

Westfund Community Grants Program - Terms and Conditions

1. The Westfund Community Grants Program is open for applications year-round. Westfund will assess and fund grants once per calendar year (assessment periods). Assessment periods will be defined by Westfund and advertised online at www.westfund.com.au. These dates are subject to change at Westfund's discretion.
2. Organisations whose primary activities are located outside of New South Wales (NSW), Queensland (QLD), or the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) are not eligible to apply for our Community Grants Program.
3. The total maximum amount payable for a Westfund Community Grant is \$3,000.
4. Applicants can apply at any time via the always-on application form, however grant funding will take place during two assessment periods per calendar year.
5. Only one grant can be approved per project, program or event. For ongoing projects and programs, refer to point 16.
6. An applicant or organisation may only receive one grant per calendar year, however they are eligible to apply in future calendar years.
7. Submission of an application does not guarantee funding. The costs of preparing an application are borne by the applicant.
8. Only completed, accurate applications will be assessed. Applications could be considered ineligible if not all necessary information is provided.
9. Applications will only be assessed when completed through the online Westfund Community Grants Program Application form available through <https://www.westfund.com.au/about/community/westfund-community-grants-program/>.
10. Apart from applicant contact details, no information provided in submitted applications can be changed during the assessment periods.
11. Printing errors and other quality control matters will not invalidate an otherwise valid application. All valid applications for grants and entitlements will be considered.
12. No responsibility is accepted for late applications after the assessment period has closed. Any applications received after the assessment period cutoff date will be assessed in the next assessment period. Cutoff dates will be published online at www.westfund.com.au/about/community/westfund-community-grants-program/
13. If, for whatever reason, an organisation is unable to proceed with the project, program or event the funds provided by the Westfund Community Grants Program

will be withdrawn or required to be refunded. Westfund may apply discretion to this condition should the reason for non-completion be deemed to be outside of the organisations control (e.g. extreme weather event, pandemic).

14. Any variation to the project, program or event as detailed in the online application must be agreed to in writing by the Westfund Community Grants Program committee.

15. The project, program or event should be completed within six months of accepting the grant. Westfund may require evidence from the organisation of this completion. If it is not completed by this date, the Westfund Community Grants Program may withdraw the grant and require the return of the funding, or any unspent balances at its discretion. For ongoing projects and programs, refer to point 16.

16. Projects, program or events must not have commenced more than six months prior to the assessment period cutoff date for which the grant is applied for. Exceptions in this case may be granted by the Community Grants Committee in the case of an ongoing program or project which is judged to have demonstrated value to the community and is otherwise eligible.

17. Should your application be successful, Westfund may wish to promote your project, program or event and provide details to the media. Photos and videos may also be requested and used for promotional purposes.

18. Any promotional materials that includes the Westfund name or trademark must be submitted for prior approval and you must not use, modify, adapt or translate without our written consent.

19. The application should be completed by an approved delegate to sign on behalf of the organisation.

20. Westfund's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

21. Grants are not transferrable or exchangeable and cannot be taken as cash.

22. Westfund accepts no responsibility for any tax implications that may arise from the grant. Independent financial advice should be sought by successful applicants.

23. Westfund reserves the right to conduct a security verification check at its absolute discretion. Successful applicants may be required to sign a declaration confirming their eligibility to accept the grant.

24. Westfund shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever which is suffered (including but not limited to indirect or consequential loss) or for any personal injury suffered or sustained as a consequence of the implementation, use or enjoyment of the grant.

25. Westfund may, at their discretion, request proof of financial accountability in regard to the acquittal of the grant.

26. These Terms and Conditions are subject to change at Westfund's discretion.

Round One 2024 & 2025

- Applications must be received via the Westfund Website Online submissions be eligible for assessment for the funding period.
- The available pool of funding for the Westfund Community Grants Program is up to \$200,000.
- This additional funding will be distributed as follows: 5 Major grants (5 x \$20,000) totalling \$100,000 and the remaining \$100,000 for regular grants/defibrillators.
- Applicants cannot receive more than one major grant.
- Applicants will be able to nominate themselves for the major grants via the regular grant application form, by answering some additional questions.
- If successful, the applicant will receive a major grant in addition to the regular grant amount of \$3,000.
- Applicants who are applying for a defibrillator are not eligible for a major grant.
- Applicants who nominate for a major grant will be subject to the program selection criteria as outlined in these terms and conditions.
- A shortlist of five (5) applicants will be selected by the Westfund Community Grants Program committee, from which the major grants will be awarded.

\$20,000 major grants

- The shortlist for the two \$20,000 major grants will consist of five (5) shortlisted applicants.
- Two recipients will be chosen by Westfund's executive team.
- The remaining recipients of the \$20,000 grants will be decided by a vote – two by the public, one by Westfund staff.
- After successful applicants have been shortlisted and notified, voting dates are subject to change.
- Voting for the two \$20,000 major grants will occur concurrently. Voting for the public will be made available on the Westfund website:
www.westfund.com.au/about/community/westfundcommunity-grants-program/
- The 2 applicants with the most votes from the public vote and the applicant with the most votes from the Westfund staff vote will each receive one \$20,000 grant, subject to the applicant's fulfilment of selection criteria as outlined by Westfund. This decision is final.
- The winners of the \$20,000 grants are subject to the same terms and conditions as outlined for recipients of a regular \$3,000 grant.

Grant Selection Criteria

Successful applications will be determined by panel review, based on how well the applications meet the following criteria:

- Does the application align to one of the Westfund Community Grants pillars? - Can the organisation show how and why they are aligned to their chosen Program pillar (Health and Wellbeing, Family and Community or Fit for Life)?
- Does the project/event/program have a clear concept and concrete plan and objectives?
- Does the project/event/program meet a real need within the community? Is it an appropriate, clear and measurable response to this need?
- The knowledge and experience to get the job done: Does the applicant have the knowledge, resources and capacity to deliver on their proposed event, project or program?
- Promoting healthy communities: Is the project/event/program providing a significant health related benefit?

Ineligible for funding

The Westfund Community Grants Program's purpose is to support groups and initiatives that promote the pillars upon which the Program is based - Health and Wellbeing, Family and Community and Fit for Life. With this in mind, we are unable to support the following:

- Staff wages and administration costs
- Accommodation and Travel costs for staff of an organisation or that would otherwise be completed as part of normal business operations
- Appearance fees, prize money and trophies/medals
- Presentation/celebration functions
- Food and/or catering for a function/event
- Private or commercial ventures
- Sponsorship
- Council costs incurred in securing Development Approval
- Insurance costs (public liability, general liability, etc.)
- Projects that cannot demonstrate community support and benefit
- Projects for the construction/ upgrade of roads or carparks
- Purchase of land or rental of premises
- Purchase of office equipment (e.g. desktop computers, printers, photocopiers etc.) Conflict, a conflict of interest may exist, for example, if the funding proponent (Westfund) or any of its personnel:
- Has a relationship (whether professional, commercial or personal) with a party who is able to influence the appraisal process, such as a Westfund staff member;

- Has a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict a successful funding proponent from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently; or
- Has a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain as a result of the granting of funding under the Community Grants Program.

Applicants will be required to declare as part of their proposal, existing conflicts of interest or that to the best of their knowledge there is no conflict of interest, including in relation to the examples above, that would impact on or prevent them from proceeding with the project or any agreement they may enter into if funding were approved under the Community Grants Program. Where an applicant subsequently identifies that an actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest exists or might arise in relation to their proposal for funding, they must inform Westfund Health Insurance in writing immediately. In the event that a conflict of interest arises when a grant is being awarded via an internal voting process, the staff member must abstain from participating in the vote. Conflicts of interest in this instance will be judged by the program co-ordinator.

Notification to Applicants

- Applicants will be shown a 'Thank you for your submission' page where a completed application has been received.
- Applicants will be notified that their application is either successful or unsuccessful within 45 days of the close date for the assessment period. Notification will be sent to the email address supplied by the applicant in their application.
- Westfund accepts no responsibility for any successful/unsuccessful correspondence that is not received by the applicant due to incorrect data entry, full mailboxes or other technical issues outside of their control.
- Successful applicants will also be contacted by phone. Westfund will use the contact details provided by the applicant in their application.
- Details of successful applications will also be displayed on the Westfund website, www.westfund.com.au