



Healthy Schools Program

2026 Guidelines



February 2026

Creating a healthier WA together

What is the Healthy Schools Program?

Healthway's Healthy Schools Program provides grants ranging from \$3,000 - \$5,000 to public schools and their Parents and Citizens Associations (P&Cs) in Western Australia. These grants help schools run projects that promote the health and wellbeing of students and the school community through activities aligned to the **Health Promoting Schools Framework**.

Projects should aim to:

- increase student health-related knowledge and skills
- positively influence health behaviour and student health and wellbeing
- create school environments that support good health through policies and practices.

In 2026, projects should focus on at least one of **our priority health areas**:



**Promote
healthy eating**



**Promote
active living**



**Promote
mental
wellbeing**



**Prevent and reduce use
of tobacco, e-cigarettes
and other novel tobacco
products**



**Prevent and
reduce use
of alcohol**

To get started, download the **Healthy Schools Program Toolkit** for practical tips and resources to help your school plan a successful project.

| Key dates | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Funding round opens | 9 February 2026 - Week 2 (Term One) |
| Funding round closes | 30 March 2026 - Week 9 (Term One) |
| Funding announcements | June 2026 |
| Projects commence | From July 2026 (Term Three & Four) |

Eligibility and funding guidance

The Healthy Schools Program is open to all public schools across WA, including independent public schools (check the **independent public schools** list to confirm eligibility). We especially encourage requests from rural and remote schools, and schools with a high proportion of students from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and/or those experiencing disadvantage.

Schools with a high **SEIFA** rating (measure of socio-economic disadvantage) will be prioritised. Schools and P&Cs can apply. If you've received funding before, you can apply again – please make sure your previous project has been acquitted first. We will not fund a repetition or continuation of a previous project.

Funding can be used for:

- Prizes or incentives for the students involved in project activities (up to \$200).
- Administrative costs for classroom activities or publicity (e.g. photocopying).
- Up to two days of teacher relief for project planning and management (up to \$1,000).
- Materials for promotional items (e.g. signs).
- Catering for one-off project activity (up to \$100).
- Equipment for project delivery (up to \$2,000).
- Activities that engage parents and the wider school community (up to \$1,000).
- Program registration fees or purchase of an evidence-based health promotion program that supports whole school approach and links to curriculum and policy (see the **Healthy Schools Program Toolkit** for recommended programs).
- A guest speaker, if part of a comprehensive school program (see page 16 of the What is a **Health Promoting School?** book for guidance).

Funding cannot be used for:

- Travel, camps or conferences.
- Catering and food for an ongoing activity (e.g. breakfast clubs).
- Capital works, infrastructure, fundraising or costs associated with running the school or office (including vape detectors).
- Core curriculum activities (see Healthway's **Educational Settings policy**).
- Rewards, prizes or catering that includes **unhealthy food and drinks**. Please refer to **FoodChecker - FreshSNAP** which is a free tool that allows you to check the traffic light categorisation of any food or drink item.
- The advancement or promotion of religion, religious outlook or faith-based activities.
- Treatment/rehabilitation/counselling/therapy and direct health service delivery or the provision of food and welfare assistance.
- One-off programs for a small group of students.
- Projects not based on best practice in health promotion.
- Mindfulness and meditation programs, or other mental health programs that have an evidence rating less than three (3) on the **Be You** program directory.

If in doubt, contact our Health Promotion Team on 133 777 (option 4) or healthway@healthway.wa.gov.au to discuss your project idea.

Quairading District High School Bush
Tucker Garden.
Image supplied by Quairading District
High School



Funding requirements

General requirements

- ✓ Projects must follow best practice and be evidence-based. Check the **Healthy Schools Toolkit** for recommended partnerships, programs and resources.
- ✓ Use a mix of strategies that support a whole-school approach and align with the **Health Promoting Schools Framework**.
- ✓ Project activities should be delivered in Terms 3 and 4, 2026.

Conditions of funding

- ✓ You must read and agree to our **Conditions of Funding**. This document must be signed by the Legal Signatory, the person(s) who can legally enter into a contract, and uploaded with your request for funding.

Healthway's Co-Supporters Policy

- ✓ Schools and P&Cs must comply with Healthway's **Co-Supporters Policy**.
- ✓ If your school or P&C has links to an unhealthy brand or company (food, drinks, alcohol, tobacco or gambling), you may not be eligible for funding. Please review the policy and, if needed, complete the **Co-Supporter Declaration Form** and attach it to your request.

Reporting (acquittal)

At the end of the project, schools or P&Cs must:

- ✓ Complete an online acquittal report via the **Lotterywest Healthway Grants Portal** (Portal).
- ✓ Provide photos of project activities (if available).
- ✓ Submit a certified financial statement showing how funds were spent.

Assessment process

Healthway reviews all requests and these are approved by the Minister for Preventative Health. Funding outcomes will be announced in June 2026.

We assess requests based on:

- How well the project improves health and wellbeing in the school community.
- How you involve parents and the wider school community.
- Whether the project benefits the whole school (not just individual students).
- Alignment with at least one of Healthway's **priority health areas** and the **Healthy Schools Program Toolkit**.
- Evidence that the project uses best practice and an evidence-based approach.
- Potential for the project to continue beyond Healthway funding.
- Value for money.

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Ready to apply?

All funding requests are submitted and managed online through the **Portal**. Our “**How to Guide**” explains everything you need to know about using the Portal.

Once you are ready to apply, please ensure you have completed the following steps:

-  **1.** Check that your school or P&C is eligible to apply by reading these Guidelines. ☐
-  **2.** Contact our Health Promotion Team on 133 777 (option 4) or **healthway@healthway.wa.gov.au** to discuss your project idea. ☐
-  **3.** Ensure your organisation can meet the **Conditions of Funding**, comply with these Program Guidelines and the **Co-Supporters Policy**. ☐
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4. Log into the **Lotterywest Healthway Grants Portal** and ensure your organisation's details are correct.
For new organisations: Register your school or P&C in the Portal and set up your account for validation. Please register as soon as possible. Validation usually takes two business days, although it may take longer if any information is missing. See page 8 for documents and information required to validate your account.
For existing customers: Confirm your account details and update any changes so your account can be revalidated. See page 8 for required information. You won't be able to submit your request until our team has validated your account, but you can start preparing a draft in the meantime. ☐
-  **5.** Complete all sections of the Healthy Schools Funding request form in the Portal. To navigate to the form, select 'Request Funding' followed by the Healthway Funding tab. Select the '**Healthy Communities**' grant request form, then select '**Healthy Schools**' as your funding category. ☐
-  **6.** Prepare the mandatory and supporting documents to submit with your request. See page 8 for the mandatory documents required. You can log in and work on your request while the grant round is open. ☐
-  **7.** Confirm all information is accurate as your organisation will be required to submit an acquittal report based on the information you provide in your request. ☐
-  **8.** Submit your request in the **Portal** before 12pm, Monday 30 March 2026. ☐

Documents and information required

Before you submit your request, review your organisation's details in the **Portal** and upload the mandatory documents listed below.

| For State Government and Independent Public Schools | For P&Cs |
|---|--|
| <p>To validate your organisation account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check your organisation details are correct.• Set Entity Type to 'Government Departments and Authorities'.• Enter the School Principal as the Legal Signatory.• The Legal signatory must register as a user in the Portal, with a unique email address.• Upload the following documents:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bank statement - showing account name, account number and BSB on the bank's letterhead; transaction history not required.- Latest annual report or AGM minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">- upload a blank document as this is a mandatory field, but not applicable for schools. | <p>To validate your organisation account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check your organisation details are correct.• Set Entity Type to 'Incorporated'.• Enter the President or Chairperson as the Legal Signatory.• The Legal signatory must register as a user in the Portal, with a unique email address.• Upload the following documents:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Board/committee member list.- Bank statement - showing account name, account number and BSB on the bank's letterhead; transaction history not required.- Constitution/Model Rules.- Latest annual report or AGM minutes. |
| <p>To submit your funding request, upload:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project budget and supporting documents.• Current financial statement - upload a blank document as this is a mandatory field, but not applicable for schools.• Conditions of Funding document signed by the School Principal.• Co-supporters declaration form, if applicable.• Any other supporting documents (e.g. letters of support or quotes). | <p>To submit your funding request, upload:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project budget and supporting documents.• Current financial statement.• Conditions of Funding document signed by the President or Chairperson and one other committee member (e.g. Treasurer).• Co-supporters declaration form, if applicable.• Any other supporting documents (e.g. letters of support or quotes). |



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