



Prevention, Innovation & Technology Grants

Funding Submission Guide

The Office of Responsible Gambling (the Office) leads the development of responsible gambling strategy and public policy advice to the NSW Government. The Office delivers a number of 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 programs funded by the NSW Government's Responsible Gambling Fund (RGF). The RGF 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.





The RGF is established under the *Casino Control Act 1992 (Section 115)* and receives income from a levy on each casino licence in NSW. Expenditure from the RGF is managed by Trustees subject to a trust deed and is approved by the Minister relating to the expenditure of that money for purposes relating to responsible gambling.

The RGF is managed by the Office which sits within the NSW Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade.

Prevention, Innovation & Technology Grants

The RGF provides funding to support innovative projects that prevent and reduce gambling harm in communities across NSW.

The Office recognises opportunities for innovation and advancement can be led by a broad range of organisations. Support is prioritised for projects that advance the outcome areas of the Office's Strategic Plan 2021-24 of education and awareness, leadership and influence, and services and support.

Support can be provided for one-off projects that address or enable unique opportunities to be put forward in the areas of technology, prevention and harm minimisation.

The Office encourages collaborative partnerships involving appropriate subject matter expertise to ensure that all projects are effective and strategic in their approach to preventing and reducing gambling harm.

Types of projects

The Office encourages proposals involving the development of preventing and reducing gambling harm. The Office is open to supporting a wide range of projects. For example, projects could include:

- the development of consumer products like apps or online tools that:
 - help people make informed choices
 - use geographic location or other indicators to support people at risk of harm
- projects that deliver gambling harm minimisation messaging in innovative ways—for example to a youth audience, or in the context of online sports betting



- development of online training content that aims to minimise harm. For example a suite of animations that explain how odds work and the chance of winning
- innovative application of ICT—for example the integration of existing tools and triage systems in health and welfare settings with gambling screening.

Eligibility

To be considered for funding a proposal needs to:

- be submitted by an organisation with an ABN
- clearly set out the need or gap it will address, and how it will have outcomes for people throughout NSW or to a targeted region/community in NSW
- use technology and/or innovation to address the Office’s strategic plan in the areas of education and awareness, leadership and influence, and services and support
- be for a project with a fixed timeline and not for recurring, infrastructure or capital expenditure, or for operational costs including permanent staffing.

Staff from the Office review all applications to ensure that they are eligible.

Our staff may seek clarification or additional information from applicants during the eligibility review process.

If you are unsure if your organisation is eligible, please contact the Office of Responsible Gambling Grants team.

How to apply

The Office considers Prevention, Innovation and Technology proposals throughout the year.

All proposals are to be submitted via the Office’s grant [portal](#).

To express your interest in submitting a proposal contact the Office at info@responsiblegambling.nsw.gov.au to discuss the submission. Applicants demonstrating that they meet the eligibility criteria will be given access to the Office’s grant portal to lodge a proposal.

For more information on the program visit NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder website [Office of Responsible Gambling grants and funding | NSW Government](#)



Funding limit

The program can provide funding up to \$200,000. Co-contributions are strongly encouraged, either direct or through a contribution in kind.

How applications are assessed

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

Merit (30%)

The extent to which the proposal:

- addresses the outcome areas of education and awareness, leadership and influence, and services and support
- clearly identifies a *need* or *gap* and how the proposal will address this
- sets out the *benefit* of the project—the possible impact and who specifically would benefit
- offers a unique approach or an innovation in the delivery of harm minimisation or prevention
- demonstrates an understanding of what is already available and how the proposal provides a better way of meeting the need

- will result in future practical applications to benefit the people of NSW.

Viability (30%)

The extent to which the proposal:

- has an achievable project scope, methodology, deliverables and timeline. Applicants will need to articulate both the *output* and *outcomes* of the project
- brings together a project team with the appropriate skills and expertise to ensure success
- will be managed by an organisation with a sound track record in delivering similar projects
- involves relevant partnerships to complement the project.

Learnings (20%)

The extent to which the proposal:

- has an evidenced understanding of the current opportunity or issue the project intends to address
- incorporates evaluation to present a final report with analysis of project learnings
- demonstrates an understanding of and responsiveness to existing products and the current environment



- considers and addresses the potential practical application and implementation of the learnings.

Budget (20%)

The extent to which the proposal:

- offers value for money and appropriate use of government funds
- includes direct or in-kind contributions from the applicant
- is based on realistic estimated costs.

Assessors are required to identify any conflicts of interest and sign a conflict-of-interest declaration. Conflicts of interest will be handled in accordance with the Department's Conflict of Interest policy.

How funding is decided

Funding decisions will be made by the Minister based on assessment by subject matter experts and advice from the RGF Trustees. All decisions will be informed by the merit-based assessment of applications. The Minister makes the final decision on funding RGF grants.

The Minister records their decision in writing, including any reasons for the decision and any departure from the recommendation of the RGF Trust.

Once a decision is made

After the assessment process is completed, applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email.

Applicants that are not successful may apply for feedback. There are no appeals under the Responsible Gambling Fund Grants Program. However, applicants can use the feedback to update their applications and reapply in a future round.

Information about the grants awarded will be published on the NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder no later than 45 calendar days after the grant agreement takes effect.



Funding conditions

If you are approved for funding you will be required to:

- sign a [Program Agreement](#) including standard terms and conditions that covers your obligations
- publicise the funding from the Office of Responsible Gambling in relevant publications, media or other material
- report to the Office on the project on a set timeframe as outlined in the Program Agreement:
 - one final report for projects below \$20,000

- every 6 months until complete for projects above \$20,000
- reporting templates for project updates and income and expenditure will be provided.

Applicants should note that, depending on the nature of the proposal, special funding conditions may be required such as co-branding and/or IP or appropriate licensing arrangements.

Information provided in grant applications is confidential and will not be shared outside of the assessment process.

Get in touch

Contact the Office of Responsible Gambling Grants team for assistance:

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