

ABOUT THE GRANTS PROGRAM

The McGowan Government acknowledges the importance of empowering LGBTIQA+ young people and supporting their mental and physical wellbeing.

The Department of Communities (Communities) has provided the Youth Affairs Council of WA (YACWA) with \$275,000 (ex GST) in funding to administer the **LGBTIQA+ Youth Empowerment Grants program**, providing \$275,000 in funding to organisations to deliver support and inclusion services for LGBTIQA+ young people.

Organisations specialising in the delivery of empowering programs for LGBTIQA+ young people aged 10-25 years are eligible to apply for grants of between \$2,000 and \$25,000 (ex GST).

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program aims to support initiatives to improve the health and wellbeing of LGBTIQA+ young people young people aged 10-25 years through increased representation, engagement, and participation with decision-making. YACWA will provide support and guidance through the application process and acquittal requirements on completion of the project.

Empowerment involves young people making decisions about their own lives, and getting the support needed to make this happen. It begins with having strong and secure foundations that allow people, families, and communities to grow and develop, and build their own futures.¹

The program is underpinned by three key objectives, informed by community consultation, alongside the WA Government's [Beyond 2020 Youth Action Plan](#) and the [WA Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex \(LGBTI\) Health Strategy 2019 – 2024](#).

Applications open: Monday 7 November 2022 Applicants notified of grant outcome: by 28 February 2023	Applications close: Friday 16 December 2022 Funding pool: \$275,000 Grants distributed within ten (10) business days of YACWA receiving the applicant's invoice.
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WHO CAN APPLY

- Not-for-profit organisations operating in Western Australia specialising in service delivery for LGBTIQA+ young people;
- Not-for-profit organisations that provide general support for LGBTIQA+ people which include support for young people alongside other age demographics; and
- Not-for-profit organisations that provide general service delivery which includes support for LGBTIQA+ young people alongside other target cohorts.

WHO CAN'T APPLY

- Organisations located outside of Western Australia;
- Commonwealth or State Government agencies;
- Individuals;
- Commercial, for-profit organisations; and
- Organisations located in the Indian Ocean Territories.

WHAT THIS GRANT WILL SUPPORT

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

- Skill-building and professional development for LGBTIQA+ young people;
- Programs that connect LGBTIQA+ young people with local governments and youth advisory councils;
- Transport, including airfares and ground transport within Western Australia;
- Equipment and venue hire;
- Consumables (where imperative for the activity to take place, including catering);
- Wages related to the project/program staffing (must be for the project time only);
- Costs for marketing that cannot be delivered by the Department of Communities or YACWA;
- Grant administration costs (up to 10 per cent);
- New initiatives benefitting LGBTIQA+ young people;
- Advocacy training; and
- Any other eligible projects that meet the grant program aims to elevate the voice of LGBTIQA+ young people aged 10-25 years, and increase representation, engagement, and participation with decision-making.

WHAT THIS GRANT WON'T SUPPORT

- Activities with no benefit to LGBTIQA+ young people in Western Australia;
- Projects that duplicate an existing or similar project or service within the community;
- Projects that are traditionally funded through other sources (e.g. disability access);
- Retrospective costs;
- Projects and activities that involve commercial ventures, charitable events or fundraising activities with the awarding of prizes as its focus; and
- Gifts or payments for project participants.
- Operational staffing (e.g., ongoing maintenance or operational costs of existing programs or facilities including but not limited to rent, maintenance, service charges, administration, ongoing wages or salaries to maintain the organisation).
- Purchase of capital items, infrastructure or equipment
- Overseas travel.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Each application will be assessed against the following criteria:

- The project aligns with the [Beyond 2020 – WA Youth Action Plan](#), and the [WA Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex \(LGBTI\) Health Strategy 2019 – 2024](#) and the following program priorities:
 - **Inclusion and access**
LGBTIQA+ young people can access appropriate, specific resources and services to support their mental and physical wellbeing.
 - **Safe, skilled and affirming**
Services supporting LGBTIQA+ young people are safe, affirming and well-equipped to provide the specialised supports that LGBTIQA+ young people need.
 - **Empowering LGBTIQA+ young people**
Supporting young LGBTIQA+ young people to become leaders, advocates and key participants in decision-making.
- The project offers value for money given the resource outlay and ongoing impact for LGBTIQA+ young people.
- There is evidence of sound planning and ability to manage the project, including clearly defined project objectives, evaluation measures, and outcomes.
- The applicant has demonstrated through a culturally sensitive and respectful approach that there is a community need.
- The project increases representation, engagement, and participation with decision-making of Aboriginal young people aged 10-25 years.
- In addition to the above criteria preference will be given to organisations that are youth led and/or projects that are developed and led by young people.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

This grant round will be assessed by a panel of LGBTIQA+ young people and LGBTIQA+ community representatives, alongside representatives from the Department of Communities and the Minister for Youth's office. YACWA will **not** be involved in assessment applications. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission via email by 28 February 2023.

ASSESSMENT PRIORITISATION

The Grant Assessment Panel will also prioritise applications that meet the above listed assessment criteria, on the following basis.

The proposed LGBTIQA+ youth empowerment project will

- Support and benefit LGBTIQA+ young people in Western Australia as per the Assessment Criteria;
- Will be delivered regionally, rurally and/or remotely; and
- Support organisations with no core funding.

HOW TO APPLY

- Carefully read the Guidelines.
- Contact the YACWA Grants Officer to discuss the project proposal and confirm eligibility of the application - there is no question too big or too small.

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- Fill out the online application form via [SmartyGrants](#)
- Ensure the application is signed by the authorised delegate of the project

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 in relation to your application that should be considered, please discuss with the Grants Officer.

KEY MILESTONES

The following information details the key administrative milestones applicable to proposals received for the **LGBTIQA+ Youth Empowerment Grants program** supported by the Department of Communities:

- **MONDAY 7 November 2022**
Grants Open
- **FRIDAY 16 December 2022**
Grants Close
- **BEFORE 28 February 2023**
Applicants notified of grant outcome
Grants distributed within ten (10) business days of YACWA receiving the applicant's invoice.
- **SIX WEEKS FROM PROJECT COMPLETION DATE**
Applicants to complete project acquittal report within six (6) weeks of their project completion date and return of any unspent funds to YACWA.

SUPPORT

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

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