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**GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING
FOR GRAFFITI PREVENTION
REDUCTION AND / OR REMOVAL
FUNDING**

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1 Introduction

1.1 What is the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*?

The *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (POCA) came into operation on 1 January 2003. The POCA was enacted to discourage and deter crime by preventing criminals from enjoying the financial benefits of their illegal activity.

The POCA provides a scheme to trace, restrain and confiscate the proceeds of crime against Australian Commonwealth law. In some circumstances it can also be used to confiscate the proceeds of a crime against foreign law or the proceeds of a crime against state law (if those proceeds have been used in a way that contravenes Australian Commonwealth law).

1.2 What programs can be funded under the POCA?

Under Section 298 of the POCA the Minister for Home Affairs and Justice may approve a program for the expenditure of money standing to the credit of the Confiscated Assets Account (CAA). Funds may be provided to both government and non-government organisations.

Under the POCA, funding can be provided for programs of expenditure on:

- crime prevention measures
- law enforcement measures
- measures relating to treatment of drug addiction, and
- diversionary measures relating to the illegal use of drugs.

The focus of this funding will be on crime prevention measures as identified in section 3.5 below.

2 Grant Limits and Funding Period

The Australian Government invites applications from local government organisations working in partnership with community groups to support **anti-graffiti activities**. Please see section 3.5 below for further information.

Eligible organisations are able to apply for funding ranging from **\$50,000** (minimum) to **\$150,000** (maximum) for an individual project.

The final amount of any grant awarded will be at the discretion of the Minister for Home Affairs and Justice, after consideration of advice from the Attorney-General's Department.

Please note that grant funding is **non-recurrent** and it is only available for projects of **between 18 and 24 months** duration.

There is no limit on the number of applications an organisation can submit, however you must submit a separate application for each project, and not submit more than one application for the same project.

3 Eligibility

3.1 Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible for funding, organisations must be:

- A local government organisation; and
- Be working in partnership with a local community organisation which is incorporated and not for profit.

For the purposes of receiving funding under the POCA, a **not-for-profit** organisation is an organisation which is not operated for profit or for the individual gain of its members or promoters. State Government Departments and the Police are not eligible as partner organisations. Please contact the Attorney-General's Department if you are not sure on this point.

3.2 Who is not eligible to apply?

Applications will not be accepted from:

- individuals;
- political organisations;
- unincorporated organisations; or
- commercial / for profit organisations.

Please note: funding will not be provided to organisations which have not fulfilled previous grant requirements (including acquittal reports and evaluations), or organisations/projects whose funding has been withdrawn by State/Territory or Australian Government agencies due to performance and/or integrity issues.

3.3 What types of projects will be funded?

- Applications must address the identified priority area/s of funding (see section 3.5 below).
- Applications should identify a specific issue or need within the applicant's area of operation, community or locality.
- Applicants should demonstrate why the project is important and how it will specifically address the identified issue.
- Applicants must also explain how projects that might be funded under this program complement and not duplicate any projects for which they have, or may receive, State government funding.
- Preference will be given to projects which can demonstrate long term benefits beyond the funding period.

3.4 What will NOT be funded

Funding will **NOT** be provided for the following purposes:

- on-going service provision;
- development costs associated with an application (e.g. the cost of a survey to establish the need for a project);
- travel to conferences, fundraising or sponsorship;

- projects that duplicate existing services in the same community that are accessible and address the needs of the target group;
- retrospective or deficit funding (i.e. reimbursement of expenses incurred by an organisation prior to grant funds being approved, or meeting existing debts);
- large scale capital equipment and capital works, including the purchase or lease of land and/or purchase, construction or maintenance of buildings (This does not include security-related infrastructure, such as CCTV or fencing.) Funding for vehicles will be considered on a case by case basis and **only** where the use of a vehicle is integral to the project activity;
- funding for individuals (e.g. scholarships or individual personal security), or
- an applicant's ongoing administration or running costs (however, administrative costs may be considered if they are directly and exclusively associated with the establishment or administration of the specific project).

3.5 Priority areas for funding

- Projects must be for **crime prevention** through projects that aim to prevent, reduce and / or remove **graffiti**.
- Projects must be delivered in partnership with an appropriate local community organisation, e.g. a youth centre or an outreach program.
- Preference will be given to projects which can demonstrate long term benefits beyond the funding period.

3.5.1 What types of projects will be funded?

Examples of projects that might receive funding include (but are not limited to):

- Anti graffiti information, education or diversionary programs for young people.
- Projects that aim to design out graffiti (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design - CPTED), including public art and mural projects.
- Portable graffiti removal systems.
- Provision of CCTV and / or lighting for graffiti hot spots.
- Community graffiti awareness campaigns.

3.5.2 What types of projects won't be funded?

Projects that will be ineligible and will not be funded include:

- Projects that involve private contractors removing graffiti with little or no community involvement.
- Projects that involve establishing legal "free walls" for graffiti.
- Projects that have already started or have been completed.
- Commercial or business enterprises established to make a profit.
- Graffiti removal kits and / or paint vouchers.

4 Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following selection criteria (in priority order):

- the eligibility of the applicant organisation;
- the eligibility of their community partner;
- the eligibility of the proposed project – (i.e. it falls within the area of crime prevention and the identified priority in section 3.5 above);
- the demonstrated capacity of the organisation to successfully manage a crime prevention project and administer crime prevention grant funds;
- the demonstrated need for the proposed project;
- the likely crime prevention benefits of the proposed project;
- the likely benefits of the project beyond the funding period;
- evidence provided that the project complements and does not duplicate projects which have or may receive State Government funding;
- evidence provided that the project represents value for money; and
- the project's consistency with proven good practice.

5 Lodgement of applications

The closing date for applications is **5:00pm** on Friday, **16 March 2012**.

Early submission of applications is encouraged.

It is the responsibility of the applicant organisation to submit a clear and complete application and ensure that it is e-mailed before the closing date.

Late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.

The Attorney-General's Department is not able to assist organisations with the cost of lodging an application. Applicants are responsible for all the costs of preparing and lodging their application, and for the costs of answering the Attorney-General's Department's requests for further information or clarification.

The Attorney-General's Department is able to provide limited telephone assistance to applicants with queries on how to complete the application form.

Applications must be:

- Submitted by e-mail along with any necessary attachments – **PLEASE NOTE:** E-mails must **not** exceed 20 MB to be accepted by the Department's IT system;
- Received in full; and
- Sent on or before the closing date.

Note: *faxed applications will not be accepted.*

If you can't access e-mail, please post your application to:

POCA 2012 Graffiti Funding Process
Crime Prevention Section
Criminal Justice Division
Attorney-General's Department
3-5 National Circuit
BARTON ACT 2600

before 5 pm on Friday, 16 March 2012.

Applicants are also responsible for promptly advising the Attorney-General's Department if there are any changes to the information provided or any other changes that will affect their application.

6 Assessment Process

All completed applications for grants will be acknowledged by e-mail.

Any application received that doesn't include evidence of a partnership with an appropriate local community organisation will not be eligible and will not be considered for assessment.

Incomplete applications may not be assessed. Please ensure that all sections of the application have been completed as fully as possible.

The Department will undertake an assessment of all complete and eligible applications received. The Department may contact applicants for clarification or to discuss a particular aspect of the project proposal.

The Department will make recommendations to the Minister for Home Affairs and Justice, who will determine which organisations will be awarded funding.

7 What happens if an offer of funding is received?

If your organisation is successful in receiving an offer of funding based on an application, the Attorney-General's Department will negotiate a Funding Agreement with you based on your project proposal and the amount of funding awarded.

8 Further Information

For further information, contact:

Crime Prevention Section
Border Management and Crime Prevention Branch
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