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## Frequently asked questions about Community Grant Scheme funding

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### **Where does the CGS Grant money come from?**

The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account (WARRA) is generated from a levy on waste disposed to landfill in the Perth Metropolitan Area. The Community Grants Scheme (CGS) provides funding support for community groups and individuals to reduce the generation, recover the resources, and reduce the impact of waste on the environment, under the Strategic Direction and the WARR Account.

### **How much money is available?**

The WARR Account has only limited resources for this scheme and therefore individual grants are limited to a maximum of \$20,000 per project per round.

The grant will normally not exceed 50% of the total cost of the project, although this total cost can include unpaid labour contributions from volunteers (calculated at minimum wage rates).

In the past, around \$200,000 per year has been made available, but this is only a guide.

### **When is the closing date for applications?**

2011 Funding will close **27 May 2011**.

### **How do I know if the WARRA would consider my project?**

Please read the [Guidelines for Applicants](#) which discusses what you need to do to put together your application. Providing you have read this information, checked your eligibility and carefully followed our guidelines, you can be confident that your application will be considered.

### **Am I able to discuss my application with someone from the WARRA?**

Yes. Applicants are welcome to talk to a member of the WARRA Team to obtain additional information and advice. However, please bear in mind we are limited in our advice as we are part of the assessment process.

### **Do you make grants to individuals?**

Yes, the WARRA will provide funding to GST registered individuals / groups. If an individual or group that is not incorporated wishes to apply for a grant, the application can be made by another incorporated organisation on their behalf.

### **Do you make grants to businesses?**

No, Commercial enterprises and associations, government bodies and statutory authorities, are ineligible to apply. These groups may be eligible to apply for support under the Strategic Waste Initiative Scheme (SWIS) - [www.zerowastewa.com.au/ourwork/supportschemes/swis](http://www.zerowastewa.com.au/ourwork/supportschemes/swis).

**Please Note:** Schools are also ineligible for funding, as the Department has a Waste Wise Schools (WWS) grants program, available specifically to provide assistance to schools with their waste management projects. More information on WWS is available from:  
[www.wastewise.wa.gov.au/schools](http://www.wastewise.wa.gov.au/schools).



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### **Do I have to complete an application form?**

Yes. Applications not on the supplied form will **not** be accepted. Electronic applications are preferred.

The [application form](#) is available from the website

### **How are the CGS grants assessed?**

Every application is reviewed by the WARRA assessment panel. Recommendations are made by the panel, and these recommendations are forwarded to the Waste Authority for consideration. Once these recommendations have been considered and approved, the Minister's Office then releases the final announcements.

### **How long will it be before I have an outcome?**

The process, from the date of closure for applications to a decision on funding, should take around three months. The WARRA Grants Officer will notify applicants with any information by email, however is not at liberty to advise applicants of the final outcomes of the funding round until such time as the Minister's Office makes its announcements. It is important that you allow enough time between the lodgement of your application and the commencement of your project.

### **Can I apply for CGS funding for more than one project?**

Yes, you can apply more than once. It is a little unusual for the WARRA to make more than one grant per round or year to the same organisation, but if an organisation applies for a number of different projects with merit, this situation can occur. However, please consider your organisation's ability to undertake and successfully complete the project(s) if choosing to submit more than one application. Previous grant performance is taken into consideration in the CGS assessment process.

### **If I am successful, do I have to sign a contract or agreement?**

Yes. We require all successful grant recipients to sign a grant contract, which outlines the details of funding, general obligations of the organisation, and reporting requirements. The Department will not enter into any negotiations about the form or content of the grant funding contract.

### **Can I get feedback if my application is not successful?**

Yes. If your application was not successful you will receive feedback in the email we send you to tell you the result of your application. We are always happy to provide more feedback and to offer suggestions for how a future application may be strengthened.

### **Can I re-apply in future if I'm unsuccessful this time?**

Yes. New projects are welcome. Previous projects will be considered if you have used the feedback given to improve your application. Applicants not paying due attention to feedback received will find that their applications will not receive funding.