

# Connect In Real Life Phase 2026 Application Form

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### Program Details

**The Connect In-Real-Life (IRL) Phase 2 Grant Program** builds on the foundation of the original **Connect IRL** program by continuing to create opportunities for young people aged 8 – 24 years to connect in meaningful ways.

The program was developed following the Commonwealth's Online Safety Amendment (social media Minimum Age) Bill 2024, which delays the age of access for those under 16 and aims to protect children from online harms. There were concerns that these restrictions may unintentionally reduce access to support networks for vulnerable young people. The NSW Social Media Summit (2024) highlighted the need to balance online engagement with opportunities for face-to-face interaction, noting links between high social media use and increased loneliness.

A total of **\$3,025,000** (exclusive of GST) is available under the Connect IRL Phase 2 grant program, jointly funded by the Office for Youth and the NSW Premier's Department.

The Connect IRL Phase 2 Program is to support the delivery of practical initiatives that strengthen young people's social connection, participation, wellbeing, skills development and pathways to adulthood. The projects will be placed-based and will be designed and delivered with reference to the "**Guiding Principles for Youth Grants**".

### Grant Program Name

This field is read only.  
The program this submission is in.

### Instructions for Applicants

Before completing this application form, you should have read the **Connect In-Real-Life (IRL) Phase 2 Grant Program guidelines** and the **Connect IRL Phase 2 Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Please Note:

- This grant is one-off funding for an initiative to be conducted between February 2027 and August 2028.
- Your application must be accurate and complete upon submission.
- All projects must be located within NSW and must be delivered in the specified timeframe.
- Submissions open on **Friday, 9 October 2026** and close on **Friday, 6 November 2026 at 4pm.**
- Eligibility and submission of an application does not guarantee funding.
- **Late applications will not be accepted.**

#### Support available:

If you require any assistance or have any queries relating to this grant, please email [grantdesignandsupport@dcj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:grantdesignandsupport@dcj.nsw.gov.au)

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**Please ensure to quote your Application ID (in the text box below) for all correspondence with DCJ.**

### Application Number

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## Program Objectives and Outcomes

The grant aims to support children and young people **aged 8-24 from identified priority youth cohorts**. This has been influenced through the recent [Space to Speak](#) consultation.

- Provide safe, inclusive spaces where young people can connect, build relationships and feel a sense of belonging.
- Deliver targeted mentoring and support to help young people develop meaningful real-world connections.
- Engage young people in their communities and involve them in decisions that affect their lives.
- Build skills, confidence and leadership capabilities to support education, employment and successful transitions to adulthood.
- Promote wellbeing, reduce isolation and strengthen peer networks through inclusive activities and community participation.

The intended program outcomes are:

- 1.Young people from identified priority youth cohorts are more connected, confident, resilient, and engaged in their communities.
- 2.Young people experience improved wellbeing, stronger support networks, and greater opportunities for positive development, social cohesion and healthy relationships.
- 3.Communities are better equipped to support young people through inclusive, responsive, and youth-centred approaches.
- 4.Stronger relationships are established between young people, mentors, community organisations, and local stakeholders.
- 5.Increased participation of young people in community life. This may be through leadership, education, employment, and civic activities.

**Projects proposed under the Connect IRL Grants Phase 2 Program must involve young people at every stage of the project delivery.** These are outlined in the [Guiding Principles for Youth Grants](#) with an engagement framework and include working with young people to:

- Identify the need
- Plan and design the project
- Deliver the project with young people
- Final review with young people and recognition of their contribution.

## Disclaimer

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

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- submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project, and the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion;
- it must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this application and DCJ does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected; and
- it has read the [Connect IRL Phase 2 Grant Program Guidelines](#) and has fully informed itself of the relevant program requirements.

## Use of Information

By submitting this application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- if this application is successful, the relevant details of the proposal will be made public, including details such as the names of the organisation (Applicant) and any partnering organisation (state government agency or non-government organisation), project title, project description, location, anticipated time for completion and amount awarded;
- DCJ will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in-confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act); and
- in some circumstances DCJ may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

## Privacy Notice

By submitting this Application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- DCJ is required to comply with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by the Department in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy (available at: <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/statements/privacy/privacy-policy.html>);
- the information they provide to DCJ in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act;
- they have taken steps to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that DCJ and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal information, and has been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

## Eligibility Confirmation

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**Applicants are required to meet the program eligibility criteria:**

**Please declare this application meets the program eligibility criteria:**

- I have read and understand the [Connect IRL Phase 2 Grant Program Guidelines](#)
- Proposed project aligns with the objectives of the program that are included in the Grant Program Guidelines
- Your organisation must be operating in NSW, and all proposed activities or events must be delivered in NSW for young people living in NSW.
- Applicant must have appropriate and current Public Liability insurance minimum of \$10 million.
- Applicant must address the NSW National Redress Scheme sanctions.
- Applications will not be accepted from an organisation that has outstanding acquittal/s with the DCJ.
- Bank account must be in the name of the organisation.
- Projects can commence within **February 2027** and be completed no later than **31 August 2028**.

**I confirm that the applicant and project is eligible according to the criteria outlined in the Program Guidelines \***

☐ Yes

## Organisation Details

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### Organisation Details

#### **Organisation Name \***

Organisation Name

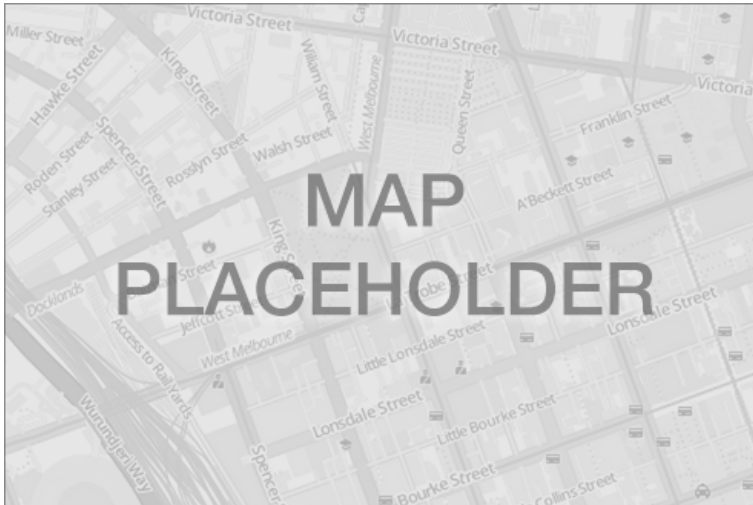
Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

#### **Primary Address**

Address

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### Postal Address

Address

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### Primary Phone Number \*

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Must be an Australian phone number.  
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

### Other Phone Number

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Must be an Australian phone number.  
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

### Email Address \*

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Must be an email address.

### Website

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Must be a URL.

## Project Administrator Contact Details

**All correspondence generated via SmartyGrants will be sent directly to this person within your organisation. This may include, but not limited advice on the outcome of your application and reporting as required.**

### Project Contact \*

First Name

Last Name

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This is the person we will correspond with about this grant.

### Project Contact Position

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e.g., Manager, Board Member or Fundraising Coordinator.

### Project Contact Phone Number

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Mobile phone number preferred

### Project Contact Other Phone Number

Area code for landlines required.

### Project Contact Email

\*

This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisations

The Department of Communities and Justice is committed to funding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs).

For the purpose of this grant an ACCO delivers services that build the strength and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and people, and is:

- incorporated under relevant legislation and not-for-profit
- controlled and operated by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people;
- connected to the community or communities in which they deliver the services; and
- governed by a majority Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander governing body.

### Is your organisation an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisation (ACCO), per the definition above?

\*

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

## ORIC Registration

### What is your Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations ICN Number:

\*

Must be a number.

<https://www.oric.gov.au/>

## Organisations Legal Status

### Legal status of your organisation

- ☐ Not for profit companies limited by guarantee, registered with the ACNC and/or with DGR status
- ☐ NSW associations or non-distributing co-operatives registered with NSW Fair Trading

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- ☐ Local Aboriginal Land Councils
- ☐ Not-for-profit Indigenous corporations registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
- ☐ NSW local councils operating under the Local Government Act 1993
- ☐ Not-for-profit entities incorporated under an Act of Parliament
- ☐ Incorporated Association registered outside of NSW but with an Australian Registered Body Number (ARBN)

**Please provide your Incorporation number or ARBN.**

Please check your organisation number <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/fair-trading> or <https://abr.business.gov.au/Search/Advanced>

**Does the applicant have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? \***

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

**ABN \***

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

| Information from the Australian Business Register |                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ABN                                               |                                  |
| Entity Name                                       |                                  |
| ABN Status                                        |                                  |
| Entity Type                                       |                                  |
| Goods & Services Tax (GST)                        |                                  |
| DGR Endorsed                                      |                                  |
| ATO Charity Type                                  | <a href="#">More information</a> |
| ACNC Registration                                 |                                  |
| Tax Concessions                                   |                                  |
| Main Business Location                            |                                  |

Must be an ABN.

**NOTE: Organisations that do not have an ABN are ineligible to apply for this Grant.**

## Subcontracting

**Are you planning to deliver the project using subcontracting arrangements with another organisations? \***

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

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### Nature of subcontracting arrangement

Organisations can work together through one lead organisation using subcontracting arrangements between them.

For more information about subcontracting please refer to the [NSW Department of Communities and Justice subcontracting policy](#).

You are required to provide details of the subcontracted organisation and upload a letter confirming the arrangement, roles and responsibilities and that the arrangement with this organisation is valid and current. e.g. Formalised Contract for Service, M.O.U, Partnership Agreement.

**NOTE: Letters of support will not be accepted.**

**Confirm that you are aware of the Department's procedures on subcontracting, and that you have policies and procedures in place, and adhere to them, on the selection and evaluation of subcontractors. \***

☐ Yes

More information available via <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/working-with-us/contract-management-policies-resources/subcontracting.html>

### Subcontracting organisation name \*

Organisation Name

### Subcontracting organisation ABN \*

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

| Information from the Australian Business Register |                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ABN                                               |                                  |
| Entity Name                                       |                                  |
| ABN Status                                        |                                  |
| Entity Type                                       |                                  |
| Goods & Services Tax (GST)                        |                                  |
| DGR Endorsed                                      |                                  |
| ATO Charity Type                                  | <a href="#">More information</a> |
| ACNC Registration                                 |                                  |
| Tax Concessions                                   |                                  |
| Main Business Location                            |                                  |

Must be an ABN.

### Subcontracting Contact \*

Title First Name Last Name

|                      |                      |                      |
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### Subcontracting Contact Position \*

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### Subcontracting Contact Primary Phone Number \*

Must be an Australian phone number.

### Subcontracting Contact Primary Email \*

Must be an email address.

### Please attach a letter confirming that the Subcontracting arrangement is valid and current. \*

Attach a file:

The letter must be signed by an authorised person (e.g., Manager, CEO or Board Chair) and must include: name, position, signature and date.

## Bank Details

**Bank details and a supporting bank statement MUST be in the name of the organisation**

**It is your responsibility to provide the correct bank account details for funds transfer.**

**Funds transferred to an incorrect bank account may not be recoverable.**

### Applicant Bank Account \*

Account Name

BSB Number      Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

### Please upload a recent bank statement of the account you would use to receive the grant funding if you are successful \*

Attach a file:

A maximum of 1 file may be attached.

You do not have to show transaction details, however, the statement must:

- Be for an account in the name of the organisation
- Clearly show the BSB, account number and name of the account holder with transaction details redacted
- Be a statement on financial institution letterhead
- Not be an online transaction list

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### Eligibility Details

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DCJ Funded Provider

**Are you currently, or have been contracted to delivery services for DCJ in the past 5 years? \***

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Service Provider ID

**Please provide your Service Provider ID?**

**Does your organisation have at least \$10 million in public liability insurance? \***

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicants are required to hold at least \$10 million public liability insurance in order to enter into a grant funding agreement with NSW Government.

**Please confirm that your organisation has not been publicly identified as declining to join the NSW National Redress Scheme OR failing to join the scheme at the expiry of six months after being notified to join the Scheme. \***

- ☐ Yes, I confirm  
☐ No, I cannot confirm (You may be deemed ineligible for this grant)

PLEASE NOTE: For more information on the NSW Government Redress Scheme Sanctions Policy, visit <https://arp.nsw.gov.au/c2021-13-nsw-government-redress-scheme-sanctions-policy/>

**Does your organisation have any overdue acquittals due to the Department of Communities and Justice ? \***

- ☐ Yes - you may be deemed ineligible for this grant program  
☐ No

PLEASE NOTE: If your organisation has any outstanding acquittals due to the Department of Communities and Justice you are not eligible to apply to this grant program. Please complete any outstanding acquittals prior to submitting your application.

**Please upload a current and valid copy of your Public Liability Insurance \***

Attach a file:

HINT: PLI must be a minimum value of \$10,000,000

### Grant Project Details

\* indicates a required field

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### Title \*

#### Word count:

Must be no more than 25 words.

Provide a name for your initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive.

### Brief description \*

#### Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

Include a brief summary of who will benefit from this initiative, what activities you will do and what outcomes you expect from your activities.

### Anticipated start date \*

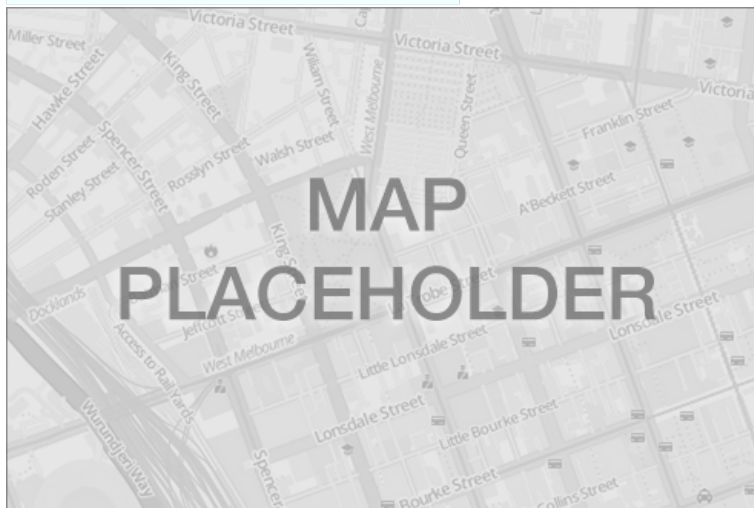
Must be a date and between 1/2/2027 and 31/8/2028.

### Anticipated end date \*

Must be a date and between 1/2/2027 and 31/8/2028.

### Primary location of your initiative \*

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required. Coordinates Required. Country must be Australia

### Organisation's Priority Cohort

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### Please select the priority youth cohort your organisation is targeting \*

- ☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people
- ☐ Young people with a disability
- ☐ Rural and regional young people
- ☐ Young people experiencing poverty
- ☐ Culturally and Linguistically Diverse young people
- ☐ LGBTIQA+ young people
- ☐ Young women and girls
- ☐ Young people with adverse childhood experiences (including youth justice, out of home care, caring responsibilities)

Only one selection can be made. For additional priority cohorts please select them in the question below.

### Additional Priority Cohorts

#### Please include any additional priority cohorts your organisation is targeting

- ☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people
- ☐ Young people with a disability
- ☐ Rural and regional young people
- ☐ Young people experiencing poverty
- ☐ Culturally and Linguistically Diverse young people
- ☐ LGBTIQA+ young people
- ☐ Young women and girls
- ☐ Young people with adverse childhood experiences (including youth justice, out of home care, caring responsibilities)
- ☐ All of the above

Please select all other priority cohorts that apply to your organisation.

### Activity Table

Activities must align to the program objectives and achieve the intended outcomes of the program.

When filling out this table please be specific about what activities you are undertaking with the grant funding. Include all key activities associated with the project. This includes major administrative tasks around project delivery, evaluation, and reporting. As well as items listed as costs in your budget.

#### Examples:

##### Activity Type

##### Location

##### Target cohort

##### Anticipated number of Participants

##### Start Date

##### End Date

##### Explanatory Notes

Promotion and Marketing plan

Head Office

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5 Abc Rd, Windsor NSW 2756  
Young people with a disability  
6  
3/3/2027  
3/5/2027  
Plan to be developed and implemented in first 2 months of project.  
Youth Advisory Group Meetings  
Scout Hall.  
1 Xyz St, Richmond NSW 2753  
Young people with a disability  
12  
3/3/2027  
3/8/2028  
Monthly meetings to consult on project design, delivery, review, and evaluation.

For more examples and the suggested level of detail to include in in the table, please [click here](#).

If you have one activity taking place in multiple places, you can list each location as a separate activity (e.g. Mentor session #1; Mentor session #2, with a specific location attached to each).

For each activity add a new row and fill out all the table fields. Additional details can be provided in the Explanatory Notes field.

| Activity Type | Location | Target cohort | Anticipated number of Participants | Anticipated number of activities or Events | Start Date | End Date | Explanatory Notes |
|---------------|----------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-------------------|
|---------------|----------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-------------------|

|                                               |                                 |                            |                   |                   |                                                    |                                                    |  |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--|
| One per row. Add a new row for each activity. | Where will your activity occur? | Select from dropdown list. | Must be a number. | Must be a number. | Must be a date and between 1/2/2027 and 31/8/2028. | Must be a date and between 1/2/2027 and 31/8/2028. |  |
|                                               |                                 |                            |                   |                   |                                                    |                                                    |  |

Total number of participants

This number/amount is calculated.

Total number of activities and events

This number/amount is calculated.

## Outcomes

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Projects proposed under the Connect IRL Grants Phase 2 Program must involve young people at every stage of the project delivery. These are outlined in the [Guiding Principles for Youth Grants](#) with an engagement framework

Please tell us about the outcomes you expect to result from your project. Outcomes are the changes you expect to occur for the beneficiaries (direct, indirect and/or intermediaries) of your project.

The intended program outcomes are:

- 1.Young people from identified priority youth cohorts are more connected, confident, resilient, and engaged in their communities.
- 2.Young people experience improved wellbeing, stronger support networks, and greater opportunities for positive development, social cohesion and healthy relationships.
- 3.Communities are better equipped to support young people through inclusive, responsive, and youth-centred approaches.
- 4.Stronger relationships are established between young people, mentors, community organisations, and local stakeholders.
- 5.Increased participation of young people in community life. This may be through leadership, education, employment, and civic activities.

|                                  |                                                                      |                                                                                    |                                       |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Intended program outcomes</b> | <b>How does your project intend to link to the Program outcomes?</b> | <b>How will you establish a baseline and measure progress throughout delivery?</b> | <b>List data sources and measures</b> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Please choose your intended outcome | What changes do you expect will occur as a result of your project (e.g. Increased connection with community)? Please be brief. One per row. Must be no more than 50 words. | Please briefly describe what you will measure at the start of the project (baseline), how you will monitor progress during delivery, and what evidence you will collect to demonstrate the results achieved. Must be no more than 50 words. | E.g. data sources may include attendance records, pre and post participant surveys. Measures may include number of participants attending activities and returning to activities, reported satisfaction etc. Must be no more than 50 words. |
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### Current or past project successes

You have the option to provide supporting information demonstrating your experience delivering similar projects, although this is not mandatory. Please upload file(s) below:

#### Evidence of past project successes

Attach a file:

A maximum of 3 files may be attached.

#### Website

Must be a URL.  
Please provide a website link if relevant.

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### Assessment Criteria

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Please read the [Connect In-Real-Life \(IRL\) Phase 2 Grant Program guidelines](#) and the [Connect IRL Phase 2 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Eligible organisations must meet the following assessment criteria to be considered for funding.

#### Assessment Criteria

##### 1. Alignment with priority youth cohort(s) and community need

Applicants should demonstrate:

- A clear understanding of the needs and barriers facing the target youth cohort(s) which is informed by local needs, youth consultation, community engagement, research and relevant data.
- How the project will contribute to improved wellbeing and provide opportunities to support priority young people to become more connected, supported and engaged in their communities.
- Clarifying point re cohort and broadness – eg healthy relationships, working with young men and boys

##### 2. Strengthened offline connections for young people that promote social connection and community participation

Applicants should demonstrate:

- How the project will create safe, welcoming and inclusive opportunities for young people to connect in person with peers, mentors and their community.
- How the project will support young people to participate in community activities (e.g. volunteering, leadership opportunities, cultural activities, recreation, education, employment pathways or civic engagement).
- How the project responds to locally identified needs and barriers to participation.
- How activities will be accessible and inclusive for the priority youth cohort(s) targeted.

##### 3. Youth-Centred Design, Inclusion and Community Impact

Applicants should demonstrate:

- How young people will be engaged in shaping, influencing and participating in project design, delivery, leadership or decision-making.
- Approaches to ensure they are culturally safe, inclusive and respectful.
- Meaningful youth participation across the project lifecycle.

##### 4. Project Delivery, Organisational Capability and Risk Management

Applicants should demonstrate:

- Experience delivering similar programs, services or activities for young people.
- Understanding of trauma-informed, strengths-based, culturally responsive and/or lived-experience approaches where relevant.
- Appropriate staffing, volunteer and mentor management arrangements, relevant partnerships and stakeholder relationships.
- Governance, safeguarding and child-safe practices.

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- Experience managing public funding and reporting requirements, including a realistic project plan, timeline and implementation approach.
- Identification and management of key project risks and appropriate monitoring, evaluation and outcomes measurement processes.

### 5. Value for Money

Applicants should demonstrate:

- A clear and reasonable budget that aligns with proposed activities and efficient use of available resources.
- Costs that are proportionate to the expected outcomes and number of participants reached.

## Criteria 1 - Alignment with priority youth cohort(s) and community need

**C1a - What community need/s is your project addressing and which priority youth cohort/s are being targeted by the project? How was this need identified? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

**C1b - What are the barriers that the youth need to overcome to succeed? How will the proposed project assist the youth to be successful? And in what ways will the project meet the needs of the community? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

## Criteria 2 - Strengthened offline connections for young people that promote social connection and community participation

**C2 - What opportunities will the project create to promote social connection and community participation? How will the project support the priority cohort to achieve this? Give examples \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

## Criteria 3 - Youth-Centred Design, Inclusion and Community Impact

**C3 - How will young people be meaningfully involved in shaping, influencing, and participating in the design, delivery, and ongoing success of the project throughout the project lifecycle? \***

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Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

### Criteria 4 - Project Delivery, Organisational Capability and Risk Management

**C4 - Describe the organisation's experience in successfully delivering projects, like the one being proposed. Demonstrate the organisation's capacity and capability to successfully execute this project. \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

### Criteria 5 - Value for Money

**C5 - Explain how your proposed budget represents value for money, including how the costs are reasonable and proportionate to the number of participants your project will reach and the outcomes it is expected to achieve. \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

## Budget

\* indicates a required field

### Grant Funding

A total of **\$3,025,000 (exclusive of GST)** is available under the Connect IRL Phase 2 program, jointly funded by the Office for Youth and the NSW Premier's Department.

Eligible organisations may apply for a grant between **\$50,000 up to \$150,000**.

**Total Amount Requested**

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\$

Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents) and between 50000 and 150000.

What is the total financial support you are requesting under this grant?

### Grant Fund Exclusions

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The following Items or activities will not be considered eligible for funding:

- Any activity of a commercial nature that is for profit
- Existing debt or budget deficits
- Capital works, including building work that require planning approvals including building work
- Any fit out that does not directly relate to the delivery of a youth hub, e.g. office or kitchenette fit out. Please note premises that are **not owned** by the organisation are also excluded.
- Permanent staff salaries/wages for existing roles which service BAU and existing projects (costs for temporary tutors/instructors/project officers for your project or activity can be included)
- Business as usual costs or seeking funding to supplement, increase, or continue ongoing service delivery that is the core business of the organisation
- An organisation's general operating expenses including rent or administration cost
- Reimbursement of expenses already incurred
- Seeking funding for an existing project
- Fundraising activities
- Donations or commissions to third parties
- Cash prizes or gifts
- Projects or activities that encourage gambling such as bingo, or the consumption of alcohol and smoking products. As well as the purchase of alcohol and smoking or vaping products.

**Please confirm that you will not spend grant funding on the above items or activities. \***

☐ Yes

Expenditure (Project delivery costs)

| Expenditure Type | Cost Description | Project delivery amount (exc GST)                | Project delivery | Upload supporting documents |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
|                  |                  | Must be a dollar amount and no more than 150000. |                  |                             |
|                  |                  |                                                  |                  |                             |

Expenditure (combined Administration costs)

| Admin Expenditure type | Admin cost Description | Admin Amount (exc GST)                           | Admin cost notes |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|
|                        |                        | Must be a dollar amount and no more than 150000. |                  |
|                        |                        |                                                  |                  |

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### Connect IRL phase 2 Grant funded expenditure total

| Total Project delivery expenditure (ex. GST) | Total combined admin expenditure (ex. GST) | Total Project Delivery and Administration Expenditure | The total requested minus total project expenditure                  |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="text"/>                         | <input type="text"/>                       | <input type="text"/>                                  | <input type="text"/>                                                 |
| This number/amount is calculated.            | This number/amount is calculated.          | This number/amount is calculated.                     | This number/amount is calculated.<br>The number below must equal "0" |

### Fit out of premises

For any fit out, evidence of ownership of the premises is required.

**In the expenditure table above, have you indicated a fit out of an owned premises? \***

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

### Evidence upload

**Please upload evidence of ownership of premises \***

Attach a file:

A maximum of 1 file may be attached.

## Authorised Signatories

\* indicates a required field

### Organisation Authorised Signatories

- Grant Funding Agreements can only be signed by authorised officers of your organisation. This may be a member of the executive/committee as deemed under the Articles of Association or Constitution for a not-for-profit organisation, or the General Manager or delegated officer if you are a council.
- More information re: signatories <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/working-with-us/how-we-work-with-you/authorised-signatories.html> outlines general requirements to ensure contracts with DCJ are signed by authorised signatories.
- Authorised signatories will receive and sign the Grant Funding Agreement.
- **Please note that each email address must be unique and cannot be associated with more than one individual.**
- If successful in your application, and your authorised signatories change between submission of this application and the notification of grant outcome, it is essential that you notify DCJ of the changes [grantdesignandsupport@dcj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:grantdesignandsupport@dcj.nsw.gov.au).

**If successful, will the 'Project Administrator Contact' be an authorised signatory? \***

- ☐ Yes

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☐ No

### First Authorised Signatory

**First Authorised Signatory \***

First Name

Last Name

**First Authorised Signatory Position \***

**First Authorised Signatory Phone Number \***

**First Authorised Signatory Primary Email \***

Must be a UNIQUE email address. Please note, Group/Generic email addresses are not permitted.

### Second Authorised Signatory

**Second Authorised Signatory \***

First Name

Last Name

**Second Authorised Signatory Position \***

**Second Authorised Signatory Phone Number \***

**Second Authorised Signatory Primary Email \***

Must be a UNIQUE email address. Please note, Group/Generic email addresses are not permitted.

## Declaration and Authorisation

\* indicates a required field

### Declaration

#### Applicant's Declaration

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I declare that all information provided as part of this application including the attachments is true and correct.

I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of the organisation making this application.

I acknowledge and agree with the Disclaimer, Use of Information and Privacy Notice clauses, as outlined on page one of this application form. Furthermore, I confirm this application meets the Program Eligibility Criteria.

I understand that information collected through this grant application may be disclosed to other government agencies and their staff, reviewers and assessors. And may be used for the promotion of the Program as well as other Government initiatives.

I understand that any false declaration may render this application ineligible or invalid.

**Registered Name of Organisation \***

## Authorisation

**I agree \***

☐ Yes

**Name of authorised person \***

Title First Name Last Name

|                      |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|

Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

**Position \***

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

**Phone number \***

Must be an Australian phone number.  
We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

**Email \***

Must be an email address.

## Artificial Intelligence

**Did you use AI in the development of this Grant application? \***

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Your response to this question DOES NOT impact the assessment and awarding process for this Grant.

## Applicant Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

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### How did you find the online application process?

- ☐ Very easy    ☐ Easy    ☐ Neutral    ☐ Difficult    ☐ Very difficult

### How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?

- ☐ Less than an hour  
☐ 1- 3 hours  
☐ 3 - 5 hours  
☐ 5 - 8 hours

NOTE: Estimate in minutes i.e. 1 hour = 60 mins

### Were there any parts of the application process that were difficult to navigate or unclear?

### What additional information or guidance would have made the application process easier?

### Do you have any suggestions to improve the application form or process?

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