

## Inspiring Western Australia STEM Grant Guidelines 2025

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## Overview

Inspiring Western Australia (Inspiring WA) is offering **grants of up to \$8,000** to support community-led STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) events across Western Australia (WA).

These grants aim to foster greater STEM engagement among historically underrepresented communities, including:

- First Nations communities and projects that highlight First Nations contributions to STEM
- Regional and remote communities
- Women and girls (including projects that highlight their achievements in STEM)
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) people
- People with disability
- Neurodivergent people
- People from low socio-economic backgrounds
- LGBTQIA+ people
- People facing age-based discrimination

Your event can be new or an expansion of an existing program and must take place **between July 2025 and January 2026** (excluding August).

## Key Dates

Date	Activity
Tuesday 4 March 2025	Expression of Interest (EOI) opens
Monday 31 March 2025	Expression of Interest closes (5pm AWST)
Monday 14 April 2025	Full application opens
Friday 9 May 2025	Full application closes (5pm AWST)
Friday 6 June 2025	All applicants notified of outcome
Friday 27 June 2025	Successful applicants submit tax invoices
July 2025 to January 2026	Events delivered
<u>No later than</u> 16 February 2026	Post-event reports due

## Grant Process

We understand that grant applications can be time-consuming and complex. Inspiring WA is committed to ensuring that organisations with valuable, community-driven event ideas aren't discouraged from apply. To make the process more accessible, we have introduced a two-step application process:

### 1. Expression of interest (EOI)

- Complete a short form outlining your event idea
- Receive feedback to strengthen your application for the full application

### 2. Full application

- As needed, receive guidance and support in completing your full application
- Submit a more detailed application

Please note that submitting a full application **does not guarantee funding**. Despite guidance and support, we cannot guarantee success.

## Eligibility

To be eligible, your organisation must:

- Be a **registered organisation** (ABN or auspice required)
- Uphold the **National Principles for Child Safe Organisations**, comply with all relevant Western Australian child safety laws and provide documentation upon request.
- Engage an **underrepresented community in STEM**
- Run your event **between July 2025 and January 2026** (excluding August)
- **Not** run a **school-only** event\*
- Provide a **clear budget**
- Collect participant feedback and meet reporting requirements
- Have appropriate **insurance** coverage for your event

*\*Your event should benefit the **wider community**, not just school staff or students.*

## Assessment Criteria

Applications that meet the eligibility criteria will be assessed on:

- Event description – What is your event about?
- Project Outcomes– What do you hope to achieve?
- STEM Engagement– How will this event help your audience connect with STEM?
- Capacity to Deliver – What skills do you have to make this event successful?
- Marketing Strategy – How will you reach your audience?
- Feedback collection – How will you gather feedback and track attendance?
- Risk management – What challenges might come up, and how will you handle them?

## How to Apply

1. Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI)
  - Complete the **EOI form** before the closing date.
  - Your submission will be reviewed, and you will receive feedback to guide your application.
2. Review and Feedback
  - If the feedback provided falls outside your scope, if there are changes to your capacity, or if you decide not to proceed, you have the option to withdraw before submitting a full application.
3. Complete Full Application
  - Complete the full application that will be sent to you via email before the closing date.

## Budget Guidelines

You can apply for up to **\$8,000 (excluding GST)** to cover costs like:

- Consumables (e.g., lab materials, art supplies for STEM workshops)
- Speaker/contractor fees
- Marketing and promotion (e.g., posters, social media ads, radio ads)
- Catering (a suggested 15% of budget towards catering)\*
- Project officer salaries or wages (a suggested 20% of budget towards salaries and wages)\*

Projects that demonstrate additional cash or in-kind support—such as venue hire, materials, or staff time — will be highly valued.

*\*Inspiring WA invites budgets that demonstrate clear value for money. If your budget exceeds the suggested amounts for catering or wages but can justify the additional expenses, we encourage you to submit it.*

## Successful Applicants

If your application is successful, you must:

- Sign a **grant agreement** outlining key requirements.
- Submit **photos** from the event to Inspiring WA and provide photo consent forms.
- Collect and submit **participant feedback** (survey templates provided).
- Complete a **final report** by **16 February 2026**.
- **Notify Inspiring WA within 10 business days** of becoming aware of any major changes to your event.
- **Return funds** within one month if the event cannot proceed.
- Present a 5-minute overview of your event at a virtual meeting with other recipients (optional).

Failure to meet reporting requirements may impact eligibility for future grants.

## Accessibility & Inclusion

Inspiring WA is committed to ensuring our grants are accessible.

We understand that applying for funding can be challenging, and we want to support you throughout the process. If you:

- Have questions about the application process
- Require additional accessibility support
- Need an extension due to unforeseen circumstances

Please contact [wainspiringaustralia@scitech.org.au](mailto:wainspiringaustralia@scitech.org.au).

## Resources

Below are resources to assist you in your application.

### Application Support Materials:

- [Example of Grant Budget](#)
- [Example of Application Responses](#)

### Past Grant Recipients:

- [Inspiring WA STEM Grant Recipients 2024](#)
- [National Science Week Grant Recipients 2024](#)

### Event Videos from Previous Grants:

- [WA Gould League: \*Beyond Boundaries: Expanding Access to STEM and Nature\*](#)
- [Victoria Park Community Centre: \*WOMEN ROCK!\*](#)
- [ICRAR: \*Connecting to Science through Stories and Sky\*](#)

If you have further questions, please contact [wainspiringaustralia@scitech.org.au](mailto:wainspiringaustralia@scitech.org.au).