# Webinar

## Overview of the Aboriginal Family Safety Grants Program

### Questions and answers from the webinar session

Thursday 2 May 2024
10:00am-10:45am

## More information

To find out more about the Aboriginal Family Safety Grant Program please visit our website or contact us on the email below.

* **Web:** [Aboriginal Family Safety Grants](https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-communities/aboriginal-family-safety-grants)
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### Overview

The webinar for the Aboriginal Family Safety Grants Program 2024/2026 (Grants Program) was conducted via Microsoft Teams by the Department of Communities (Communities) on Thursday 2 May 2024, from 10:00am-10:45am.

Communities delivered a presentation that provided information about the Grants Program, the [Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy](https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2022-12/Aboriginal-Family-Safety-Strategy.pdf) and answered questions from the webinar participants.

If you were unable to attend the webinar and would like to access the recording, it is available at [Aboriginal Family Safety Grants](https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-communities/aboriginal-family-safety-grants).

Answers to questions that were asked during the webinar are summarised below.

### Questions and Answers from the Webinar session

Q1. Are the funding tiers per year or across the two years? E.g. $250,000 to $500,000 per year or over the two years?

**A1. Department of Communities**Thefunding tiers apply across the two-year period, with a maximum funding amount of $500,000 (exc. GST) per initiative over that period.

Eligible applicants can choose between two tiers of funding available to deliver initiatives (programs or services) that will promote Aboriginal family safety in Western Australia:

* Tier 1: Funding from $250,000 (exc. GST) up to a maximum of $500,000 (exc. GST) per initiative, or
* Tier 2: Funding from $150,000 to $249,000 (exc. GST), per initiative.

Funding is available for one-off projects that run for a minimum of 18 months up to a maximum of 24 months.

Q2. Can organisations apply for more than one initiative with separate applications, like they can for the Primary Prevention Grants Program?

**A2**. **Department of Communities**

Organisations can submit multiple applications for different projects, and different applications for each funding tier, however, a separate application form must be submitted for each different application. Each application form must also be submitted separately through Tenders WA.

Additionally, organisations who have submitted an application to the Primary Prevention Grants Program can still apply to the Aboriginal Family Safety Grants Program. If an organisation is found suitable through both Grants Programs for the same project, Communities will only be able to award one Grant Agreement to prevent double funding.

Q3. If the Program delivered is effective would there be consideration to consider further grants?

**A3. Department of Communities**

The Primary Prevention Grants Program referenced earlier was initially a one-off Grants Program and is now being advertised for a second time. Without getting ahead of ourselves, this would be a great outcome for this initiative. This is why the evaluation of the Grants Program is a critical input for future policy development, however, at this stage this is one-off grants funding.

Q4. Will child focused initiatives be considered?

**A4. Department of Communities**

Yes. All initiatives must be aligned with at least one, or more, Focus Areas of the Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy:

1. Healing
2. Recognise and support men and boys
3. Transform; and
4. Aboriginal-led prevention and early intervention.

We would assume that these Focus Areas provide plenty of scope for child focused family safety initiatives. You will need to demonstrate how your initiative links to one of the Focus Areas.

Q5. Working in the way that is defined by the 4 focus areas can take time to set up, this is somewhat incompatible with a one-off, two-year funding stream. Is there any view there could be other opportunities offered by WA government?

**A4. Department of Communities**

Communities acknowledges that projects of this nature can take time to set up and deliver outcomes, however at this stage Communities has one-off grant funding available. Again, we want to reiterate the importance of the evaluation component of this Grants Program so that we can get feedback from grant recipients about some of the opportunities and limitations of the program to inform future direction.

Q6. Is there any relevance to including Infrastructure funds?

**A4. Department of Communities**

No. The Grant Guidelines that will be released on the 13 May 2024, state the following are not covered by the grant:

* purchase of infrastructure and capital equipment;
* operational staff wages, not directly related to the project;
* prizes and gifts, including cash;
* interstate and overseas travel;
* ongoing operating costs of the organisation or costs not directly related to the project;
* retrospective costs (any money spent before a grant is approved);
* projects involving fundraising, unless the funds raised are expended on the project;
* projects that duplicate an existing or similar project or service within the community;
* projects that are traditionally funded through other sources (e.g. school activities or sporting/cultural events); and
* projects that could be delivered through an existing service agreement or grant agreement the organisation has with Communities.

It is also worth noting that this Grant Program offers an opportunity for prospective grant applicants to include budget for activities which strengthen their organisational or workforce capacity to deliver their proposed project in their community. The cost of capacity building activities can comprise up to a maximum of 10% of the total budget request per initiative, not exceeding the maximum funding per Tier.

Any capacity building costs included in the budget are to directly support the delivery of the grant project or activity, and in turn strengthen the positioning of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and registered Aboriginal businesses in the family violence sector.

Q7. Are existing and expanding projects eligible, or does it need to be a new project?

**A4. Department of Communities**

One of the Grant Program Aims is to fund projects contributing to:

* new and innovative Aboriginal and community-led family safety initiatives to prevent or respond to family violence and align with one of the four Focus Areas of the Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy.

At this stage it is our intention to fund projects that are new and innovative. If your organisation has already piloted a project, you may need to consider how you can craft a response to demonstrate the project is still new and innovative.