

Doing It Differently Grants Initiative



2019/2020 Grant Guidelines and Application Form

Grants Open Monday 5 August 2019

Grants close Sunday 15 September 2019



What is the Doing It Differently Grants Initiative?

Doing It Differently is a community grants initiative being offered to community members and local community groups in the Georges River Council area.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available per project. Doing It Differently aims to fund ideas that aim to:

- 1) improve community health and wellbeing;
- 2) create well connected communities;
- 3) reduce social isolation and loneliness;
- 4) create long lasting change in communities.

Doing It Differently uses a simple and collaborative application process to help you get your idea off the ground.

We avoid using lengthy application and reporting forms and offer you support along the way so you can focus on making the changes you want to see in your community.

The Doing It Differently grants are delivered in partnership with Georges River Council, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District Health Promotion Service (SESLHD HPS), and Calvary Health Care Kogarah.

Is this grant for you?

- Are you a community member or local community group in the Georges River Council area?
- Do you want to learn how to build on the strengths of your community?
- Do you have a great idea that will help make a difference and improve the lives of people living in our area?

Then this grant could be for you! See the selection criteria below for more information.

What are the selection criteria?

To be successful, all applications must meet the following criteria:

- Is the project based in, or does it service the community living in Georges River Council? (check the LGA boundaries here - <https://profile.id.com.au/georges-river>)
- Does the project positively influence the health and wellbeing of the community?
- Has the community been involved in the development of the project?
- Does the project build on the strengths of the community?
- Will you be able to commit to delivering the project within an 18 month funding period?
- Is your budget realistic for what you're trying to achieve?

How much can I apply for?

Community members or local community groups can apply for a grant of up to \$10,000. Only one application per organisation will be accepted.

Who can apply?

Community members, community groups, voluntary organisations and incorporated not for profit organisations. If you are an individual or informal community group, you can apply for funding via an **auspice** organisation. We encourage you to find your own auspice organisation during the application opening period. If you are having trouble finding an organisation to partner with, we can support you to find one.

What is an auspice organisation?

"Auspice" means to lend support to someone. In the context of grant applications, an auspice organisation is one that actually gets given the grant money on your behalf. They also have the responsibility for making sure the project gets completed as outlined in the agreement. If you don't have an auspice, we can support you to find one.

An auspice organisation could be:

- your school;
- a local not-for-profit organisation;
- an organisation that you're already a member of.

How can we spend the money?

Funding may cover items including, but not limited to materials, equipment, resourcing programs, advertising, planning needs, workshop or training costs, volunteer out of pocket expenses, etc.

How can we not spend the money?

Funding cannot be allocated towards salaries.

Will there be support?

All applicants will be supported through the application process and funding term (if you are successful). Available support includes:

- free information sessions to find out more about the grants and how to apply before the grant opening period
- a free workshop to learn about the Asset Based Community Development approach (ABCD) to help form your project idea
- the opportunity to informally discuss your project idea and clarify any questions during the grant opening period.

The support available does not guarantee your application will be successful; however, we want to give every opportunity to people who have never applied for a grant before to get the support they need. Please refer to the application timeline for more information.

If your application is successful, you will receive ongoing support as part of your project. This includes the opportunity to network with other grant recipients and attend a workshop to help you know how best to capture the impact of your project.

What is the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach?

The Doing It Differently grants aim to build on the existing strengths of communities by using an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach. Before applications are open, we will be hosting a full-day workshop for you to learn about the ABCD approach. The workshop will help you make connections and build your understanding of the approach we are using for these grants.

Is it a requirement to attend the ABCD workshop?

It is not a requirement to attend the ABCD workshop but we encourage community members and local community groups to attend before applying for a Doing It Differently grant. Book your spot early as places are limited.

You'll find the link to the Eventbrite registration on Georges River Council's [website](#).

What is the selection process?

The grants team will review all applications and shortlist applicants based on their responses to the selection criteria. If you are shortlisted you will be invited to a 'pitch your idea' session with staff from Georges River Council, SESLHD Health Promotion Service and Calvary Health Care Kogarah. This is a chance for the grants team to know a bit more about your project and what you plan to do. Following the pitch, you will be notified of the outcome of your application. If your application is unsuccessful, the team will be happy to provide you with feedback.

What happens if I am successful?

Successful applicants will be asked to:

- Fill out and return some simple paperwork before you start your project
- Provide proof of public liability insurance (or your auspice organisation's insurance).

If your project is successful, we will talk to you about this in more detail.

What are the funding terms and conditions?

You will need to:

- Encourage participants in your project to complete a survey at the start and end of your project (we will explain this in more detail)
- Provide a brief update on the progress of your project half way through the funding period
- Spend the money within 18 months from receiving the funds

- Fill out a short and simple final report and template of your expenses at the end of the project or funding period (whichever comes first).

How do I submit the application form?

You can complete the application 1 of 2 ways:

1. Complete the online application form via SmartyGrants:
<https://georgesriver.smartygrants.com.au/DoingItDifferently> or;
2. Complete the short one-page application form on page 7 and email to
mail@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au, including an attention line reading: **ATTN: Doing It Differently Grant Application**
3. Submit by **11:30pm Sunday 15 September**

Who can I talk to about the application process?

If you have any queries or want to discuss your idea, please contact a member of the grants project team on the details provided below:

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Application Timeline

Event or activity	Date
Information Sessions	<p>Wednesday 3 July 2019, 5.30pm - 7.30pm Mortdale Community Centre, 2b Boundary Road, Mortdale 2223</p> <p>Friday 5 July 2019, 11.00am - 1.00pm Dragon Room, Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre, Corner MacMahon and Dora Streets, Hurstville 2220</p> <p>Friday 5 July 2019, 2.00pm - 4.00pm Dragon Room, Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre, Corner MacMahon and Dora Streets, Hurstville 2220</p>
Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Workshop	Thursday 25 July 2019, 9:30 - 4:30pm Booth Saunders Pavilion, Hurstville Oval, 30 Dora Street, Hurstville 2220
Grant applications open	Monday 5 August 2019
Grant applications close	Sunday 15 September 2019
Shortlisting and 'pitch your idea' sessions	Late September – October 2019
Notify applicants of outcome	Mid November 2019
Awards ceremony	Late November 2019
Transfer of funds	Late November – early December 2019
Workshop: How can I show the impact of my project?	February 2020
Project update due	September 2020
Grant recipient networking event	Late 2020
Final report and expenses acquittal	June 2021

*Please note the above dates are a guide only and may be subject to change.

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Application Form

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 11:30PM SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

The application form is designed to be one page only so you don't spend a lot of time writing! We will talk to you in more detail about your project if you are shortlisted. In order to increase your chance of being shortlisted, please refer to the selection criteria to remind you about what we're looking for in an application.

Project Name:		
Your name (project leader):		
Phone number:	Work / Home:	Mobile:
Email:		
Your Organisation OR Auspice Organisation		
What does this project aim to do in the Georges River community?		
How was the community involved in the development of the project?		
How does this project build on the strengths of the community?		
How will you know if the project is successful? (Include details of what information you intend to collect e.g. data, quotes, stories, photos)		
How much money will you need? (Include a brief budget of what you will spend your money on)	Item (e.g. venue hire, resources)	Expenditure (Dollar amount)