

# **Youth Services Innovation Fund Palmerston**

## **Grant Guidelines**

# Key dates

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Applications open.....	29 September 2017
Closing date for applications.....	22 October 2017
Notification of grant applications.....	6 November 2017

# How to apply

Read these Guidelines and complete all sections of the application form.

For collaborations, one application form only is required that is to be completed and signed by the lead organisation.

Attach a detailed budget plan and written confirmation from any other organisations/community groups you will be collaborating with.

Applications should be emailed to [oya@nt.gov.au](mailto:oya@nt.gov.au) with attention to the Grants Officer. Alternatively, you may post to Community Engagement, Territory Families, PO Box 37037, Winnellie, NT 0811 with attention to the Grants Officer.

# For more information

For further information on the guidelines or application form, please contact Territory Families by emailing [oya@nt.gov.au](mailto:oya@nt.gov.au) or by phone on 08 8999 3862 or 1800 652 736 (free call). More information is also available at [www.territoryfamilies.nt.gov.au](http://www.territoryfamilies.nt.gov.au).

# Overview

The Northern Territory Government is seeking new and innovative approaches for a range of after – hours, evenings and school holiday activities to engage and support young people, in particular those young people at risk.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$80,000 are available to fund group activities that bring young people together, make connections to existing support services, be youth informed and safe.

Youth Services Innovation Funding is offered for organisations and community groups to deliver early intervention and engagement programs that can connect young people at risk to existing support services through collaborative working relationships with other service providers.

## What do we want to achieve?

The objectives for this funding are:

- to create a range of school holiday and after-hours activities on offer until 30 June 2018
- to make sure 10-17 year olds, particularly those at risk, have plenty to do during peak times, particularly school holidays
- to link activities with support and complementary early intervention services
- to assist a range of organisations, groups and collaborative partnerships in their work with young people
- to build the sector's capacity to scale activities and services up or down according to need.

## Why is this support needed?

There is a need for greater diversity of fun, supportive and safe activities at multiple locations and venues that aim to reintegrate young people into pro-social activities and keep those at risk away from involvement in the youth justice system.

Young people want better access to fun things to do. This funding can support a diverse program of activities, linked to mentors and supports. Young people, including vulnerable 10-17 year olds, will have more opportunities for both social and personal development during peak times, particularly school holidays when they have free time to enjoy themselves.

The Palmerston youth services sector wants to develop stronger more collaborative working relationships including improved coordination across the range of services and resources available. The Youth Services Innovation Fund (Palmerston) provides greater support for collaborative partnerships and can also offer improved access to funding for community groups who work directly with young people.

## Who and what we will fund

**Who can apply?** Community groups, local government and non-government organisations, including partnerships, consortiums and auspiced programs are **eligible for funding**.

**What target group will benefit from the funding:** 10-17 year olds especially young people at risk.

**What program periods/times can be funded?** After-hours activities include evenings, weekends and school holidays until 30 June 2018.

**What type of delivery can be funded?** A variety and combination of: single activities and events, regular series of activities, program of activities and support that addresses social, cultural and developmental needs, safety and interests of young people particularly young people at risk.

**What can be funded?** Staffing and program delivery costs including material costs. Contribution towards the provision of food and for late night safe transport home (provided these costs do not exceed 20% of the funding request).

## Examples of activities and services that may be funded

- diverse range of activities across age groups, needs, locations and connections with culture
- programs and activities at existing or new youth friendly venues and locations in Palmerston
- partnerships with providers of services that benefit youth
- activities that offer links to support needs for young people at risk including referral pathways to other services and educational or vocational opportunities and case management through collaboration and early intervention project partners
- universal activities that may include younger children or youth if adequate supervision is provided
- activities that do not charge fees
- events offered in the evenings should consider or offer 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.

## Funding offered

There are two types of grants you can apply for:

**Single activity/series of activities** - grants from \$1,000 to \$20,000 for a new activity or short series of activities offered on evenings or during school holiday periods until mid-2018.

**Activity programs** - grants of up to \$80,000 for a program of after-hours activities including school holiday programs delivered in collaboration with other service providers and/or community groups and including linkages to support for young people at risk.

Applicants may make multiple applications for funding from more than one of these grant types.

## Selection criteria

A locally based assessment panel from the Department of the Chief Minister, Territory Families and the non-government sector will assess all completed grant applications against the eligibility and selection criteria.

The panel will consider local needs, existing service delivery programs and make recommendations for funding according to the program objectives outlined in these Guidelines.

Preference will be given to applications that clearly demonstrate the following selection criteria:

- provision of activities in Palmerston that are accessible, appropriate and able to effectively engage at-risk, disengaged and disadvantaged young people
- activities that engage older young people (12-17 years old) during evenings and on weekends
- demonstrated commitment and ability to involve young people in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the activities and services
- policies and/or procedures that demonstrate commitment to youth development, warm referral processes and/or the provision of activities and safe environments for young people
- Provision of activities that engage other service providers to support young people in ongoing, alternative pathways.
- evidence of capacity to collaborate with other providers, services, agencies and community groups, and how the proposed collaboration/s will meet the interests and needs of the target group
- capacity to scale activities and services up or down according to need and in response to peak times, local community events or conditions
- commitment to a process that will collect evidence of what works best and makes the most difference for young people.

## This funding is not able to support

- an activity that has already received funding 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.

## Planning Workshop

You are invited to attend a planning workshop from 10am to 12pm on 9 October 2017 at the Palmerston Recreation Centre to discuss the planning and preparation of the Palmerston School Holiday Program for Christmas 2017. The purpose of the workshop will be to share and discuss ideas for the program, and identify opportunities for organisations to work together on events and activities.

Representatives from the Department of the Chief Minister and Territory Families will be in attendance to respond to any queries about the program and the Youth Services Innovation Fund (Palmerston).