

National Volunteer Week Grants 2026

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Volunteering WA, with generous support from Lotterywest, is offering volunteer involving organisations across Western Australia the opportunity to apply for a grant to organise an event or activity which recognises and thanks volunteers during National Volunteer Week (Monday 18 - Sunday 24 May 2026).

We strongly encourage organisations that have not been the recipient of a National Volunteer Week grant before to apply, as well as those in regional/remote WA.

Funding may be used for event promotion and publicity, National Volunteer Week merchandise, transport, hire of equipment and/or venue, entertainment (e.g. hiring a band), food or **non-alcoholic** beverages and small recognition gifts.

Funding is not available for normal operational costs such as uniforms, training material or IT equipment. Project management costs should be covered by the organisation as a contribution towards the activity.

To be eligible for a grant, your organisation:

- Must be a not-for-profit organisation or a local government authority.
- Be a volunteer-involving organisation.
- Operate in Western Australia.
- Have an ABN.
- Have a bank account in the organisation's name.

National Volunteer Week 2026 grants will be allocated on the basis of:

- The grant being used during National Volunteer Week, Monday 18 – Sunday 24 May 2026 to celebrate and recognise volunteering.
- Preference for activities involving partnerships between local volunteer organisations and activities that strongly promote National Volunteer Week and volunteering to the local community.
- The applicant operates in Western Australia and the activity will be held in WA.
- Confirmation that the conditions of funding will be met.
- Applications with in-kind support or matched funding will be looked upon favourably.
- The activity demonstrates value for money with a reasonable cost of approximately \$40 per person depending on region, activity and exposure.

For further information on National Volunteer Week 2026, please visit www.volunteeringwa.org.au

Grant Categories

Category 1 – Single organisations may submit one application for up to \$1,500.

Category 2 – Large organisations with multiple branches may choose to submit one application covering up to five (5) locations. This can include one (1) location NOR Perth metro, one (1) location SOR Perth metro and up to three (3) regional locations that are more than 50km apart. The large organisation can apply for up to \$500 per branch taking part, up to a maximum of \$2,500 if five (5) branches take part.

If you are a branch of a large organisation, we ask you please check with your Head Office first to coordinate and clarify who will submit the application on behalf of your organisation.

Category 3 – Multiple organisations: One (1) lead organisation may collaborate with up to four (4) other local organisations to hold a large joint community event. Each organisation must provide a confirmation letter on their own letterhead to confirm their intention to work together (a template is provided on the Volunteering WA website for use) as part of the application process.

The lead organisation agrees to collate all the information, submit the application, manage all financial aspects of the event and complete the acquittal process on behalf of the others. The lead organisation can apply for up to \$1,000 per organisation taking part, up to a maximum of \$5,000 if five (5) organisations take part. It is expected that the event taking place in this category would be a large event open to all local community members, with an emphasis on celebrating volunteering and National Volunteer Week.

Conditions of grant funding

Organisers must agree to:

- The event/activity must go ahead and be held during National Volunteer Week (18 – 24 May 2026).
- Acknowledge the support of Volunteering WA and Lotterywest in promotion of the funded activity, including: during speeches, media releases, brochures, leaflets, display, advertising, invitations, posters, presentations, certificates, forms, websites. Logos for Volunteering WA, Lotterywest, and National Volunteer Week can be found at www.volunteeringwa.org.au/NVW
- Promote the celebration and National Volunteer Week within the community.
- Acknowledge payment of approved grant funds will only be transferred into a bank account in the name of the organisation which applied for the grant. Payment of grant funds to a personal bank account is not permissible.
- The event/activity should align with Lotterywest's [Good Practice Requirements](#) where relevant.
- In the case that the event needs to be cancelled please contact Volunteering WA for advice or any assistance that can be offered as soon as practicable.

Terms and Conditions

1. The grant is used solely for the specified purpose approved by Volunteering WA.
2. Volunteering WA will not be held responsible for the success of the event/activity for which the grant is applied or for any losses or additional costs incurred that are associated with the event.
3. The grant payment provided by Volunteering WA will include GST for registered organisations.
4. Insurance: Volunteering WA is not liable for any accident or negligence resulting in any claim or damage arising from activities undertaken as part of the Grant. In this respect, recipient organisations are required to be appropriately incorporated and be responsible for their own insurances. This includes but is not limited to, Public Liability, Volunteer Insurance and Professional Indemnity.
5. Working with Children Checks: Applicants seeking a grant for a project that involves working with children should ensure appropriate criminal record checking policies and procedures are developed and that criminal record checks are obtained for employees and volunteers working with children. The Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2006 introduced compulsory checking of the criminal history of people working with children and young people. More information on the check can be found on www.checkwwc.wa.gov.au.

Acquittal Process

Recipients will need you to complete a financial declaration by Friday, 12 June 2026. The financial declaration will verify that you spent the grant in accordance with the grant application.

A detailed financial acquittal report on how you spent the 2026 National Volunteer Grant funding is not required, unless requested by Volunteering WA.

If you are asked to provide a financial acquittal, Volunteering WA will require you to provide proof-of-purchase for the expenses incurred to hold your event. The original receipts showing what you have purchased are required as proof and must be kept for five years.

It is not necessary to send receipts to Volunteering WA, unless requested to do so. If receipts are not available as evidence of expenditure, then records of activity must be kept proving the expenditure was in accordance with the approved purposes of the grant.

All funding must be spent by Sunday 7 June 2026.

Unspent funds must be returned to Volunteering WA.

Resources, Graphics, Merchandise, and Gifts

Please check the Volunteering WA website www.volunteeringwa.org.au/nvw for National Volunteer Week messages, guides, logos, and branding, that can assist you with your funded activity.

Media Coverage

Organising bodies/applicants are encouraged to liaise with local media to promote the event. The purpose is to recognise volunteer efforts across the State in celebration of National Volunteer Week 2026. If you have queries, please contact communications@volunteeringwa.org.au

Funding acknowledgement

Successful recipients of the 2026 National Volunteer Week Grants will need to acknowledge the support of **Volunteering WA** and **Lotterywest** throughout the funded activity, including in speeches, media releases, social media, brochures, leaflets, display, invitations, posters, certificates, websites.

Volunteering WA acknowledgement

- Tag @VolunteeringWA on [Linkedin](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).
- The Volunteering WA logo and NVW logo are available at www.volunteeringwa.org.au/nvw

Lotterywest acknowledgement

Thank you, Lotterywest, for your ongoing support. The WA Government, through Lotterywest, supports community projects and events.

- See Lotterywest's [Sharing the News webpage](#) for information, tips, and key messages.
- Find Lotterywest's logos at www.volunteeringwa.org.au/nvw
- Tag @Lotterywest on [Linkedin](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Steps in the Grant Application Process

- Step 1 The application form is completed and submitted by the closing date, **5.00pm Friday 13 February 2026**. No late applications will be accepted.
- Step 2 Applications considered by the Assessment Committee.
- Step 3 Applicants notified of outcome within 4 weeks of closing date and provided a grant agreement.
- Step 4 Successful applicants send back signed grant agreement with terms and conditions and provide bank account details.
- Step 5 Grant payments are made to organisation bank accounts by Volunteering WA.
- Step 6 The volunteer celebration event/activity goes ahead. All funding must be spent by **Sunday 7 June 2026**
- Step 7 A completed financial declaration and acquittal is provided by the successful applicants by **Friday 12 June 2026**.
- Step 8 Volunteering WA may request a financial acquittal in accordance with the acquittal guidelines.

Please contact **Volunteering WA** on **9482 4333** or at NVWgrants@volunteeringwa.org.au if you require any assistance.

Please check the Volunteering WA website www.volunteeringwa.org.au/nvw for National Volunteer Week messaging, resources and templates to assist you with your event.

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