



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Communities**

Aboriginal Family Safety Grants Program 2024

Office for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

10:00am to 11:30am | 30 May 2024

Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Wadjuk people of the Nyungar nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we the Department of Communities Walyalup office is situated.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and acknowledge their continuing connection to land, sea and community.

We also pay our respects to all Aboriginal people who are with us today.

Overview of session



PURPOSE

To provide information about the Aboriginal Family Safety Grants.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Overview of Grant Program
3. Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy
4. Q&A

Chair: Selina Getley, Manager Strategic Policy, Office for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

Advisor: Kathryn Ashworth, Principal Procurement Manager (Grants), Commissioning and Contracting Division

Applying for the Grants



Critical Information:

- Registration on [Tenders WA](#) is essential.
- Complete the Application Form.
- Answer *all* the assessment criteria.
- Allocate sufficient time to upload your application.
- Grants close on **Tuesday 2 July at 2:30pm.**

About the Aboriginal Family Safety Grants



Grants:

- for Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and registered Aboriginal ***not-for-profit*** businesses
- time-limited to support projects for up to two years (2024/25-2025/26)
- to deliver Aboriginal-led, place-based responses to family violence and
- have a funding allocation of \$6 million with a portion of this funding set aside for program evaluation.

Grant Program Aims



The aim of this grant program is to fund projects contributing to:

- 1) New and innovative Aboriginal and community-led family safety initiatives to prevent or respond to family violence and that align with one of the four Focus Areas of the Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy.
- 2) Local, place-based and Aboriginal-led solutions and actions to address family violence and prioritise safety.
- 3) Increasing the number of ACCOs and registered Aboriginal businesses that provide family violence supports and services across Western Australia.
- 4) Culturally secure evaluation to increase knowledge and evidence of Aboriginal-led approaches to family safety to inform future policy and service design.

Indicative Target Outcomes



The successful grant recipients will contribute to the overall outcomes of the grants program as follows:

- Improved availability and access to a range of culturally secure and Aboriginal-led programs and services across Western Australia that promote and support family safety.
- Aboriginal knowledge systems are centred in the design and delivery of family safety initiatives and in the collection and analysis of data for evaluation.
- ACCOs and registered Aboriginal businesses are strengthened to deliver preventative, healing and other initiatives to their communities designed to promote and support family safety.



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Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy



2022–2032



Prepared by Tjallara Consulting Pty Ltd

Available at

The Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy and related resources are available at:

[Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)



Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy

Engagement summary

Timeline



Reach

- 216 participants in metropolitan and regional Aboriginal community engagement workshops
- Over 150 key stakeholders engaged
- Over 130 responses received to an online survey for Aboriginal staff from the Department of Communities
- Aboriginal community engagement held across **Goldfields, Pilbara, Midwest-Gascoyne, Wheatbelt, Kimberley, Southwest** and **Perth metropolitan** regions
- Briefings with Aboriginal Advisory Council of WA, Aboriginal Health Council of WA and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner
- 99 online survey responses to the consultation draft Strategy
- Targeted **webinars, meetings, phone calls** and **emails** with over 200 community members and stakeholders to share and seek feedback on the consultation draft Strategy

Our engagement builds on what we heard during previous consultation processes prior to 2021, including the Aboriginal Family Safety Summit, development of Path to Safety and the Aboriginal Cultural Capability Reform Program.

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Implementation principles:

- Aboriginal-led
- Designed in partnership
- Place-based
- Responsive to different groups of people
- New and better ways of working

Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy

Four Focus Areas



Focus area 1

Healing

Ensure healing is what guides prevention and the delivery of family violence services and practice

Services will be designed to:

- ensure that responses to family violence are holistic and trauma-informed to respond effectively to the intergenerational trauma that exists within Aboriginal communities.
- ensure those who experience family violence, including children and young people, are safe and supported to heal and recover.



Focus area 2

Recognise and support men and boys

Recognise the unique roles and responsibilities of men, boys and fathers and support them to build strong communities and safe families

Individuals and families will be empowered and responses reframed to:

- address the lack of specific support available for men, including for those who use violence.
- recognise the strong traditional role of men and fatherhood in Aboriginal cultures as central to any initiative designed to address family violence.
- ensure that a long-term approach to embedding family safety for Aboriginal children, people, families and communities is taken.

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Four Focus Areas (continued)



Focus area 3

Transform

Transform service provision and reform systems

Systems will be reformed to:

- respond to systemic racism and discrimination by building culturally informed and sensitive agencies, policies, procedures, and practices.
- build the cultural capability of Government agencies through creating career pathways at all levels for Aboriginal workers with a focus on recruiting and retaining Aboriginal staff in senior roles by specifying 50D positions where appropriate and aligning with Aboriginal workforce strategic frameworks.
- normalise the inclusion of Aboriginal cultural responses within those systems, which prioritise safety and accountability through localised decision-making.
- reform funding models to prioritise preventative measures and improve access to justice for Aboriginal families experiencing family violence.
- implement evaluative measures that are overseen by community leaders to ensure community are seeing positive changes.



Focus area 4

Aboriginal-led prevention and early intervention

Use culture as the frame for delivering primary prevention and early intervention programs

Early intervention and prevention approaches will be embedded to:

- strengthen culture and identity as a foundational and baseline response to family violence.
- build on the strengths and complex systems that Aboriginal families and communities already utilise and benefit from.
- positively reinforce cultural roles and responsibilities within families and communities – for men, boys, women and girls.
- support localised decision-making structures.
- address the social determinants that lead to family violence.

Alignment to the Strategy



Can your proposed project demonstrate:

- How the initiative relates to the Strategy?
- Support from or consultation with the community for the initiative?
- How project makes a difference to family safety and the community?

Addendum on Tenders WA



Addendum 2

- Recent request for data - related to demonstrating project need.
- It was not Communities intention to imply that data or statistics are required to demonstrate the need for your project.
- A preferred response to this criterion will provide evidence of why the project is needed in the community.

Evidencing Project Need



Evidence might include but is not limited to:

- Existing organisational data.
- Anecdotal examples (e.g. from services, community members, clients, staff, etc).
- Results from consultation with community.
- Support from Elders.
- Description of current trends in the community.
- Examples of community desire to address the need.

Data Sources

- Existing data sources that are accessible to the public include the [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#) and [WA Police – Crime Statistics](#).

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Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy

Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy 2022-2032 sets out a cross-government initiative for addressing family violence impacting Aboriginal women, children, families and communities.

Last updated: 18 April 2024

Aboriginal people experience family violence at disproportionately high rates with devastating impacts on their own health and wellbeing, and on the health and wellbeing of their families and community. The contributing factors to family violence in Aboriginal communities are different to non-Aboriginal communities, and include colonisation, dispossession, intergenerational trauma and racism.

In December 2022, we launched the Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy 2022-2032 (the Strategy) as part of the State Government's response to Outcome 13 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap – that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and households are safe. It is also a priority action of Path to Safety: Western Australia's (WA) strategy to reduce family and domestic violence 2020-2030.

We understand that the outcome of Aboriginal family safety is underpinned by Aboriginal-led action and solutions and holds Aboriginal values, beliefs, culture, identity and knowledge systems at the heart of holistic responses.



Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy

The Department of Communities has developed the Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy with Aboriginal people and communities to address family violence impacting Aboriginal families and communities.



Aboriginal Family Safety Grants

Grant funding of \$5.75 million is being made available for Aboriginal and community-led initiatives that prevent or respond to family violence throughout Western Australia.



Aboriginal Healing Framework

To ensure that Healing is what guides our efforts to prevent and respond to family violence an Aboriginal Healing Framework (the Framework) is being developed.

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In Western Australia, the term Aboriginal is used in preference to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, in recognition that Aboriginal people are the original inhabitants of Western Australia. Use of the word 'Aboriginal' here refers to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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For information about how to browse incognito and/or erase your internet browsing history, see [www.esafety.wa.gov.au](#)

See also

[Western Australia's Strategy to Reduce Family and Domestic Violence](#)

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Questions and Answer



REMEMBER

- Register on Tenders WA
- Respond to assessment criteria
- Factor in time to upload application
- Check [Tenders WA](#) for updates and addenda
- Visit [Aboriginal Family Safety Grants](#) for previous communications.

FURTHER QUERIES

Please send any further queries to the below inbox:

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