**HEY GRANTS FUNDING: Round 9 2020**

**LGBTIQ+ Youth Mental Health Small Grants**

Submissions close 9am Wednesday September 2019

In 2011 the Victorian Government committed $4 million over four years to support the development and delivery of programs that improve the mental health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ young people. In 2015 a further $5.88 million was provided for investment in the mental health and well-being of young LGBTIQ+ people for the four years to 2019. In 2019 ongoing funding was provided for HEY partner activities. HEY Grants are offered annually as part of this funding to services and organisations.

A number of LGBTIQ+ youth programs and services have been funded as part of an integrated program aimed at reducing homophobia and transphobia, providing support to LGBTIQ+ youth, and promoting LGBTIQ+ young people’s strength and resilience. As part of this funding program, the HEY Grants round exists to assist organisations in providing mental health promotion and capacity building activities for LGBTIQ+ young people in their local communities.

To date over 70 organisations have received HEY Grant funding and many programs and activities are currently underway across the state.

**What are the HEY Grants for?**

The HEY Grants support organisations (both specialist LGBTIQ+ and mainstream youth organisations) to undertake mental health promotion and community engagement activities that focus on LGBTIQ+ young people up to 26 years.

The HEY Grants assist in the development of new and innovative approaches to addressing and supporting the mental health of LGBTIQ+ young people. By innovative we mean creative, novel, or original ways of working with young people. They will also support the implementation of tried and tested models in communities where existing support for LGBTIQ+ young people is limited.

Small grants will be distributed to organisations that engage LGBTIQ+ young people in initiatives such as (but not limited to):

* Social support groups and networks
* Mainstream anti-homophobia, anti-transphobia and diversity campaigns and programs
* LGBTIQ+ youth leadership, mentoring and peer education
* Youth led initiatives and activities.

In addition, grants may support organisations to:

* Engage with the emerging LGBTIQ+ youth platform to improve the quality and reach of services they provide to LGBTIQ+ young people
* Enhance the capacity of youth and mainstream health and community sectors to better respond to the needs of a diverse range of LGBTIQ+ young people and challenge discriminatory environments.

**How much can organisations apply for?**

Two types of grants are available in Round 9 of the HEY Grants:

* **Social Connectedness Grants** of up to $10,000 are available for projects that provide direct support to LGBTIQ+ young people through initiatives such as social support, activity groups, gay/straight alliances and the provision of information.
* **Youth-led Initiative** **Grants** are available for projects up to $10,000. These are LGBTIQ+ activities or projects that are designed, delivered and managed by young people under the age of 26. (Up to four grants will be given in this category.)

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**What are the grant criteria?**

Social Connectedness (for grants of up to $10,000)

1. How will the project support and promote the mental health of /LGBTIQ+ young people? (25%)
2. How will the project meet demonstrated community need? (25%)
3. How will LGBTIQ+ young people be engaged with the project? (40%)
4. What measures will be used to determine the project’s success? (10%)

Youth-led Initiatives (for grants of up to $10,000)

1. How will LGBTIQ+ young people be engaged with the project? (60%)
2. How will the project support and promote the mental health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ young people? (20%)
3. How will the project meet demonstrated community need? (10%)
4. What measures will be used to determine the project’s success? (10%)

Further information about expectations of applications in each grant category can be found in the accompanying document **HEY Grants criteria.**

**What types of things will be funded? (Please note this is not an exhaustive list)**

* Projects that meet demonstrated community need
* Projects that actively engage LGBTIQ+ young people in the design and delivery
* LGBTIQ+ youth support and social groups
* Youth-led and peer-to-peer initiatives and activities that support the mental health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ young people
* Anti-homophobia and anti-transphobia strategies, events and campaigns
* Projects that seek to build the capacity of the youth and mental health workforces and other organisations to deliver mental health and mental health promotion services to LGBTIQ+ young people
* Services that support the health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ young people, their peers, families
* Projects that demonstrate new and unique ways of:
  + engaging with young people
  + providing education and training to young people or the services that support them
  + utilise new ways of providing support through technology, the arts etc.
* Projects that offer training and education to LGBTIQ+ young people, their peers, families.

For examples of projects that have been funded in the first 8 rounds of the HEY Grants visit: <https://www.yacvic.org.au/get-involved/hey-grants/>

**What will not be funded?**

* Capital expenditure exceeding $750.00
* Staff attendance at conferences and events
* Retrospective activities
* Ongoing, core organisational operating costs that are part of the organisation’s overall budget (e.g. building maintenance)
* Commercial and profit making activities, organisations or individual persons
* Projects that have already commenced, unless there is a clear argument for extending the reach of a project into new areas, locations or population groups (evidence of the existing program’s effectiveness will be required)
* Projects that operate outside the state of Victoria.
* Projects not targeting or inclusive of LGBTIQ+ young people.

**Who can apply?**

* Victorian not-for-profit organisations that are incorporated or limited by guarantee
* Victorian Local Government Authorities
* Victorian not-for-profit organisations that have an auspice arrangement with either of the above
* Victorian schools, (public, Catholic and independent), TAFEs and universities
* Aboriginal organisations are particularly encouraged to apply.
* Young people with disability/supporting organisations are encouraged to apply
* Culturally and linguistically diverse young people/supporting organisations are encouraged to apply

**Can youth-led organisations apply?**

Yes, if they fit one or other of the categories listed above. They may also apply if they can find an appropriate organisation willing to auspice them.

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**What is an auspice organisation?**

For the purposes of these grants an auspice organisation is an organisation that will take on the legal and financial responsibility for the grant agreement. The auspice organisation will sign the grant agreement, report on the outcomes of the project and submit a financial acquittal of the funds received for the project.

The auspice organisation may not be responsible for carrying out the work of the project but they are responsible for ensure it is completed under the terms of the grant agreement. Further information about the responsibilities of an auspice organisation can be found at <https://www.nfplaw.org.au/auspicing> and at <http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/advice-for-life/finances/grants-for-community-projects/what-is-an-auspice-organisation>.

**Can individuals apply?**

No, funding is only available to not for profit community organisations, Local Government Authorities, schools, TAFEs and universities.

**Can two or more organisations apply in partnership for the grant?**

Yes, partnerships and collaboration between organisations is encouraged. In these cases, a lead organisation should be nominated who will hold the funds and be responsible for the project and financial reporting.

**My organisation is not an LGBTIQ+ youth specific organisation can we apply?**

Yes, if you can demonstrate strong relationships with LGBTIQ+ youth organisations and a track record of working on LGBTIQ+ youth and related matters, your application will be considered.

**Our organisation has part funding for a project and is looking for additional funds for the same project, can we apply?**

Yes, however your proposal will need to explain why further funding is required and demonstrate the effectiveness of the existing project.

**Our organisation received HEY Grant funding in a previous round, can we apply again?**

Yes, but success in a previous round does not guarantee success in future rounds. The committee encourages organisations applying for an additional HEY Grant to be explicit about how an additional round of funding will build on the work of the previous project. The committee also encourages you to give some thought to ongoing strategies that will be put in place as part of an additional funded project to reduce reliance on the funding pool in the future.

**Do we need deductable gift recipient status or to be a tax exempt charity to be eligible?**

No, as long as you are a not-for-profit organisation you are eligible to apply.

**When does the project have to start and finish?**

Project commencement and completion should occur within 12 months of the funds being received. If the project has already commenced (subject to the requirements listed above) project completion is required within 12 months of grant allocation.

**What level of financial acquittal is required?**

A detailed final financial acquittal is required at the conclusion of the project that shows how all funds have been expended. Unexpended funds may be required to be returned.

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**Who makes the decision and how?**

An independent committee, including young LGBTIQ+ young people, will provide recommendations based on your responses to the grant criteria listed on page two, to the Minister for Mental Health, the Hon. Martin Foley. Based on these recommendations Minister Foley will decide on the successful applicants.

**When will we find out if we’ve been successful?**

You will be notified of the outcome of your application in late 2019. Your organisation may be invited to an interview process to finalise a grant approval, however notice will be provided if this occurs. Successful grant recipients are expected to participate in our annual HEY Day, which is designed to link all grant recipients with the HEY partners across the state. This year’s event will be held on Friday 13 December 2019

**What else do I need to provide?**

With your application you must provide:

* Responses to the Grant criteria
* A maximum of two (2) signed letters of support from two (2) different referees.

***If***your application is successful you will also be required to:

* Sign an agreement that outlines responsibilities and reporting requirements before the grant will be distributed.

**How should I submit my application?**

**In ONE email** please send your application and two letters of support (formatted in Word or PDF) to [info@yacvic.org.au](mailto:info@yacvic.org.au) with ‘HEY Grants Round 9 – [Type of Grant] – [Organisation name]’ in the subject line.

Once your application and letters of support have been received, you will receive a confirmation email.

**If you do not receive a confirmation email within two business days please follow up with us there may be a problem with your submission.**

**Timeline for HEY Grants Round 9**

* Grants open: Wednesday 14 August 2019
* Grants close: 9am Wednesday 18 September 2019
* Grant recipients announced: Late 2019 (subject to Ministerial approval)
* HEY Day Friday 13 December 2019
* Projects commence: January 2019