

YOUTH GRANTS PROGRAM

DREAM IT. DO IT.

10-24 YEAR OLD APPLICANTS

YOUR VISION • OUR SUPPORT • REAL IMPACT



I've got a great idea I want to bring to life!

We know you have big ideas, fresh perspectives, and the passion to create change. These grants are designed to support youth-led initiatives and empower young people to take the lead on projects that matter to you and your community.

Whether you're looking to run an event, start a project, learn a new skill, create something amazing, or make a positive difference in our community, funding is available to help make it happen.

LEARN IT

Training, workshops, conferences & skill development opportunities

MOVE IT

Sport, recreation & healthy lifestyle activities

DREAM IT

Big ideas that don't fit in a thought bubble, but have the potential to make a real difference.

STAGE IT

Music events, performances, gigs & festivals

CELEBRATE IT

Promoting diversity, inclusion & belonging

SUPPORT IT

Wellbeing, mental health & peer support initiatives

MAKE IT HAPPEN

Community events, activations & festivals

CHANGE IT

Champion a cause, raise awareness & help shape a better future.

BUILD IT

Hands-on projects that create something lasting for the community



How do I know if my idea is suitable?

DOES YOUR IDEA...



Help young people take on leadership roles and make a positive contribution to our community?

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Allow young people to lead, plan, and make decisions?

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Build your skills, confidence, knowledge, and personal development?

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Strengthen connections between young people and the wider community?

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Create new opportunities and positive outcomes for young people?

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Support wellbeing, inclusion, social connection, and positive behaviours?

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Celebrate and showcase the achievements, talents, and voices of young people?

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Provide opportunities for training, education, and skill development?

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Encourage participation in arts, culture, sport, recreation, environmental, and community activities?

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Create positive, innovative, and lasting benefits for young people and the community?

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Can you give me a run-down of the funding guidelines?

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants must be between 10-24 years of age.

GRANT AMOUNT

This is a small grants program with grants allocations ranging between \$200 and \$2,500.

PROJECT TIMING

Successful projects must be complete within 12 months of the grant assessment date.

PROJECT GUIDANCE & AUSPICE SUPPORT

Auspice Support means having a trusted organisation in your corner to help bring your idea to life. They can provide advice, help with planning, manage grant money, and support you throughout your project. If you are applying as an individual, you will need an auspice organisation - this could be your school, a community group, sporting club or youth organisation.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications for the **DREAM IT DO IT** Youth Grants are open all-year-round or until funding is exhausted.

Applications will be assessed as they are received on an ongoing basis.

Applications deemed to not meet full requirements may be contacted by the HRCC Youth Team for assistance - we want to give you the best chance to get your application across the line!

How is my application reviewed?

APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE YOUTH TEAM USING THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

The Idea

The project, activity, or opportunity is clearly explained and demonstrates creativity, innovation, or a positive purpose.

Community Benefit

Your application shows how the project will benefit young people and/or the wider Horsham Rural City community

Youth Leadership

The idea is youth-led, with you and/or other young people actively involved the planning, decision-making, and delivery.

Achievability

Your project is realistic, well planned, and can be delivered within the proposed timeframe and budget.

Positive Impact

Your project supports learning, wellbeing, inclusion, community connection, skill development, or positive change.

Does your big idea need a little help to get off the ground?

The HRCC Youth Team can connect you with mentors, community organisations, and other supporters who can help shape your idea, overcome challenges, and assist you in bringing your vision to life.

Email us at Horsham.Youth@hrcc.vic.gov.au

