

2025-26 VMA Project-Based Grant Information

Volunteering WA (VWA) invites eligible organisations to submit applications for the final round of project-based grant funding of the Volunteer Management Activity (VMA) 2022-26. The Volunteering WA's Volunteer Management Activity, funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services, is aimed at supporting a thriving volunteering culture across Australia.

The aim of the project-based grants is to break down barriers to volunteering faced by one or more of the six identified priority groups:

<i>People with disability</i>	<i>Vulnerable women</i>	<i>Intersectional projects (focussing on more than one (1) priority group)</i>
<i>First Nations people</i>	<i>Young people aged 12-18</i>	
<i>Newly-arrived migrants</i>	<i>People who are unemployed</i>	

Project outcomes are expected to be shared to build **sector-wide capacity** to support these priority groups to engage in volunteering.

In 2025/26 there will be a total pool of **\$300,000** available for projects addressing these aims, with a particular focus on areas not supported through previous funding rounds. Projects submitted from organisations led by any of the six priority groups (eg ACCOs); or focusing on Youth, Vulnerable Women or Unemployed will be favourably received. Applications are also encouraged from regions which have not received funding to date (Wheatbelt, Pilbara, Midwest, Goldfields-Esperance and Great Southern regions).

Note: *Volunteering WA may also be seeking applications from identified organisations to address these gaps. An approach by VWA does not guarantee funding.*



Project Eligibility

- Engaging volunteers from one or more priority groups.
- Developing models/ resources that can build sector-wide capacity.
- Organisations that can demonstrate a working relationship with one of more of the priority groups.



Purpose of Grants

- Increase diversity & inclusion in the volunteer sector.
- Break down barriers to volunteering for priority groups.
- Promote best practice & innovation.
- Reach regional & rural areas.
- Foster cross-sector collaboration.



Find Out More

- FAQ's available at www.volunteeringwa.org.au/resources/grants.
- Full application guidelines available on request.
- Contact: vmagrants@volunteeringwa.org.au.

Key Dates

10th March 2025	Opening date
18th March 2025	FREE VMA grant writing training session and FAQs
6th April 2025	Project Based Grant applications close midnight (WST)
7th April – 30th May 2025	Assessment and Interview stage
11th June 2025	Public Announcement of successful grant recipients
Grant Period	1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026