

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



### 1. Who Can Apply?

Community groups or leaders, Elders, ACCOs (Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations) or any other community member with a healing-focused initiative that meets the intent of the program and provides a culturally responsive approach.

### 2. Who can I talk to about my application?

Dream it Forward is a partnership between ConnectGroups and community. Please contact the ConnectGroups project team below to:

- Discuss ideas
- Answer all your questions about the application process
- Provide advice and support
- Provide support and assistance to complete an application form if needed.

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### 3. How many applications can I submit?

As priority is given to distributing the available funds as widely as possible, there is a limit of one submission per applicant.

### 4. Does the program support payments to Elders and Traditional Owners?

Yes, Elders and Traditional Owners can be compensated for providing cultural knowledge and support to a project. They will be supported to complete the required ATO Statement by a Supplier form where needed.



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**5. Does the program support payments for the applicant?**

No, applicants cannot financially benefit from the proposed project. There cannot be a financial benefit to staff or Board members of an applicant organisation either.

**6. What can the program pay for?**

Examples but not limited to: costs for on-country camps or day trips (food, fuel, camping/fishing equipment), therapeutic art therapists and art supplies, facilitation or delivery of cultural workshops, travel costs where needed to deliver the project, food or venue hire costs for yarning circles or men's and women's groups.

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**7. Can I submit a joint application with another group?**

Yes, ConnectGroups encourages collaboration, however one group needs to be identified as the point of contact for communication.

**8. How does the assessment work?**

All applications are considered by an Assessment Panel made up of representatives from:

ConnectGroups Support Groups Association WA  
Mental Health Commission of WA  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island community representative

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within approximately 4 weeks of the closing date.

**9. If I am successful, then what?**

Congratulations! You will have approximately one year to complete your project. Dream it Forward is a partnership between ConnectGroups and community, and we are here to support you to ensure your project is as successful as possible. We will stay connected with you throughout the process to assist where needed.

**10. Will I have to do a grant acquittal?**

No, there is no direct exchange of funds between ConnectGroups and grant recipients. ConnectGroups will be responsible for all payments to vendors, service providers, Elders, Traditional Owners, consultants, guest speakers or other providers, and will facilitate that process to allow successful applicants to focus on the positive outcomes of their project. ConnectGroups will acquit the grant to the Mental Health Commission directly.

