



Local Prevention Grants Program 2020

Grant Guidelines

The Office of Responsible Gambling is offering funding through the Local Prevention Grants Program to support local communities in preventing and reducing gambling harm.

This funding is available for community, not-for-profit and local government organisations to implement projects in their local communities. Applications from organisations who work with Aboriginal and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities, young people and other at-risk communities are strongly encouraged to apply.

The Office of Responsible Gambling leads the development of responsible gambling strategy and public policy advice to the NSW Government. Our vision is:

NSW working towards zero gambling harm.

To achieve this the Office delivers several programs and initiatives as part of a strategic approach that supports responsible gambling and prevents and minimises the risk of gambling related harm in the community.

This includes managing programs funded by the NSW Government's Responsible Gambling Fund (RGF) - which plays a key role in advising the NSW Government on the allocation of funds for initiatives and programs that support responsible gambling and help reduce gambling-related harm.



Objectives

The objectives of the Local Prevention Grants Program are to:

- prevent and reduce gambling harm within local communities across NSW
- support community members to make informed decisions about gambling
- break down the stigma around gambling and encourage people to seek advice and support.

Up to \$1.5 million in total funding is available through this grants program.

Key dates

**Applications open – 9.00 am
Tuesday 28 January 2020**

**Applications close – 11.59 pm
Friday 21 February 2020¹**

Funding available

There are two grant categories available:

- **Small:** \$10,000 to \$100,000
- **Large:** \$100,001 to \$200,000

The grant funding cannot be used for:

- liquor promotions or the purchase of alcohol
- projects involving gambling activities
- any activity of a commercial nature that is for personal profit or that does not benefit the community
- capital works including building work
- business as usual operating costs or general operating expenses.

¹ Please note that support from staff at the Office of Responsible Gambling is only available until 5.00 pm.

Eligibility

Applications are open to a wide variety of community organisations, not-for-profit and local and state government organisations, including but not limited to:

- community and neighbourhood centres
- sporting clubs
- schools and other education providers
- youth organisations
- charities
- councils
- non-government organisations
- advocacy organisations
- organisations who provide mental health drug and alcohol services and programs
- Aboriginal community organisations, for example Aboriginal Medical Services
- CALD community organisations, for example Migrant Resource Centres
- Local Health Districts.

Organisations must have public liability insurance or have an auspice to be eligible for funding.

Eligible projects must:

- complete the grant application form
- spend the funds by 31 December 2021
- focus on preventing or reducing gambling harm amongst a defined at-risk community²
- be from an organisation which is operating in NSW and has an ABN number
- participate in the overall program evaluation framework³.

What can I apply for?

You can apply for funding for many different types of projects which focus on preventing or reducing gambling harm. These may include:

- education
- resource development
- local awareness campaigns
- improvements in referral pathways
- peer support programs
- lived experience speaking programs
- capacity-building programs
- building supportive networks and environments
- community-led responses
- stigma reduction programs.

How to apply

- You will need to complete an online application form via the [Office of Responsible Gambling Grants Application Portal](#).
- Applications open on at 9.00 am Tuesday 28 January 2020 and close on 11.59 pm on Friday 21 February 2020.
- Late submissions will not be accepted as the process for deciding who should receive funding commences immediately after the application closing date.

² Examples include CALD communities and Aboriginal communities affected by gambling harm, young people, and people living in geographic areas with high rates of gambling and gambling harm.

³ The overall program evaluation framework is currently under development.



How the funding is decided

Applications will be assessed by subject matter experts against the following criteria.

Merit

How the project will:

- target a community at-risk of gambling harm
- reduce or prevent gambling harm
- utilise a primary prevention approach⁴.

Engagement

How the project will:

- be effectively promoted, to the target community and more broadly
- engage partners within agreed and established roles (where relevant)
- appeal to and engage the targeted community.

Viability

Whether the project:

- targets a realistic number of people from the target community
- has an achievable scope, deliverables and timeframe
- has appropriate deliverables linked to the objectives and outcomes
- will be implemented by a team with the appropriate skills and knowledge.

Evaluation

How the project:

- will be evaluated
- will apply and share learnings
- will remain sustainable beyond the funding period.

Budget

Whether the project:

- has a realistic budget appropriate for the project's scale and impact
- offers value for money
- includes in-kind support or other sources of funding, which have been confirmed.

Risk management:

Whether:

- appropriate project risks have been identified
- appropriate mitigation strategies have been described.

Supplementary information

The grant application form allows up to five documents to be uploaded in support of your application. This is for supplementary material only and files cannot be provided in lieu of responses in the application form. For the application to be assessed all parts of the application form must be completed in full.

⁴ Primary prevention aims to reduce or prevent gambling harm before it occurs.



Once a decision is made

Applicants will be notified of the outcome by email. Details of the successful applicants will be published on the Office of Responsible Gambling website.

Funding obligations

When applicants are approved, they will be required to:

- provide a project plan, which includes an evaluation plan aligned with the overall program evaluation framework
- execute a funding agreement
- publicise funding from the NSW Government on project material
- indicate the project is supported by the NSW Government
- participate in the overall program evaluation
- provide an evaluation report at the conclusion of the project using the reporting template⁵
- submit a certified financial acquittal within six weeks of the project's completion.

⁵ The reporting template and overall program evaluation framework are currently under development.

Our Public Health Approach

The Office is committed to a public health approach to prevent and reduce gambling harm. We recognise that a whole of community response which involves working in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders is integral. Our public health approach is underpinned by the Gambling Harm Prevention Continuum.



The Office's public health programs broadly fall into these categories. Prevention interventions aim to increase awareness of responsible gambling and gambling harm across the NSW community. An example of this is [Responsible Gambling Awareness Week](#), held annually in September. During the week we hold and support awareness raising activities including local events and social media and awareness campaigns.

Early intervention programs target communities at-risk of gambling harm such as young people, men, CALD communities and Aboriginal communities. An example of this is [Odds on Youth](#), which upskills youth

workers and provides grants for them to implement a gambling harm prevention intervention in their service.

Help seeking programs target people who need support, because of their own gambling, or that of a family member or friend. Central to this work are the [Gambling Help](#) counselling services funded by the Office across NSW.

More information about health promotion approaches is available on the World Health Organisation. See: www.who.int/healthpromotion/conferences/previous/ottawa/en/

Get in touch

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