

Darwin Youth Activities 2018-19

Grant Funding Guidelines

Overview

The Northern Territory Government is seeking applications for funding available to support a range of after-hours and school holiday activities to engage and support young people, in particular those young people at risk in Darwin.

This funding opportunity is a part of a larger commitment by Territory Families to support regional and urban communities in their provision and development of youth programs.

The Darwin Youth Activities funding is available through the Territory Families Regional Youth Services Program, which encompasses delivery and access to both after-hours core youth services and programs including school holiday activities. It supports collaborative partnerships; ensuring young people have access to a diverse range of engaging and supportive activities. This funding aligns to the vision and goals of the Territory Families' Regional Youth Services Program with a particular focus on young people feeling loved and safe, being healthy and participating (Appendix 1).

These grant funding guidelines apply to applications for activities or programs to be run from 1 November 2018 to 31 October 2019. This applies to activities run during school holiday periods and/or after-hours during the school term.

Grants of up to \$100,000 are available to fund accessible and free group activities that bring young people together, make connections to existing support services, and are youth informed and safe.

Key Dates

Regional Youth Activities

Applications open	22 August 2018
Applications close	20 September 2018
Notification of grant applications	early October 2018
Funding period	1 November 2018 – 31 October 2019

NT Government School Holidays

December/January	14 December 2018 – 27 January 2019
April	13 April – 21 April 2019
July	29 June – 21 July 2019
October	30 September – 11 October 2019

What do we want to achieve?

The objective of the Darwin Youth Activities funding is to support and encourage school holiday and after-hours activities throughout Darwin. Such activities and programs will ensure young people in Darwin and those visiting from surrounding communities have several options for activities during their school breaks. School holidays are a time for young people to expand their skill set, to network and make new friends, and to also develop pride in their community and self.

The youth services sector has expressed interest in developing strong, collaborative working relationships, including improved coordination across the range of services and resources available. The Darwin Youth Activities funding provides greater support for collaborative partnerships and can also offer improved access to funding for community groups who work directly with young people.

The Darwin Youth Activities funding aims to:

- support the delivery of a range of school holiday activities in the region
- ensure 10-17 year olds, particularly those at risk, have accessible, safe and fun activities
- ensure young people are consulted about the provision of the youth activities to provide feedback and direction as to the delivery of these activities
- link young people attending activities with support and complementary early intervention services as needed, and
- develop stronger and more collaborative working relationships with key stakeholders and improve coordination across the youth and related sectors

Funding Details

Applicants may apply for grants up to \$100,000. A budget must be submitted with each application showing where the funding will be allocated.

Who and what we will fund?

Details of who and what activities are eligible for funding under the Alice Springs Youth Activities grant program are addressed below.

1. Who is eligible for funding?

- Community groups
- Local government
- Non-government organisations
- Businesses and partnerships

Collaboration and partnerships with other service providers, community groups, and or content specialists are encouraged; for example instructors, coaches, trainers, and youth workers that can link young people to support skills, and pathways.

2. What is the target group for activities?

10 to 17 year olds, especially vulnerable young people in Darwin.

3. What program periods/times can be funded?

Activities delivered during the 2018/19 school holiday periods (as listed in Key Dates) and associated activities run after hours during the school term. These can include daytime, evenings, weekends and public holiday activities.

4. What type of delivery can be funded?

Activities offered as a variety of or combination of the following are eligible for funding:

- Single activities and events
- A regular series of activities
- Program of activities

This funding program is directed at delivery of activities which address the social, cultural, health, safety and developmental needs that meet the interests of young people. Programs targeting vulnerable young people aged 10-17 will be looked at favourably.

Delivery in collaboration with other service providers and/or community groups and including linkages to support for young people at risk is preferred.

5. What can be funded?

- Program delivery costs including material costs
- Staffing
- Contribution towards the provision of food
- Late night safe transport home

Examples of activities and services that may be funded

- A diverse range of fun activities across age and/or gender specific groups, needs, locations and connections with culture.
- Programs and activities at existing or new youth friendly venues and locations
- Partnerships with providers of services that work with young people at risk
- Activities that offer links to support needs for young people at risk. These include referral pathways to services, educational or vocational opportunities, and case management.
- Universal activities that may include younger children or youth if adequate supervision is provided.
- Activities that do not charge fees.
- Large scale events, provided appropriate safety is established and maintained and supervision is provided.
- Events offered in the evenings which provide arrangements for safe transport home.
- Capacity to involve families, elders, volunteers and community to participate or assist delivery.

- Projects that demonstrate support from other sources provided the nature of this support is detailed within the grant application.
- All activities must be drug and alcohol free.
- Publicity services to promote the region's coordinated program that encourages engagement from the designated target group/s.

Selection criteria

A Darwin based assessment panel will assess all completed local applications for Youth Activities funding. The assessment panel will include representatives from government, the non-government sector and Aboriginal elders. The panel will consider local needs, existing service delivery programs and make recommendations for funding according to the selection criteria below.

All grant applications must address the **essential** selection criteria listed below. For funding applications of \$20,000 or more the **desirable** selection criteria must be addressed. Funding applications of less than \$20,000 can, but are not required to address the desirable criteria.

Please provide as much detail as possible about your proposed activity and your capacity to address the selection criteria.

Essential

1. Activities that engage young people aged 10-17 during evenings, weekends and school holidays.
2. Provision of activities that are accessible, appropriate and able to effectively engage at-risk, disengaged and disadvantaged young people.
3. Demonstrated commitment to involve young people in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the activities and services.
4. Commitment to a process that will collect evidence of what works best and makes the most difference to young people.

Desirable

1. Policies and/or procedures that demonstrate commitment to youth development, referral processes and to refer vulnerable young people to appropriate youth services
2. Evidence of the capacity to collaborate with other providers, services, agencies and community groups.
3. Evidence of capacity to scale activities and services up or down according to need and in response to peak times, local community collaborations and conditions.

This funding is not able to support

All applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis however generally requests for the following may not be supported:

- A specific activity that is already funded from other sources.
- Case management service costs exceeding 20% of the funding proposal.
- Transport service costs exceeding 20% of the funding proposal.
- Provision of food expenses exceeding 20% of the funding proposal.

- Purchase of capital equipment that exceeds 20% of the total value of the grant e.g. cameras, electronic equipment and devices, sporting equipment, costumes and uniforms, prizes and gifts.
- Activities that may benefit organisations/individuals outside of the Northern Territory over and above the benefits for young people of the Northern Territory.
- Payment of membership or registration fees, including working with children checks.
- Profit-making activities, fundraising or charitable activities not directly benefitting young people of the Northern Territory.
- Programs that are political or discriminatory against others, based on their gender, sexuality, status, culture or religion and ability.

How to apply

Please read the Grant Funding Guidelines and complete all sections of the application form. If you require assistance to complete or wish to discuss potential applications, please contact Jessie Spargo at the Office of Youth Affairs on 08 8999 3880 or by email at jessie.spargo@nt.gov.au.

For collaborations, only one application form is required to be completed and signed by the lead organisation. Attach a detailed budget plan and written confirmation of your collaboration from other organisations/community groups.

All applications should be emailed to the Office of Youth Affairs at tf.oya@nt.gov.au. Alternatively, you may post to Office of Youth Affairs, Territory Families, PO Box 37037, Winnellie, NT 0821 with attention to the Grants Officer.

For more information about the Office of Youth Affairs visit Youth NT website www.youth.nt.gov.au, phone us on 08 8999 3862.

Coordination and Planning

You are invited to attend a local workshop to discuss the planning and preparation of the school holiday activities and program. The purpose of the workshop will be to share and discuss program ideas, and identify opportunities for organisations to work together on events and activities.

This workshop will be hosted by Territory Families who will be able to answer any questions about the Darwin Youth Activities funding.

Details of the Darwin Youth Activities Workshop are listed below.

Hosts	Location	Date/Time	Who should attend?
Jessie Spargo and Sally Weir	Level 7 Darwin Plaza, Darwin City	Monday 3 September 3pm-4pm	Those organisations interested in applying for Youth Activities funding and/or those currently involved in provision of youth activities in Darwin.

Territory Families Regional Youth Services Program

The outcomes areas for the Regional Youth Services Program were adapted from the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth's *The Nest* Framework, available at www.aracy.org.au.

Our Common Vision	Together we will support Territory's young people to be safe, engaged, healthy, educated and valued members of their community through coordinated, evidenced based and outcome focused youth services and activities.
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1	Being loved and safe	2	Having material basics	3	Being Healthy
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| <p>Being loved and safe means that children and young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a stable and supportive home environment • Feel safe, secure and protected at home and the community • Feel valued and respected • Have positive, trusted relationships with other people • Have a voice and the ability to raise concerns | <p>Having material basics means that children and young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have access to adequate, stable housing • Have access to nutritious food and clean water • Have access to education/training materials • Have access to adequate clothing and footwear • Have access to materials to support participation in activities • Have access to adequate heating/cooling | <p>Being healthy means that children and young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feel as healthy as they can, mentally and physically • Are emotionally well, happy and supported • Are as physically active as they can be • Have access to appropriate health services • Are immunised |
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4	Learning	5	Participating	6	Having a positive sense of culture and identity
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| <p>Learning means children and young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are attending and engaging in education, training or employment • Are participating in early childhood education (for younger children) • Are developing literacy and numeracy skills appropriate to their age • Are supported to learn by their caregiver | <p>Participating means children and young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are able to engage with peers and community groups • Are able to take part in organised activities, including sport • Are able to use and engage with technology and social media • Are able to have a say and to have that opinion be heard and valued | <p>Having a positive sense of culture and identity means children and young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can find out about family and personal history • Can find out about cultural knowledge • Can talk to community leaders/Elders • Feel like they 'belong' • Have a positive sense of self-identity and self-esteem • Are able to keep in touch with cultural or spiritual practices |
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

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| Needs-based and locally-driven | Underpinned by coordination, collaboration and partnership | Driven by young people |
| Culturally safe and responsive | Evidence-based and youth and family-centred | Planned and transparent |