

Community Grant Scheme FAQ

How do I know if my organisation is eligible?

Your organisation must be grassroots Initiatives being delivered must directly benefit communities located within close proximity to WestConnex. In our guidelines document, there is a list of suburbs for easy reference.

Further to this, applicants must be one of the following only:

- Community trust
- Incorporated community association
- Not-for-profit
- Social enterprise
- Charity
- Public Benevolent Institution
- School or early learning (non-profit)

How much money is our organisation able to apply for?

Grant funding of up to \$10,000 is available for eligible applicants. Should your initiative cost more than \$10,000 you are still able to apply. The organisation will need to demonstrate how they will raise the remainder of the funds to ensure the success of the initiative.

Can I apply for a smaller amount?

Yes, organisations can apply for amounts between \$500 and \$10,000.

Do I need to provide quotes to support my application?

Yes, we will require supporting quotes and/or proof of cost of works. We suggest you try and arrange for this well in advance of the closing date.

My application includes administration costs such as printing, will the grant cover this?

Generally, we do not provide funding for operational expenses. You can include these costs as part of your program for assessment if you deem this is an important part of the program delivery. WestConnex reserves the right to partially fund your initiative and specify where those funds need to be directed.

How often can we apply for a grant?

- Eligible organisations can apply for a grant in any open round.
- However, should your application be successful, your organisation will not be able to apply again until the following financial year.

Our office is located at one of the eligible suburbs, but we service communities who aren't. Does this mean we can apply?

Unfortunately, no. As part of the eligibility criteria, the initiative itself must directly benefit communities located within close proximity to WestConnex, regardless of where the organisation is based.

Does WestConnex sponsor events through the Community Grant Scheme?

Our Terms & Conditions and Guidelines state that events are not eligible as part of our Community Grant Scheme. This includes a fundraising event, Christmas party, social event or annual festival or conference. This is mostly because it is difficult to determine a long-term benefit to the local community from an event. Please see guidelines for other ineligibles.

I have completed my application—do I need to do anything else?

Yes. As part of the initial screening, a representative from WestConnex may need to speak with you via phone. If you are successful through the initial screening phase, you may be required to meet with a WestConnex representative to further discuss your application. It is important you are contactable and available during the period after the closing date.

When can we expect to be notified?

All applicants will be notified via email of the outcome of their application within 12 weeks of the round closing. Our aim is to assess and notify applicants well before this timeframe.

What do we mean when we say legacy?

Your initiative must deliver a sustainable legacy with lasting benefits to the local economy, community, or natural environment. This is typically in the form of equipment and infrastructure with a long lifespan or training and skills programs that results in a tangible new skill or employment for the participants.

How long do we have to spend the money?

Expenditure of the funds granted must be completed within six months of the date of the grant unless otherwise agreed with WestConnex. The recipient agrees to refund any amounts not expended by this date.

I still have more questions—who can I speak to?

Please do not hesitate to call us on **1800 660 248** or email **communityconnections@westconnex.com.au**

If you need an interpreter to learn more about the Community Grant Scheme, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450.

ARABIC

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CHINESE

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GREEK

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ITALIAN

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KOREAN

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