



CAMPAIGN FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Prevention of Violence Against Women Grants Program



VICTORIA POLICE

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This Prevention of Violence Against Women Grants Program has been established in response to the rising incidences of family violence in the Albury-Wodonga communities.

Wodonga and AlburyCity councils are concerned about the incidences of violence against women and have been working with agencies and police in both States to understand the issue and identify how to work together to prevent the violence from occurring.

In previous years, both councils have held events and activities to increase awareness of family violence in the community with focused effort on encouraging gender equity and reducing tolerance of violence through sporting clubs and local workplaces.

In 2015, the councils jointly hosted the inaugural White Ribbon Ball which raised awareness of the issue to local businesses and community members, as well as raising \$25,000 to contribute to preventing violence against women in Albury-Wodonga.

The funding has helped establish the Prevention of Violence Against Women Grants Program.

Part of this funding (Category One) will be available to the community as support for events, initiatives and programs which prevent and raise awareness of family violence.

The remainder (Category Two) will be used to help support agencies which specialise in assisting women and children experiencing violence in Albury-Wodonga.

Applicants in both categories can apply for a grant from \$500 up to \$5000 once a year, although the committee can, at its discretion, decide to allocate a larger sum of money than has been applied for.

The objectives of the grants program are:

- Contribute to local research and understanding of the issue to drive prevention efforts;
- Reinforce gender equity and respectful relationships in workplaces, schools, clubs or broader community settings;
- Raise awareness in the community of the prevalence and impacts of domestic violence in Albury-Wodonga;
- Increase knowledge of available services and assistance for those experiencing family violence; and,
- Provide support for the victims of family violence.

Applications are expected to show how they will support at least two of the above objectives.

All applicants are encouraged to consider how they can work in partnership with others when developing their applications to broaden reach and impact.

The alarming picture:

A woman dies at the hands of a current or former partner almost every week in Australia



- ! Wodonga ranks 9th in Victoria for family violence
- ! 40% of this violence occurs in front of children
- ! Between 2010 and 2014, rates of family violence in Wodonga increased by 91%
- ! Family violence related assaults in Albury increased from 38% to 46.7% in 12 months



**Violence can include threats, intimidation, and control
- and may be physical, verbal, emotional, sexual or psychological.**

CATEGORY ONE: PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Criteria: Applications for funding can be made for projects, events and initiatives which encourage the prevention of violence against women and children.

Examples could include:

- Conducting research on gender attitudes held by young people;
- Holding workplace initiatives which help raise awareness of family violence, including White Ribbon Day activities;
- Workplace initiatives coordinated by chambers of commerce or business groups to help other businesses achieve the goals of the VicHealth Equal Footings program/White Ribbon program;
- Helping support workplaces which wish to provide training opportunities about gender equity and respectful relationships;
- Increasing the skills and training of volunteers within organisations about family violence;
- Engaging White Ribbon ambassadors to speak at events which help promote an anti-violence message;
- Helping organisations host events and activities targeting young people which promote a message of respectful relationship behaviours; and,
- Marketing initiatives which raise awareness of how to get help when experiencing family violence.

CATEGORY TWO: ASSISTING WOMEN AND CHILDREN EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE

These grants are aimed at agencies who offer services which support the victims of family violence.

This can include counselling services, refuges and other support services. It can also be used to assist agencies with the financial costs that women may face to remove themselves from a situation where family violence occurs.

Examples could include:

- Specialised training for direct victim assistance professionals, advocates, case managers, response team coordinators, counsellors, volunteers, individuals contracted to provide direct services to victims such as short-term individual counselling or support groups, etc;
- Co-ordination, outreach and awareness campaigns;
- Conducting needs assessments or creating strategic plans;
- Comprehensive victim assistance, including case management, the provision of basic services (housing, food, medical care, substance abuse treatment, dental care, mental health treatment, counselling, interpreter/translators, etc.), victim advocacy, transportation assistance, life skills training, and emergency response services; and,
- Equipment and supplies for programs that provide victim assistance.

APPLICATIONS

Any queries relating to the program can be directed to either Albury or Wodonga councils.

All applications must be able to demonstrate such benefits as how the program or event will bring significant improvement to your community, how the skills learned will be shared with the community and what outcomes will be achieved.

The applications will be assessed by a panel, which is made up of representatives of Victorian Police, NSW Police, Albury and Wodonga councils and the Albury Wodonga Domestic Violence Network.

All applications must be submitted on the official application form, which is available online from either council's website. Incomplete application forms will not be considered by the assessment panel.

Funding is only provided for the purpose for which it has been granted. Application forms are available from either council or their websites.

Applicants should be aware the grant process is competitive and funding cannot be guaranteed.

Please carefully read the guidelines and ensure you answer all questions in the application form to avoid error or misunderstanding.

Allocations made through the program are limited by the total amount of funding available.

Successful projects/events cannot be guaranteed continual funding; the councils recommend that organisations work towards a sustainable model of funding for projects/events that are intended to be ongoing.

Applications **will** be accepted from:

- Local (from within Albury and Wodonga LGAs), not-for-profit organisations, groups and associations which are incorporated or have an auspicing body;
- Community groups planning a project, program, activity or event within the Albury and Wodonga municipal boundaries which would directly benefit the local community;
- Individuals who have an idea which has demonstrated support and which will be able to be used by the wider community; and,
- Interest groups in the community.

Applications **will not** be accepted if:

- It does not meet the grant funding assessment criteria;
- You are a group who has not reported back on a previous grant, either via an acquittal or progress report;
- Your application is for ongoing organisational operating costs (for example, wages, utilities or insurances);
- You are applying for funding for monies already spent or for an event or project which has already been held;
- Your project/event is already receiving financial support from the council;
- You are applying for funding for prizes, trophies and gifts;
- Your project/event is for political purposes or is an event where there is demonstrated political or intent;
- You are applying for travel costs;
- Your project/event will rely on ongoing funding from the council; or,
- Funding will directly involve alcohol and gambling related activities.

KEY DATES AND TIMES

Closing date for applications to be submitted is Friday, May 27, 2016 by 5pm. Late applications will not be considered.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Completed applications can be hand-delivered to either Albury or Wodonga councils.

Emailed to:
info@wodonga.vic.gov.au; or,
info@alburycity.nsw.gov.au

Faxed applications will not be accepted.

If you require advice or help with lodging your application, please contact the councils on (02) 6022 9300 (Wodonga) or (02) 6023 8111 (Albury).