

2010 GRANT GUIDELINES (DGR)

Overview

Western Australian Community Foundation, an independent organisation, was created to nurture philanthropic partnerships between individuals, community and business in WA.

The Foundation's supportive framework serves as a vehicle through which individuals, community groups and organisations can direct their giving in a manner that produces sustainable and long-term outcomes for WA communities. Desired long term outcomes include an increased focus on building social capital in communities, leading to stronger, self reliant communities and a vibrant and sustainable state.

Western Australian Community Foundation is an ideal means for individuals, groups or businesses who wish to donate funds for Western Australian communities and to make a positive long-term impact on the community in which they live.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Community groups or organisations whose activities and purposes are charitable, and benefit communities within Western Australia may apply.¹

Charitable purposes are those that benefit the community through activities such as, but not limited to:

- Relief of disaster, poverty or sickness.
- Advancement of education or religion.
- Promoting health, agriculture, commerce, arts and culture.
- Providing community facilities.
- Supporting animal welfare.
- Promoting scientific research.
- Preserving historic buildings.

However, applications to Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) community funds, under the trusteeship of Western Australian Community Foundation, must be received by endorsed DGR community groups or organisations. Alternatively, community groups or organisations may engage an Auspice Body. Please contact the Australian Taxation Office or a certified tax agent for details on how to apply for DGR status.

Application through an Auspice Body

If your organisation does not have DGR status, as endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office, you must engage an Auspice Body with DGR status for your application to be considered.

Where application is made on behalf of others, the application must be in the name of the Auspice Body with relevant ABN, GST and DGR status clearly outlined. The application must clearly identify the project details and organisation which is under the authority of the Auspice Body. All grant agreements and obligation will remain with the Auspice Body.

¹ A 'community' is any group with a common purpose.

Projects Eligible for Consideration

Projects eligible for consideration should have the aim of engaging and strengthening the community. Projects and initiatives should:

- Incorporate community participation;
- Show enterprise or innovation;
- Offer a demonstrable benefit to the community; and / or
- Result in a clear vision or strategy for benefiting the community in the long term.

Exclusions

Projects that may be ineligible for consideration include:

- Sporting activities and recreation facilities;
- Projects that have commenced prior to application for support being submitted (retrospective grants);
- Projects in receipt of State or Federal Government funding as part of core business, unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated and negotiated;
- Private and public education facilities, unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated and negotiated;
- Projects that cannot demonstrate support from the owners of the facility;
- Projects that have not received appropriate planning approvals, such as Local Government;
- Projects which are restricted to private or exclusive participation, which shall include restricting access on the basis of areas such as gender, race, religion, culture, ability, age, or marital status; and
- Projects owned by private and public companies or individuals with the intention of making a profit.

Applicants must articulate the project's purpose, objectives, outcomes and budget. Further information may be obtained from the Foundation's website under '[Opportunities](#)'. Applicants are encouraged to discuss projects with Western Australian Community Foundation prior to completing an application.

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Submitting Your Application

Signed and completed applications must be submitted by the due date. Please refer to the appropriate community fund opportunities and objectives for further information. Applications will be accepted via:

E-mail applications@wacf.org.au (please note a scanned signed copy is required)
Fax (08) 9224 6010
Post PO Box 3348, PERTH WA 6832 (applications accepted post-marked by closing date)
In person Level 1, 231 Adelaide Terrace, PERTH

Note: Unfortunately materials sent in support of your application cannot be returned. Therefore, please endeavour to submit copies, not originals.