



Youth Opportunities Program 2017-18 Funding Round

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1 What is the *Youth Opportunities* program?

- A. The *Youth Opportunities* program is based on evidence which shows that with the proper support and opportunity all young people can address and overcome a range of risk factors in their lives.

The program provides time-limited grants for new projects which enable young people to lead and participate in community development activities. It is based on the principles of: inclusiveness (targeting all young people); community participation; community service (including volunteering); partnering with young people and developing networks within communities.

Q2 How can you apply for a grant from the *Youth Opportunities* program?

- A. Applicants can read about eligibility and how to apply for a grant at www.youth.nsw.gov.au/youth-opportunities/.

Applications submitted after the advertised closing date of Monday 26 June 2017 will not be accepted.

Q3 What is the program target group?

- A. Young people who are transitioning from childhood to adulthood and from dependence to independence are the target group. This includes young people who are at-risk of disengaging from their community.

Q4 How much funding is available?

- A. A total of \$1.1 million is available for grants of up to \$50,000 each are available for *Youth Opportunities* projects.

Q5 Which organisations can apply for funding?

- A. Applications are invited from incorporated non-government organisations and from local government.

During the application assessment process, checks will be conducted to confirm eligibility and financial viability of organisations.

More information is included in the Program Guidelines which are available at www.youth.nsw.gov.au/youth-opportunities/



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Q6 Will my application be ineligible if I do not have an ABN?

- A. No – However in order to receive grant payments successful applicants will require an ABN or provide a “Statement by a Supplier” form.

To apply for an ABN contact the Australian Taxation Office on 132 866 or visit www.business.gov.au

Q7 Which organisations cannot be funded?

- A. Applications from state and federal government agencies, schools, individuals and for-profit organisations cannot be considered for funding under the program guidelines.

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Q8 What types of projects can be funded?

- A. Funded projects will involve young people in all aspects of the project. Projects will use a range of strategies to support young people. Strategies which focus on young people’s participation, engagement and inclusion in the community will best meet the program objectives.

Q9 What types of projects cannot be funded?

- A. Funding is not available for:
- projects that can be funded by other NSW and Australian Government funding programs
 - projects run in schools as part of the curriculum or other areas of school responsibility
 - projects involving overseas travel, scholarships and/or conferences
 - projects that case-manage young people.

Q10 When does the funding round open and close?

- A. The funding round opens at 9:00 am on Monday 22 May 2017 and closes at 5:00 pm Monday 26 June 2017.

Q11 Should my grant request include GST?

- A. No. We will pay the approved amount of the grant plus 10% to successful grant recipients which are registered for GST.



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Q12 Will all applicants receive funding?

- A. No. Funding for projects will be determined through an open, competitive selection process.

Q13 How will the applications be assessed?

- A. Applications will be assessed by a panel based on how the application addresses the program objectives as well as the cost effectiveness of the project proposal. Recommendations for funding will be made to the Minister responsible for youth for consideration.

Q14 If successful, what type of contract will I have to enter into?

- A. Successful applicants will be required to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Department of Family and Community Services.

Q15 Can I get assistance with my application for funding?

- A. We are unable to comment or provide guidance on your specific project/idea, however if you have questions about the application process including eligibility please contact the Youth and Community Building Partnerships Unit in the Department of Family and Community Services for further information.

Please also make sure you have read the Program Guidelines
www.youth.nsw.gov.au/youth-opportunities/

Q16 Who can I contact for further information?

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