

applications
open

COMMUNITY SAFETY INVESTMENT FUND



WHAT IS IT FOR ?

The Community Safety Investment Fund (CSIF) aims to provide community organisations opportunities to design and deliver locally focused, community led solutions to prevent or respond to youth offending, strengthen families and improve community safety.

STREAM 1- ROUND 2

CSIF supports initiatives targeted at young people aged 10-17-year-olds involved with or at risk of involvement with the justice system, their families and broader community.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR



Application
meets all
eligibility
criteria



Application
form is
completed
and
submitted on
time



Project plan
with detailed
budget is
submitted



Applicants need
to register with
SMartyGrants to
apply

AT A GLANCE



Apply for a maximum
of \$40,000



Applications open
16 August 2026



Applications close
11 September 2026

MORE INFO

The grant is open to organisations across NSW

Apply online via Smarty Grants; the NSW Department of Community and Justice online grants platform.

Grants are a maximum of **\$40,000** for one-off initiatives delivered within 12 months.

PRIORITY AREAS

- ✓ Aboriginal young people
- ✓ Young people with a disability
- ✓ High risk offenders
- ✓ Young woman
- ✓ Grant applications delivered by Aboriginal and/or Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCO)
- ✓ Grant applications that target areas with the highest demonstrated needs

IMPORTANT

Organisations that received funding under the Community Safety Investment Fund (CSIF) Stream 1 or Stream 2 in the 2025-26 round are **not eligible** to apply for this round.

Help! Need help with smarty grants ?

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apply now



ADDITIONAL CSIF GRANT INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, your organisation must:

- ✓ Enter into a funding agreement with DCJ
- ✓ Be a registered Australian business, not-for-profit ACCO, or incorporated organisation
- ✓ Submit via the DCJ SmartyGrants portal before the closing date
- ✓ Deliver the initiative within the grant timeframe
- ✓ Deliver the initiative within NSW

See the grant guidelines for full details.

EXAMPLES OF TYPES OF INITIATIVES

PRO-SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
MENTORING AND COACHING
SUPPORT

SKILL BUILDING
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

YOUTH HUBS
SERVICE DELIVERY
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES &
EVENTS

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES



Funding covers costs that directly support your project including:

- ✓ Consumables
- ✓ Hiring equipment for the project period
- ✓ Leasing vehicles or facilities
- ✓ Engaging contractors (facilitators, trainers, teachers)
- ✓ Local sporting and cultural event costs
- ✓ Minor equipment (up to \$5,000 combined)
- ✓ Salaries and wages for project delivery

MORE INFO



Read the CSIF Grant Program Guidelines — Stream 1, Round 2



Check eligibility & read FAQ



Submit via DCJ SmartyGrants portal

GRANT FUND EXCLUSIONS

- x Commercial or for-profit activities
- x Existing debt or budget deficits
- x Business-as-usual or general operating costs
- x Capital works or building projects
- x Permanent salaries/wages (**temporary project wages are OK**)
- x Vehicle purchases
- x Permanent equipment (unless Minor Equipment)
- x Programs encouraging gambling or alcohol
- x Programs run by NSW Government departments
- x Duplicate applications for the same project



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