

Implementing the Volunteer Management Activity (VMA) in WA

? What is the Volunteer Management Activity (VMA)?

The VMA is a current stream of federal funding aimed at strengthening volunteering across Australia, through the Department of Social Services (DSS). Volunteering State /Territory peak bodies such as Volunteering WA, are delivering the VMA across their jurisdictions, and will be supported by Volunteering Australia with national coordination and governance from 2027. The focus in Western Australia is:

- The delivery of best practice volunteer management support, information, training and resources through Volunteering WA.
- Supporting community partners (including Volunteer Resource Centres VRCs) and volunteer involving organisations to break down barriers to volunteering faced by priority groups including: People with Disabilities, First Nations People, Newly Arrived Migrants, Youth (12-18 years), Unemployed and Vulnerable Women. This is the focus of community organisation grants where we partner with volunteering organisations, Volunteer Resource Centres, peak bodies, people with lived experience and others to undertake projects to break down the barriers to volunteering. More details of the next available grants will be available in early 2027.

? Why a Project-Based/Grants approach towards inclusion in volunteering?

The project grants approach is designed to engage a greater range of organisations into inclusive volunteering. This enables collaboration, inclusion of those with knowledge and experience working with priority groups and understanding of regional, rural and remote needs. This approach allows:

- WA's volunteering sector to be able to propose needed co-designed projects
- Proactive engagement with diverse communities
- A transparent process that guides funding proposals and project achievements
- More volunteering organisations to be supported towards inclusive volunteer management
- Enhancement of the knowledge, breadth and depth within the volunteering sector.

? Where can I find out more about Volunteering WA, the VMA and Project Grants?

[VWA Volunteer Management Resources](#) and [VWA Training and Events](#) are regularly updated. Email our dedicated helpdesk, VIOhelp@volunteeringwa.org.au or phone 9482 4333 for volunteer management support.

All of the previously funded community grant project details are outlined on our website [Volunteer Management Activity \(VMA\) | Volunteering WA](#) .

New grant opportunities are highlighted through the Volunteering WA e-newsletter or [Volunteering WA Grants](#).