

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

The State Government, through Lotterywest, is committing \$159 million into a [COVID-19 Relief Fund](#) to respond to the hardship being experienced by the Western Australian community as a result the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications will be open from Friday 24 April 2020- midnight Wednesday 13 May 2020.

This fund will comprise the following programs:

- **Crisis and Emergency Relief**

Up to \$20 million in grant funding is available for Western Australian not-for-profit community sector organisations and local government authorities to provide crisis and emergency relief services to:

- People currently experiencing hardship that are at risk of becoming entrenched in disadvantage due to the crisis
- People newly experiencing hardship as a result of COVID-19; and
- Those that are most at risk of serious infection (immune compromised, older people, diagnosed chronic medical conditions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples).

For the purpose of the Crisis and Emergency Relief grants, hardship refers to the inability of an individual to access or purchase essential goods and services.

The fund will help meet costs related to:

- Increase in demand for emergency or crisis relief services such as food, clothing, homeless support, transport and other critical needs emerging as a result of the crisis;
- Working differently in the current climate, (e.g. leasing a vehicle to meet increased demand); and
- Supporting collaboration to address the increased crisis demand (e.g. working with other partners including government and the private sector).

Information regarding the assessment criteria for this program can be [found here](#).

- **Event Cancellation relief for Arts, Sports and Community Groups**

A total of \$14 million is available through this program delivered in partnership between Lotterywest, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, and VenuesWest.

Grants will provide financial relief for not-for-profit arts, sports and community organisations that experience hardship as a result of events cancelled between 16 March and 15 September 2020 due to COVID-19 to compensate for costs associated with the event.

Your application will need to demonstrate that the cancellation of an event has resulted in financial hardship that may affect your organisation's ability to support the WA community with future activities. Please also detail how the community will benefit from future activities in your application.

Three funding streams are available under this program to support the three sectors. Please follow these links for detailed eligibility criteria and assessment information.

- [Stream A](#) – Up to \$5 million for relief to sport and recreation organisations. (Event Cancellation Relief for Sport and Recreation Organisations)
- [Stream B](#) – Up to \$5 million for relief to culture and arts organisations. (Event Cancellation Relief for Culture and Arts Organisations)
- [Stream C](#) – Up to \$4 million for relief to other community organisations. (Event Cancellation Relief for Community Organisations)

Applications must meet eligibility criteria and the program objectives. We anticipate high demand which means that some organisations may not be successful or may not receive the full amount requested.

Stream A: (Event Cancellation Relief for sport and recreation organisations)

This grant funding stream is aimed at sport and recreation organisations experiencing immediate financial hardship as a result of an event cancellation between 16 March 2020 and 15 September 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings. The sporting events considered will be high level, national and state championships, one-off events and national league based home and away games (conducted by State Sporting Associations) as well as one-off events cancelled by sport and recreation clubs/associations. See definitions in section 4 below. This funding will be administered by Lotterywest and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC). The total funding available for this Stream is initially capped at \$5 million. Applications can be accepted from \$3,000 upwards. Organisations not registered for GST can apply for a combined total of Lotterywest grants up to \$15,000 for each financial year.

The following organisations are eligible to apply: 1. Sport and Recreation club/association that is conducting a one-off event (see definitions in section 4 below) 2. State Sporting Association – recognised State Sporting Association in Western Australia that receives Industry Investment Program funding from DLGSC 3. Industry Representative Organisation/Peak Body – recognised body in Western Australia that receives Industry Investment Program funding from DLGSC.

Stream B: (Event cancellation relief for culture and arts organisations)

This grant funding stream is aimed at not-for-profit culture and arts organisations experiencing immediate financial hardship as a result of an event or program that has been cancelled between 16 March 2020 and 15 September 2020 due to COVID19 restrictions on mass gatherings. The objective of the funding is to provide financial support in response to event and production cancellations and postponements in Western Australia due to the COVID19 pandemic. The total funding available for this Stream is initially capped at \$5 million. Applications can be accepted from \$3,000 upwards. Organisations not registered for GST can apply for a combined total of Lotterywest grants up to \$15,000 for each financial year.

The following organisations are eligible to apply: 1. Not-for-profit organisations operating in the arts and culture sector 2. DLGSC multi-year funded arts organisations in the Arts Organisations Investment Program and Major Performing

Arts Companies (National Partnership Organisations). Organisations applying for this fund may also apply for the Sector Support for Resilient Organisations Fund if they meet the criteria for both funding streams. There must be no duplication between the requests.

Stream C: (Event cancellation relief for community organisations)

This grant funding stream is aimed at not-for-profit community organisations experiencing immediate financial hardship as a result of an event cancelled between 16 March 2020 and 15 September 2020 due to the COVID-19 restrictions on mass gatherings. The objective of this funding is to assist community organisations to continue to provide services for the benefit of the Western Australian community during the pandemic crisis and beyond. The total funding available for this Stream is initially capped at \$4 million. Applications can be accepted from \$3,000 upwards. Organisations not registered for GST can apply for a combined total of Lotterywest grants up to \$15,000 for each financial year.

Western Australian not-for-profit community organisations not supported through Stream A or Stream B. Individuals, for-profit organisations and local governments are not eligible for this funding. An organisation supported under the event cancellation relief program for sports and recreation organisations (Stream A) or for culture and arts organisations (Stream B) cannot also apply to this program. Organisations applying for this fund may also apply for the Sector Support for Resilient Organisations Fund if they meet the criteria for both funding streams. There must be no duplication between the requests.

- **Resilient Arts, Sports and Community Groups**

A total of \$25 million is available to support not-for-profit arts, sports and community organisations across the State to maintain staff, pivot operations, collaborate, develop new ways of working, innovate, maintain viability and build resilience as appropriate for future recovery.

The objective of this program is to contribute towards ensuring that eligible organisations are able continue delivering ongoing benefit for the WA community.

Three funding streams are available under this program. Please follow the below links for detailed eligibility criteria and assessment information.

- [Stream D](#) – Up to \$8 million for relief to sport and recreation organisations (Sector Support for Resilient Sport and Recreation Organisations)
- [Stream E](#) – Up to \$8 million for relief to culture and arts organisations (Sector Support for Resilient Culture and Arts Organisations)
- [Stream F](#) – Up to \$9 million for relief to other community organisations (Resilient Community Organisations)

Stream D: (Sector support for resilient organisations)

This funding stream is aimed at sport and recreation organisations at risk of collapse during the period covered by the State of Emergency (16 March 2020 to 15 September 2020) due to COVID-19 restrictions. It will be available to support State Sporting Associations, sport and recreation industry representative organisations and sport and recreation clubs/associations in WA to maintain staff, pivot operations, collaborate, develop new ways

of working, innovate, maintain viability and build resilience as appropriate for future recovery. The total funding available for this Stream is initially capped at \$8 million. Applications can be accepted from \$3,000 upwards. Organisations not registered for GST can apply for a combined total of Lotterywest grants up to \$15,000 for each financial year.

Applications are open to the following types of organisation: 1. Sport and Recreation club/association - incorporated association that delivers sport and recreation activities to the community; should be affiliated with a Western Australian State Sporting Association. 2. State Sporting Association – recognised State Sporting Association in Western Australia that receives Industry Investment Program funding from DLGSC. 3. Industry Representative Organisation/Peak Body – recognised body in Western Australia that receives Industry Investment Program funding from DLGSC.

Stream E: (Sector support for resilient culture and arts organisations)

This funding stream is aimed at supporting culture and arts organisations at risk of collapse during the period covered by the State of Emergency (16 March 2020 to 15 September 2020) due to COVID-19 restrictions to maintain staff, pivot operations, collaborate, develop new ways of working, innovate, maintain viability and build resilience as appropriate for future recovery. The program will contribute towards ensuring that eligible organisations are able continue delivering ongoing benefit for the WA community. The program aims to contribute to the State's creative economy by supporting arts organisations to have the financial capacity to ensure the ongoing employment and development of professional artists and arts, cultural and creative workers. The total funding available for this Stream is initially capped at \$8 million. Applications can be accepted from \$3,000 upwards. Organisations not registered for GST can apply for a combined total of Lotterywest grants up to \$15,000 for each financial year.

Applications are open to: 1. Not-for-profit organisations operating in the arts and culture sector; 2. DLGSC multi-year funded arts organisations in the: · Arts Organisations Investment Program; and/or · Major Performing Arts Companies (National Partnership Organisations Arts and culture organisations can apply once for the Event Cancellation Relief Fund (Stream B) and once for the Sector Support for Resilient Organisations Fund (Stream E) in 2020 if they meet the criteria for both funding streams. T

Stream F: (Resilient community organisations)

This grant stream will provide support to community organisations at risk of collapse during the period covered by the State of Emergency (16 March 2020 to 15 September 2020) due to COVID-19 restrictions to maintain staff, pivot operations, collaborate, develop new ways of working, innovate, maintain viability and build resilience for future recovery. The total funding available for this Stream is initially capped at \$9 million. Applications can be accepted from \$3,000 upwards. Organisations not registered for GST can apply for a combined total of Lotterywest grants up to \$15,000 for each financial year.

Western Australian not-for-profit community organisations not supported through Stream D or Stream E are eligible to apply. All applicants must carry out exclusively charitable activities which are clearly identified in the purpose/objects of their constituent documents.

Please circulate this information to relevant community groups in your local government area.

It is vital that community groups contact Lotterywest in the first instance to register their interest on 133 777 or via email grants@lotterywest.wa.gov.au .The phone lines will be staffed over the long weekend as well as regular weekdays.