Guidelines

DRUG AWARE YCULTURE REGIONAL

“Arts projects run by young people, for young people, across all art forms.”

Drug Aware YCulture Regional is a funding and development program for youth arts and culture projects developed by young people living in regional Western Australia. Drug Aware YCulture Regional is a Healthway sponsorship agreement delivered by Country Arts WA to promote the Drug Aware message.

Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants must be 12 – 26 years old and live in regional WA.

What kind of projects can be funded?

The Drug Aware YCulture Regional grant is focused on skills development projects for young people, including but not limited to community events, creative workshops, production development and showings, and live performances across all art forms. Past projects include workshops in music, visual arts, script writing and production, street art, writing and illustration, theatre, film, photography, dance, new media, and much more!

Projects should be inclusive and open for all young people aged 12 – 26 to participate.

How much money can I ask for?

You may apply for up to $4,000. However if you live above the 26th parallel (Shark Bay) or in very remote Western Australia you may apply for up to $6,000. Contact us to find out if this is you.

Funding can cover project expenses including:

- Professional artist fees and travel expenses
- Project materials
- Promotional costs
- Equipment hire
- Documentation
- Venue hire.

When can I apply for Drug Aware YCulture Regional?

Applications can be submitted at any time, subject to availability of funds.

- You must submit a draft of your application at least 2 months before your proposed project start date
- The final application must be submitted at least 6 weeks before your proposed project start date.
- You can apply up to twice per calendar year.

Who needs to be involved in my project?

Young people (you) need to be the main coordinators of the arts project. As the applicant, you will write the application, work with artists, help manage finances and write a journal (acquittal) for the project.

Each project must include:

- Direct organisers - at least 2 young people
- Direct participants - at least 6 young people (larger communities should have at least 10)
- Indirect participants - at least 20 young audience members or attendees

You must involve a professional artist or cultural leader who will teach the direct participants new artistic skills.
Where does my project need to happen?

Your project must happen in a location in regional WA.

All projects must occur in venues that are non-smoking, non-licensed environments. All Drug Aware YCulture Regional events must promote the Drug Aware message through exclusive naming rights, signage, merchandise and verbal acknowledgement.

What is an auspice organisation and do I need one?

An auspice is an incorporated organisation who manages grant funding on your behalf. You will need a regional community-based organisation with an ABN (Australian Business Number) to support your project as an auspice. This could include a local not-for-profit organisation such as a Shire, a community group or an arts organisation. If you are not sure, we can help you in finding one.

How do I apply?

Once you have come up with an idea for a youth arts and culture project its extremely important that you have read the guidelines, made contact with us, and then we will help guide you through the application process.

1. Read the Drug Aware YCulture Regional guidelines (this document)
2. Call or send a brief description of your project idea to Fleur: fhardy@countryartswa.asn.au
3. Complete the application online using SmartyGrants in consultation with Country Arts WA.

The Country Arts WA Officer will help you at any stage of your application or project. You can contact Fleur: Regional freecall 1800 811 883, 08 9200 6200 or fhardy@countryartswa.asn.au.

Are there any other important details I should be aware of?

- All projects must be smoke, drug and alcohol free, and if food is provided it must be healthy.
- Naming rights and strict branding acknowledgements apply to successful projects.
- Drug Aware YCulture Regional will not fund projects that have already occurred.
- The project cannot be a fundraising activity and tickets of more than $10 cannot be sold.
- Activities that are curriculum based or part of a school’s core activities will not be supported.
- The grant does not cover camps, conferences or conventions.
- The grant does not cover infrastructure (core staff) or capital works costs (equipment purchases).
- Projects already receiving Healthway funding are not eligible for Drug Aware YCulture Regional funding.
- In some instances, events or venues will not be sponsored where Heathway already have an existing sponsorship commitment.
- An organisation can only auspice two (2) Drug Aware YCulture Regional projects per calendar year.
- The auspicing organisation must have finalised all previous funding requirements of Healthway and Country Arts WA.

Handy things to know

- Have a well thought out project plan before applying for a grant of any nature and apply as early as possible!
- Projects with other financial and in-kind support tend to make for stronger applications, eg from community resource centres, local governments, etc.
- Involving young people from marginalized demographics within Drug Aware YCulture Regional projects is encouraged, including people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds, Indigenous people and young people with disabilities or mental illness.

Say hello or ask a question!

Contact Fleur: Regional Freecall: 1800 811 883, Phone: 08 9200 6200 or email fhardy@countryartswa.asn.au.

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