facing young people in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown. Young people have experienced unprecedented disruption to their education and employment opportunities, alongside significant challenges to their overall health and wellbeing. Similarly, the youth services and organisations supporting young people have been forced to adapt their services, completely rethink models of service delivery and reinvent the way they operate.

The Grants Scheme is a response to those challenges. Operating as a devolved funding program through funding from Lotterywest, the Grants Scheme will enable YACWA to provide financial support to youth services to increase their organisational capacity, reinvigorate interrupted programs, deepen youth engagement and improve mental health and wellbeing outcomes for young people (aged 10 – 25 years) in Western Australia.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

With the aim of providing responsive and agile support, the focus of this funding will be to provide a rapid, flexible small grants program to youth services to enable streamlined pivoting of service provision to meet emerging needs of young people.

Aligning with [YACWA's COVID-19 Recovery Framework for Youth](#), careful and sensitive research and consultation point towards a multi-pronged path to recovery, spanning three key pillars:

- 1. Capacity building and social support**
Supporting young people, their families, and their communities to be happy and well
- 2. Job creation and industry development**
Creating sustainable jobs that build futures for young people
- 3. Education, training, and community connection**
Supporting young people to thrive



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Working within this framework, the objectives of this grant program will be to build the resilience of place-based youth organisations to rebuild and recover towards ongoing sector development and wellbeing for young people.

YACWA recognises that people who stay alongside young people for a long time have ongoing trusted relationships in those spaces. The Youth Sector Grants Scheme aims to consolidate these relationships by providing funds to **optimise and add value to existing resources, leading to larger impact.**

Specifically, the program seeks to **build on current activity to adapt to the exacerbated needs of young people**, by supporting projects which align with the three pillars.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Grants between \$2,000 – \$10,000 are available for projects with reportable outcomes at four (4) months, which **build on and add value to existing projects.**

Funding is currently available with the dates and details for distribution demonstrated below:

Applications open:	Funding pool:
30 August – 11 October 2021	\$350,000

WHO CAN APPLY

Non For Profit Organisations.

Local Government Associations.

Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations.

Community groups with auspiced agreements from an incorporated association.

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HOW TO APPLY

- Carefully read the Guidelines.
- Contact the YACWA Grants Officer to discuss the project proposal, confirm eligibility of the application, and receive a unique Application Number to proceed with application:

Ms Mayma Awaida (she/her)
Grants Officer
Youth Affairs Council WA
grants@yacwa.org.au
(08) 9227 5440

Please note working hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

- Download the application form and complete all sections.
- Attach the budget if not included in the primary form (template available through the YACWA Grants web page).
- Ensure the application is signed by the authorised delegate of the project.
- Submit the signed application by:
 - Email: grants@yacwa.org.au (preferred), or;
 - Post: PO Box 334, Leederville WA 6903
 - Fax: (08) 9328 7446

APPLICATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2021, AT 5PM

All applications will be acknowledged via email within five (5) business days of receipt. Please contact the YACWA Grants Officer to confirm receipt if no acknowledgement is received by this time.

If you have any accessibility requirements with relation to this application that we need to consider, please get in touch to discuss with the Grants Officer.



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SELECTION PROCESS

This process applies to the **current Youth Sector Grants Scheme supported by Lotterywest** (with a maximum request of \$10,000 per project).

Currently these grants are assessed at the end of each funding round by an assessment panel external to YACWA's direct team of staff. This panel will be a composite of equal numbers of young people with diverse backgrounds and experiences, alongside a selection of long-term youth workers.

Grants will be evenly distributed and assessed by smaller subcommittee teams within the panel, with all shortlisted applications discussed at a larger panel-wide meeting. Applications which best align with the objectives of this grant program will be selected during this meeting.

Additional to the eligibility criteria, the assessment panel will use a list of prioritisations to take into consideration the impact of the grant to the applicant's proposal. A detailed summary of the Requirements, Assessment Criteria and Assessment Prioritisation is included below.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their submission. Please allow up to four (4) weeks from the closing date for an application to be processed and the outcome to be announced.

YACWA will be available to support and facilitate all administrative aspects of the grant program, however ask that the applicant recognises that YACWA will **not** be involved in the outcomes relating to assessment.

REQUIREMENTS

- Proposed activities have a benefit to West Australians.
- There must be evidence that projects are seeking funding to **strengthen existing activities, with a clear value add.**
- A clear and demonstrated link with [YACWA's COVID-19 Recovery Framework for Youth](#), and its three proposed pillars of recovery:
 - Capacity building and social support;
 - Job creation and industry development;
 - Education, training, and community connection

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- Projects must have reportable outcomes four (4) months from project start date, demonstrated through completion of YACWA's Milestone Check-In (only applicable for projects lasting more than four months)
- Applicants must acquit their grant within six (6) weeks of project completion, which involves:
 - Completion and submission of YACWA's Grant Acquittal Form, including the project's financial report;
 - Return of any unspent funds to YACWA

WHAT THIS GRANT WILL SUPPORT

Funding from this application can go towards any of the following expenses:

- Transport (including airfares and ground transport)
- Equipment and venue hire
- Consumables (where imperative for the activity to take place, including catering)
- Infrastructure
- Wages directly related to the project / program staffing (must be for the project time only)
- Marketing costs
- Consultations and facilitators
- Grant administration costs (up to 5%)

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Each application will be assessed against the following criteria:

- The project aligns with one or more of the three pillars identified within [YACWA's COVID-19 Recovery Framework for Youth](#):
 - Capacity building and social support;
 - Job creation and industry development;
 - Education, training, and community connection.
- The project will optimise and add value to the applicant's existing resources.
- The project offers value for money given the resource outlay and ongoing impact for young people.
- There is evidence of sound planning and ability to manage the project, including clearly defined project objectives, evaluation measures, and outcomes.

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- The applicant has conducted culturally sensitive and respectful research and consultation(s) to demonstrate that there is a community need.
- The project is sustainable in terms of its continued benefit to young people following completion of the project.

ASSESSMENT PRIORITISATION

After meeting the above listed requirements, the Grant Assessment Panel will also prioritise applications that:

- Will be delivered regionally, rurally and/or remotely.
- Support organisations with no core funding.
- Support Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations.
- Support additional underrepresented groups including, but not limited to:
 - LGBTIQ+ young people;
 - Young people with disabilities;
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people;
 - Young people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) communities.

WHAT THIS GRANT WON'T SUPPORT

- Projects or services which receive other funding, where the objectives are identical to those posed in this application.
- Activities with no benefit to young West Australians.
- Retrospective costs.
- The project cannot be a fundraising activity or have the awarding of prizes as its main focus.
- Operational staffing (ongoing core administrative wages to maintain the organisation)

KEY MILESTONES



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The following information details the key administrative milestones applicable to proposals received for the **Youth Sector Grants Scheme supported by Lotterywest (30 August – 11 October, 2021)**:

- **MONDAY 30 AUGUST**
Grants Open
- **MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**
Regional Information Session: Albany / Kinjarling
- **WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**
Regional Information Session: Geraldton / Jambinu
- **MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**
Regional Information Session: Kalgoorlie / Wongatha Country
- **MONDAY 11 OCTOBER**
Grants Close
- **FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER**
Applicants notified of grant outcome
Grants distributed within ten (10) business days of YACWA receiving the applicant's invoice.
- **4 MONTHS FROM PROJECT START DATE**
Applicants to complete project milestone check-in (only where this precedes the project end date)
- **SIX WEEKS FROM PROJECT COMPLETION DATE**
Applicants to complete project acquittal report within six (6) weeks of their project completion date

SUPPORT



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For further information about the Grants Scheme, or for assistance to complete the application form, please contact:

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