

# Enhancing Access Project Grant Application Process



## Background

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a youth development program for young people involving 4 key sections: Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and an Adventurous Journey. The Award is designed to be flexible, challenging and fun!

The Award provides opportunities for positive youth development activities which build on young people's strengths and increases protective factors such as community connectedness and positive self esteem. The Award involves activities and benefits which are closely aligned with the core business of many community agencies, whilst providing additional incentives and encouragement.

## Enhancing Access Project Grants

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award National Award Authority has secured one-off funding from the Federal Government to be distributed to State Award Authorities. The Queensland Division was successful in obtaining a portion of this grant money to undertake the Enhancing Access Project.

The Enhancing Access Project will see the dissemination of small grants to help offset the costs of Award fees and activity related expenses for organisations and young people. The goal of this funding is to increase the diversity of young people participating in the Award by removing financial barriers for at-risk young people.

Organisations applying for the grants will need to respond to criteria and specify how the grant will assist in increasing the participation of at-risk young people. These target groups may include young people with a disability; Indigenous young people; young people experiencing homelessness; young people from culturally and linguistically diverse groups; young people involved or at risk of being involved in the youth justice system; young people at risk of disengaging from training or schooling; and those experiencing financial difficulty.

Grant monies will be made available on a one-off basis for organisations to help establish the Award program and cover the initial costs of registration for the organisation and subsidising participant fees and expenses (for example transport or activity costs). The grants will be administered by the community organisation on behalf of the young person. Grants of approximately \$500 per organisation are to be provided for this purpose (with provisions for larger sums if required).

## Eligibility

Applications will be welcomed by:

1. Community Organisations/Youth Justice Services not currently registered as Licensed Operators of the Award;
2. Community Organisations/Youth Justice Services that are currently delivering the Award program; or
3. Schools or other organisations that plan to offer a project specifically targeting young people at risk.



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## Assessment

Grants will be assessed by the State Award Office and the Chair of the State Award Committee on the basis of responses to the following criteria:

<b>Rationale</b>
1. Please provide a short rationale for your application.
<b>Improved Access</b>
2. Please demonstrate how access will be improved to one or more of the following priority groups:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Young people with a disability;</li><li>• Indigenous young people;</li><li>• Young people experiencing homelessness or accommodation issues;</li><li>• Young people from culturally and linguistically diverse groups;</li><li>• Young people involved or at risk of being involved in the youth justice system;</li><li>• Young people at risk of disengaging from training or schooling; and/or</li><li>• Young people experiencing financial difficulty.</li></ul>
<b>Organisation Details</b>
3. Please provide some information about your organisation:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do you have funded youth worker positions in your organisation?</li><li>• Does your organisation rely on volunteers?</li><li>• Do you receive recurrent funding from the Department of Communities?</li><li>• Are there programs that you run already that will align with the Award program?</li></ul>
<b>Budget</b>
4. Details of budget (including total funding required).
<b>Sustainability</b>
5. Please describe how your organisation will make the Award program sustainable in your organisation beyond the period of the grant?