

Frequently Asked Questions

Food Relief Grants Program

Contents

- About the Grant 2**
 - What is the food relief grant program? 2
- Eligibility 2**
 - Who can apply for the food relief grants? 2
- Grant Determination 2**
 - How much grant funding is available? 2
 - What is the maximum amount of funding I can apply for? 2
 - Does the Grant funding include GST? 2
 - My community service organisation has multiple service locations, can I apply for more than one grant? 2
- Assessment Criteria 3**
 - What criteria will my application be assessed against? 3
- Grant Conditions 3**
 - What can I use the funding for? 3
 - What information am I required to report on? 3
 - What can't the funding be used for? 3
- Application Process 4**
 - When do applications open? 4
 - How do organisations apply to the grant program? 4
 - What documentation will I need to support my application? 4
 - Who do I contact with any queries regarding the application process? 4
 - How long will it take for my application to be assessed? 4
- Support and Contact Information 4**
 - Who can I contact about the food relief grant program? 4
 - Am I able to get support with the application? 4

About the Grant

What is the food relief grant program?

The aim of the Grants Program is to provide additional funding to support frontline community organisations in Western Australia already delivering food relief services and facing rising operational costs and demand pressures.

The grants program will provide existing food relief organisations with grants of up to \$10,000 (exclusive of GST) for activities aligned with the grant conditions. Funding will be determined based on the organisation's region of service and the instances of support they expect to provide. The Grant Program will be delivered over a 12-month period and will end in April 2027 (or until the \$2 million grants pool has been exhausted).

Eligibility

Who can apply for the food relief grants?

To be eligible, applicants must already be delivering a food relief program in Western Australia and be one of the following:

- an incorporated, not-for-profit community service organisation or association, or
- an unincorporated community group applying through an incorporated auspice organisation.

Grant Determination

How much grant funding is available?

The program has a total grant pool of two million dollars. Organisations can apply for grants of up to \$10,000 (exclusive of GST), in line with the conditions set out in the Grant Guidelines.

What is the maximum amount of funding I can apply for?

Organisations can apply for grants of up to \$10,000 (exclusive of GST). Grants range from \$4,000 to \$10,000 (exclusive of GST), and amounts are determined by the location of the organisation delivering food relief and the level of support that can be reasonably delivered through the grant, defined by instances of support.

Does the Grant funding include GST?

All grant amounts included in the guidelines are exclusive of GST. No GST will be applied to grant payments.

My community service organisation has multiple service locations, can I apply for more than one grant?

To ensure equitable access to the grants pool and to support a broad distribution of funding across the sector, the following application limits apply:

Metropolitan service locations

- Organisations may submit one application per metropolitan service area (East, North, South) in round one.
- A second round may be offered, subject to the availability of remaining funds.

Regional and remote service locations

- Organisations may submit one application per region.

- A separate application must be completed for each individual regional or remote service location for which funding is sought.
- If an organisation submits applications for multiple service locations within the same region, each application must clearly demonstrate how the organisation is working collaboratively with other food relief providers operating in that location.

Assessment Criteria

What criteria will my application be assessed against?

Each application will be assessed against the following criteria:

- The applicant organisation is currently delivering food relief programs in Western Australia.
- The applicant organisation is experiencing increased costs in delivering food relief services due to rising global fuel prices and /or demand pressure for food relief services.
- The proposed items and/or activities to be funded align with the Grants Program Outcomes.

All of the criteria have equal weighting and the application will be assessed in its entirety.

Grant Conditions

What can I use the funding for?

Grants may assist with a range of items and or activities associated with existing food relief programs. Additional funding will be provided to eligible organisations to:

- Assist in meeting the rising operational cost and demand pressures for food relief services.
- Offset unforeseen cost increases in transport, freight and logistics which impact on service delivery.
- Offset unforeseen costs increases in purchasing food.
- Enable continued provision of food relief assistance to Western Australians experiencing food insecurity.
- To strengthen the supply and stability of food relief, particularly in regional or remote areas.

What information am I required to report on?

Successful applicants will be required to provide a final report at the end of the grant, including a brief project summary (max 500 words) outlining how they used the funding to support access to food relief. A completed financial acquittal template will also be required upon project completion.

What can't the funding be used for?

The grants cannot be used for:

- Ordinary operational staff wages.
- Prizes and gifts, including cash.
- Alcohol and/or tobacco products.
- Ongoing operational costs of the organisation or costs not directly related to short-term supplementation of existing food relief programs.
- Retrospective costs (any money spent before a grant is approved).

Application Process

When do applications open?

The grant program will be open for applications from 11 May 2026.

How do organisations apply to the grant program?

Eligible organisations can apply to the grant program by completing the [online application form](#).

What documentation will I need to support my application?

When you are submitting a grant application form, you will be required to respond to all the mandatory fields. You are not required to submit additional documentation, however if you would like to provide further documentation you will be able to attach documents to your application form. Optional supporting documents may include qualitative or quantitative evidence, letters of support, evaluations, work plans or service flyers.

Who do I contact with any queries regarding the application process?

If you have questions about the grant program or would like to discuss your application, you can contact WACOSS.

How long will it take for my application to be assessed?

We will make every effort to review and process applications as quickly as possible. If you need an urgent response, please contact grants@wacoss.org.au or phone 08 6381 5300 to discuss your requirements.

Support and Contact Information

Who can I contact about the food relief grant program?

If you have questions about the grant program or would like to discuss your application, you can contact WACOSS by emailing grants@wacoss.org.au or calling 08 6381 5300 during business hours.

Am I able to get support with the application?

If you require assistance with the online application form, please contact grants@wacoss.org.au or call 08 6381 5300 during business hours.