

Homework Club Partnership Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

How much funding can I apply for?

Applicants can apply for **up to \$20,000 per project, per year** through the Homework Club Partnership Fund (HCPF).

You do not need to request the full \$20,000. Your funding request should reflect the needs of your Learning Support Program (LSP) and the activities you plan to deliver.

Can salaries and staffing costs be included?

Yes. Salaries and staffing costs can be included in your HCPF funding request where they support the delivery of your Learning Support Program.

Make sure staffing costs are clearly outlined in your application budget and linked to the activities you are proposing.

What things will not be funded?

HCPF funding cannot be used for:

- Training and professional development for LSP volunteers and staff. These opportunities are provided free of charge through CMY's Learning Beyond the Bell program.
- Individuals.
- Retrospective activities – activities or costs that have already occurred.
- Fundraising support for an organisation.

Applicants should also be mindful about allocating significant amounts of funding to catering and venue costs. Consider whether these costs could be reduced through partnerships, donated resources or other in-kind support.

Can I use AI to help write my application?

Yes, you can use AI tools to assist with your application, but we still need to hear your program's voice.

AI is best used to help edit, summarise or improve the clarity of content you have already developed. Your application should remain specific to your Learning Support Program and clearly reflect your program's context, students, community, needs and proposed activities.

Avoid relying on AI to generate generic responses. The strongest applications will provide clear, specific details and examples that demonstrate your knowledge of your program and community.

Does my organisation need DGR1 and TCC status?

To receive HCPF funding directly, organisations must have Deductible Gift Recipient Item 1 (DGR1) status and Tax Concession Charity (TCC) status.

If your organisation does not have the required DGR1 and TCC status, you will need to arrange for an eligible organisation to auspice your application.

What is an auspice arrangement?

An auspice arrangement allows an eligible organisation to receive and administer the grant funding on behalf of your organisation or Learning Support Program.

The auspicings organisation will need to meet the relevant eligibility requirements and agree to take responsibility for administering the grant.

When should I organise an auspice?

If you require an auspice, you should arrange this before submitting your HCPF application.

We strongly encourage you to start these conversations early and have your auspice arrangement confirmed before you begin your application.

How do I find an auspice organisation?

Local Neighbourhood Houses, community organisations and education organisations are generally a good place to start.

Consider approaching an organisation you already have a relationship or partnership with to discuss whether they would be willing and eligible to auspice your application.

If you are having difficulty finding an appropriate auspice organisation, please reach out to CMY or Australian Communities Foundation (ACF) for advice.

My Learning Support Program has received HCPF funding before. Can we apply again?

Yes. Previously funded Learning Support Programs are eligible to apply for HCPF funding again.

Previous funding does not guarantee future funding, and applications will be considered as part of the current grant round.

Is two-year funding available?

A small number of Learning Support Programs will receive two-year funding through this grant round.

Another Learning Support Program in my area is applying. Can we both apply?

Yes. However, if there is another LSP in your local area also intending to apply for HCPF funding, we encourage you to consider whether there is an opportunity to partner or collaborate on an application.

Partnership applications can help reduce duplication, strengthen local connections and demonstrate how organisations are working together to respond to the needs of students and families in their community.

If you are unsure whether a partnership application would be appropriate, please contact CMY to discuss your circumstances.

When will we find out if our application has been successful?

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by Australian Communities Foundation (ACF) in **December 2026**.

Please ensure the contact details provided in your application are correct and monitored during this period.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

If you are unsure about your eligibility, proposed activities, partnership opportunities or auspice arrangements, we encourage you to ask questions before submitting your application.

Learning Support Program and HCPF enquiries:

- Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) - learningbeyondthebell@cmymy.net.au

Grant application administration enquiries:

- Australian Communities Foundation (ACF) - grants@communityfoundation.org.au