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| Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) |
| 2023-2026 Marram Nganyin Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program |
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# How should I use these Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)?

These FAQs are intended to provide additional information and responses to common questions about the 2023-2026 Marram Nganyin Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program.

You can find the [Marram Nganyin Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program 2023–2026 Guidelines](https://www.vic.gov.au/marram-nganyin-aboriginal-youth-mentoring-program) here.

If you cannot find what you are looking for and have a question about the program, please contact the Office for Youth at [aymp@dffh.vic.gov.au](mailto:aymp@dffh.vic.gov.au)

# About the Program

## How much funding is available to support a program?

Funding of up to $335,000 over three years is available to Aboriginal organisations to deliver programs tailored to the needs and interests of Aboriginal young people in their local communities.

## Can organisations design and deliver their own mentoring model?

Yes, Aboriginal organisations will have the flexibility to design and deliver mentoring programs that best meet the needs of Aboriginal young people in their communities.

Organisations are encouraged to use the [Wayipunga](https://wayipungaresource.org/about) (supporting young people) resource for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. This framework provides strategies to support young people’s participation in decision-making processes.

## Can the same organisation submit multiple applications for funding?

Yes, the same organisation can submit multiple applications for funding through this program. This is to allow organisations to deliver tailored programs in multiple locations or with separate cohorts. Each application must be designed to effectively respond to the needs and aspirations of local Aboriginal young people.

## Can the same young people be supported over the duration of the program?

Yes, the same young people can be supported over the duration of the program up to three years.

Each organisation that receives funding must support a minimum of 15 Aboriginal young people per funding year from 15 December 2023 to 15 December 2026.

Aboriginal organisations applying for, and receiving less than, the full funding amount ($335,000) can adjust the minimum number of mentees engaged by their mentoring program according to their situation and in consultation with the department.

## How much of the program’s total funding amount can be allocated to hire a youth worker?

Up to 80 per cent of the total funding amount over three years may be used to hire a youth worker to help deliver the mentoring program. The youth worker role must be filled by an Aboriginal person.

## Is my organisation eligible for this grant program?

To receive funding an organisation must be a community, not-for-profit or peak community body based in Victoria that is an incorporated legal entity under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) or the*Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2001* (Vic) or a similar type of organisation. If your organisation is not incorporated or does not have an ABN, you may still apply if you are supported by an eligible auspice organisation.

## Can the auspice organisation be a non-Indigenous organisation if the delivery is done by an Aboriginal organisation?

Yes, the auspice organisation can be a non-Indigenous organisation if the delivery is done by an Aboriginal organisation. The Auspice organisation must sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Aboriginal organisation. The MOU needs to state that the program will be delivered by the Aboriginal organisation, who would have complete control of how the funds are spent, the delivery and the design of the program.

# About the application process

## When do applications open and close?

Applications open on 15 September 2023 and close on **26 October 2023 at 11:59pm**. No applications will be accepted after the closing date.

## How do I apply?

All applications must be submitted online via the [DFFH Grants Gateway](https://grantsgateway.dffh.vic.gov.au/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F).

## How to register for a Grants Gateway account?

To get started, you will need to access the DFFH Grants Gateway and register for an account. You can access the system by visiting <https://grantsgateway.dffh.vic.gov.au/>

The Grants Gateway User registration guide provides step-by-step instructions on how to register for a Grants Gateway account.

## What if I have a technical problem when submitting my online application?

If you are having technical problems and the application form is not loading or submitting, please try a different internet browser as this can sometimes help. If this does not work, please contact the Office for Youth at [aymp@dffh.vic.gov.au](mailto:aymp@dffh.vic.gov.au)

Please provide as much information as you can about the issue in your email.

# The assessment process

## How will my application be assessed?

All applications will be assessed against the criteria in the guidelines and application form.

A panel will assess eligible applications. The panel will include:

* Aboriginal young people from the Victorian Aboriginal community
* Koorie Youth Council staff
* Victorian Government representatives.

All applicants will be advised on the outcome of their application by email. Feedback about your application will be provided if you ask for it.

## When will successful applicants be announced?

We anticipate applicants will hear of the outcome of their grant application in **mid-December 2023.**

## Will successful organisations receive the total amount requested as part of the grant application?

Successful organisations may not receive the full funding amount requested as part of their grant application. If a lesser among is awarded, we will work with you to develop a revised budget and agree the number of mentees to be supported by the program. The final decision on the funding allocation per successful applicant will be made by the assessment panel.

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