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Hi, and welcome to the Youth Crime Prevention 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 peoples 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 Queensland.

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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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In Youth Justice, we support children, young people, and their families to reduce re offending.

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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, our children, and our young people.

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That 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'll 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, or watch houses.

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Data shows that of those young people, 78 per cent were known to use a substance, 33 per cent 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 or 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 offending.

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Approximately 42 per cent of young people charged with a criminal offence do not return to the youth justice system.

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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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We want to invest in programs and services to stop young people from reoffending and address the complex causes of youth offending behaviours at an individual and a family level.

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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 Targeted Responses to Youth Crime 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 in the youth justice system.

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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 youth offending.

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New ideas and innovative solutions that prove to be successful at reducing offending have the potential to transform the way we work 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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Our Targeted Responses to Youth Crime grants are an exciting opportunity for all of us to work together to make a lasting impact and break the cycle of youth crime.

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That's why Youth Justice is inviting communities, organisations and industry to support young people at high risk of reoffending and serious repeat offenders towards brighter futures with tougher penalties for youth crime.

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Introduced in 2023, these grants will fund programmes that identify local needs and empower young people to make meaningful changes in their lives.

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Grants of up to $300,000 are on offer for short term or one-off local projects.

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A total of two and a half million dollars in funds is available across Queensland.

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The Queensland Government will consider all project ideas that are innovative and meet an 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 or culturally and linguistically diverse peoples and communities.

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Any supports or 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.

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This includes individuals.

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You may also have an auspice agreement with an entity like one of these 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 responses that are focused on community safety, addressing the root causes of youth crime and targeting young people who are at high risk or very high risk of reoffending or are serious repeat offenders.

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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 identified local emerging needs.

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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 that you have working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people or culturally and linguistically diverse people in communities.

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Provide evidence of support from your Traditional Custodians, Elders, or different clan groups in your community.

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If your project includes high risk activities or is working with young people with the highest risk of future offending, your application needs to include a risk needs assessment.

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Also consider whether your response is of sufficient duration and intensity to positively impact offending behaviour.

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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 rather income for the project and what the funding will be spent on.

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Your project must be delivered within one Youth Justice region and be tailored to the specific needs of your community.

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Where the project is a partnership, one party must nominate 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 the funding is acquitted to the government.

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Establishment of your project will need to start from 31 March 2024, and you'll need to tell us the project end date.

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So how do you apply?

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For the Targeted Responses to Youth Crime grants, head over to www.desbt.qld.gov.au/yjgrantstargeted.

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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 email 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 programme information and Grants guidelines and 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.