**Learning System Grants 2019: Frequently Asked Questions**

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**Is there a formalised application document?**

Yes, you can find the application form [**here**](https://www.outcomes.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Application-Form-LSGs.docx). The Call for Applications information can be found [**here**](https://www.outcomes.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Call-for-applications-for-Learning-System-Grants-2019.docx).

**What is meant by ‘project’?**

A project could be any activity that generates, translates or applies evidence to improve services for vulnerable children and families.

The grants are not intended to be for large projects that could be funded readily through other grant opportunities. Preference will be given to locally grown projects that address the grant themes.

**What amount of grant is available? Is there a cap on the grants?**

There is a total of $250,000 available and there is a $60,000 cap on individual grants.

**The Learning System Grants are not intended for existing projects or positions that have been funded by other means**. Applicants are encouraged to source additional funding or in-kind contributions for their projects.

**Is there a limit on the number of pages for an application?**

No, but it is recommended that applicants do not exceed 1250 words altogether in addressing the selection criteria.

**Who is eligible to apply?**

Learning system grants are open to service providers who are registered as a community service organisation under the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005,* or eligible for registration under the Act.

Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations delivering services to children, young people and families are eligible to apply.

**Can my organisation be part of a consortium?**

Yes, but the project needs to be led by a service provider as specified above, not by a research institution or other expert. The purpose of these grants is to continue to build capability and good practice in the child and family service sector.

**The grant encourages partnership with researchers or other experts such as evaluators and implementation scientists. Is it restricted to Victorian-based partners?**

There has been no prescription about partners as long as the project is led by service providers and intended to improve services for Victorian children, young people and/or families.

**Who will be assessing the applications?**

The assessment panel will comprise the Centre, the department and a sector-research representative. Applications will be assessed against the criteria.

**How will applications be assessed?**

Applications will be assessed against the criteria contained in the Call for applications for Learning System Grants Application:

**Criterion 1**: Addresses one or more of the grant themes.

**Criterion 2**: Has a well-articulated and detailed methodology with desired outcomes and timeline.

**Criterion 3**: Has experienced personnel (including qualifications, experience and time allocated to project)

**Criterion 4**: Outlines how the project findings will be incorporated into practice

**Criterion 5**: Describes how the project, once completed, will contribute to better services for children and families.

**When do projects need to be completed by?**

* Projects will need to be completed by the end of July 2020.

**When will applicants be informed of the outcome?**

* The selection panel will be assessing applications during June-July 2019.
* It is expected that successful applicants will be notified by 8 July 2019.

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