

WA Community Services Sector Peaks Sector Support Scheme



About the Grants

Body	Total amount available	Context and purpose of each set of funds
Lotterywest	\$200,000 available over two years	The Lotterywest Capacity Building Grants (max \$20,000 per project) are provided for Peaks to facilitate training or consultation/co-design processes with their members on an issue of strategic importance, and where the need to do this is immediate. The focus of this project are emerging issues that require a quick turnaround.
Lotterywest	\$300,000 available over one year	The Lotterywest COVID-19 Grants (max \$20,000 per project) are provided for Peaks to effectively respond to impact of COVID-19 spread in WA.

Process

This process applies to the new current round of the Lotterywest Capacity Building Grants and Lotterywest COVID-19 Grants (max \$20,000 per project).

All applications are assessed by the Peaks Grants Subcommittee. The Grants Subcommittee assesses all applications after they are submitted to WACOSS. All applications should be forwarded to peakgrants@wacoss.org.au

The turnaround process for review and consideration should not exceed 10 business days, as all applications are assessed on a fortnightly basis. If your application is urgent and requires a quicker response, please tick the 'urgent' box on your application.

If your application is successful, WACOSS will release funds immediately upon receiving your invoice.

If your application is declined, feedback will be provided upon request.

Requirements

- There must be **clear outcomes and deliverables** for each grant (i.e. that it is a standalone project with standalone outcomes).
- A demonstrated link to COVID-19 response for the COVID funding pool.
- An emerging issue that requires an **immediate response**.
- Projects must be completed within a six-month period.

Principles for Gentle Prioritisation

- Projects developed by **one peak or sector that can be rolled out to others.**
- Projects with an emphasis on supporting **regional and remote organisations.**
- **Size of potential impact** - either short or long term.
- Projects that focus on a **preventative approach** (i.e. to circumstances getting worse).
- Projects that develop capacity both for the **Peak(s) involved and its members.**
- Projects that involve **more than one Peak.**
- Overall **organisational resources** and need (including how recently the Peak received a capacity building grant. Note: that there is a preference to share the grants around the different peaks).

Exclusions

- The grants will not provide funds for any project or service that forms part of a peak's core business and for which they receive other funding.
- The grants will not fund projects for which Lotterywest funding is otherwise readily available.

Subcommittee

- James Wild (Men's Sheds of WA)
- Tina Williams (Volunteering WA),
- Melanie Every (Financial Counsellors Association of WA),
- Liz Prescott (Peel Community Development Group)
- Alenka Jeram (WACOSS)

Three members of the subcommittee form a quorum.

Note: Please do not approach the specific Peaks sitting on the subcommittee to be references for your application.

If a Peak sitting on the subcommittee applies in that grant round because of an immediate need, or declare conflict of interest, they will not be involved in the decision-making process.