

Inspiring Western Australia Event Sponsorship Guidelines

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Overview

Inspiring Western Australia (Inspiring WA) provides sponsorship funding to support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) events across Western Australia (WA).

This funding aims 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

In addition to broadening participation, the funding also aims to:

- Increase public awareness of the contributions that underrepresented groups make to STEM
- Boost community engagement with STEM
- Showcase the work of WA STEM professionals

Funding Details and Key Dates

- A total pool of **\$15,000 is available** each year to support eligible and suitable projects.
- Event sponsorship grants are **demand-driven**. Applications are assessed as they are received, and funding is allocated until funds are exhausted.
- Applicants may request an amount suitable to their event needs, up to the balance of that year’s funding.
- **Events held in August are *not* eligible**, due to a separate [National Science Week grant round](#)

Event Period	Activity	Funding Year
January 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026	Events must be delivered by February 28, 2026	2025
February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027	Events must be delivered by February 28, 2027	2026

Important Notes

- Applications will **remain open until funding** is exhausted.
- Final reports (including acquittal and feedback) are due **within 4 weeks** of your event date, and no later than the February deadline shown above.
- We strongly **recommend applying early**, as demand is high and funding is limited.
- Incomplete or late reporting may result in **ineligibility for future** Inspiring WA grants.

Eligibility

To be eligible, your organisation must:

- Be a registered organisation with an ABN, or be auspiced by one
- Uphold the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, comply with all relevant Western Australian child safety laws and provide documentation upon request.
- Not apply for projects that are exclusively school-only events*
- 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 must demonstrate:

- Clear event description
- Defined target audience
- Clear event outcomes
- Strong STEM focus
- Demonstrated capacity to deliver the event
- Marketing plan to engage target audience
- Clear plan to collect feedback and evaluation
- A contingency plan for unexpected events (e.g. weather, illness)

Budget Guidelines

Eligible expenditure includes:

- 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.*

Please note: Inspiring WA reserves the right to award partial funding.

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 no later than **4 weeks after the event delivery**.
- 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.

Failure to submit the required reporting documents may impact eligibility for future Inspiring WA funding.

Resources

Below are resources to assist you in your 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*](#)

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