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Welcome to the Youth Crime Prevention Grant Program, a grant program that supports community-based solutions that address youth offending and improves the health, education and employment opportunities for young people at risk of entering the youth justice system.

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We respectfully acknowledge the First Nations people of Australia and recognise them as the traditional owners and custodians of this country.

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We recognise their cultural and spiritual connections with land, sea, family and community.

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We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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The Queensland Government is committed to reducing youth offending and improving community safety across QLD.

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The Youth Justice Strategy 2019 to 2023, Working together, Changing the Story guides the government's approach to the youth justice crime prevention grants.

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Here in Youth Justice we support children, young people and their families to reduce re offending and improve community safety.

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We do this in partnership with non-government organisations and other government agencies like education, housing and police.

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We are committed to increasing our investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations.

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Our aim is to invest in community-led, place-based responses to trial new ways of working to change the story for our communities and our children and young people.

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This means working differently to do more of the things that address youth crime and keep our communities safe.

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What we know about youth offending is that it's heavily influenced by a young person's peers, cognitive or brain function, environment and community perception.

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We know that the earlier a young person offends, the higher the risk and likelihood that they will develop entrenched criminal behaviour.

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13 to 17 years of age can be a challenging period in a young person's life.

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Children and young people who are at risk of coming into contact with youth justice or who become offenders, often face complex issues such as adverse childhood experiences, domestic and family violence, poverty and mental health issues.

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The 2022 Youth Justice Census contains information on young people under active supervision in the community, in custody, youth detention centres and watch houses.

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Data shows that of those young people, 78 per cent were known to have used a substance, 33 percent had at least one mental health disorder or behavioural disorder, and 27 per cent had at least one diagnosed or suspected disability.

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78 per cent of offenders are male and 59 per cent of offenders identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

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Connecting young people with the right support and culturally appropriate programmes can make a significant impact on changing the course of their lives.

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Diverting young people from contact with the police and courts reduces youth offending.

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Approximately 42 per cent of young people charged with a criminal offence don't return to the youth justice system and since 2019 we've seen a 27 per cent reduction in the overall number of young people aged 10 to 17 with a proven offence.

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There is no single solution to youth crime.

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It requires a multifaceted approach over the long-term, and this is exactly what we're asking potential applicants to help us continue to deliver.

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Communities have an important role to play.

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Community members are often the first to see when a young person starts to disconnect.

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The Community-based Crime Action Grants provide a different way for the Queensland Government to work with Queensland communities and build on their experience, knowledge, and cultural diversity to achieve positive outcomes for young people either at risk of entering or in the youth justice system.

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These grants aim to empower local communities to respond to youth offending while fostering stakeholder collaboration and community engagement.

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The non-government sector is uniquely placed to engage and partner with communities to provide sustainable services.

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This grants process will help us understand how your community wants to act to reduce offending, new ideas and innovative solutions that prove to be successful at reducing offending and have the potential to transform the way we work with and respond to children, young people, and their families.

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You may know or have ideas about what could happen in your area to make these positive changes.

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This is the Community-based Crime Action grants for 2023 to 2024 with tougher penalties for youth crime introduced in 2023.

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These grants are aimed at short term projects that positively engage at-risk young people in pro-social programs and services to create safer communities.

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Grants of between $5000 and $75,000 are on offer for short-term or one-off local projects with multiple grant rounds throughout the year.

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A total sum of $5,000,000 in funds is available across Queensland.

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The Queensland Government will consider all project ideas that meet a local identified area of emerging need and are designed in partnership with the local community.

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All projects must be culturally appropriate and include evidence of community support and partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, or culturally and linguistically diverse peoples and communities.

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Any supports and resources developed in connection with your project must be culturally safe for First Nations young people, their families, kin, and communities.

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Most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people are thriving in family and community.

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Unfortunately, over representation in the youth justice system remains.

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To be eligible for a grant you must be an incorporated, not for profit registered business or legal entity holding an ABN and this includes individuals, or you must have an auspice agreement with an entity like one of these.

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First Nations-led organisations and businesses are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Your application must describe the project, including the purpose or aim, what the benefits will be and how you'll measure that.

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We are looking for pro-social activity-based responses that target young people at risk of offending or involved in the youth justice system.

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Include a project plan that shows what activities or products will be delivered, why it's innovative and how your project will respond to the needs of your community.

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Tell us what evidence you have that this response should work and how it will contribute to the local identified areas of emerging need.

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We want to know how your project will support the cultural diversity in your community.

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Demonstrate any knowledge or experience you have working with young people with complex needs.

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Include any experience you have working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and provide your evidence of support from your Traditional custodians, Elders, or different clan groups in your community.

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Ensure that your project focuses on prevention and early intervention responses aimed at keeping the community safe and supporting victims.

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Also consider whether your project is sufficient in length and intensity to effect behavioural change in young people and create greater feelings of safety within the community.

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Include a budget that clearly outlines the realistic costs of delivering the project.

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When doing this, tell us if there's any in kind support or other income for the project and what the funding will be spent on.

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Your project must be delivered within one Community-based Crime Action district and be tailored to the specific needs of your community.

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Where the project is a partnership, one party must nominate to be the lead agency and submit the application on behalf of everyone involved.

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Think carefully about who that should be.

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The lead agency is responsible for making sure that the contract conditions are met, reports are submitted and that the funding is acquitted to the government.

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So how do you apply for the Community-based Crime Action Grants?

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Head over to www.desbt.qld.gov.au/yjgrantscommunity, click apply now and you'll be taken to a SmartyGrants application form.

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If you have any issues using the SmartyGrants platform, contact SmartyGrants Technical Support on 03 9320 6888.

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If you have truly extenuating circumstances preventing your use of this platform, you'll need to touch base with the grants team to discuss your options.

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If you have inquiries about the grants in general, please contact [yj\_grants@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:yj_grants@cyjma.qld.gov.au).

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To find out key dates for each grant round please visit our website.

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Everything you need to know about how to apply is contained in the program information and grant guidelines.

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There's a list of frequently asked questions which are updated regularly.

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These can be found on the Department of Youth, Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training website.

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Everyone has a role to play.

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Together, we can change the story of youth offending and build a brighter future for young people and our communities.