

Metropolitan Events Scheme



Our community spirit is what makes Western Australia such a wonderful and vibrant place to live. Community events such as arts and culinary festivals, sports competitions, street festivals and fairs enhance community spirit, attract visitors and inject new vibrancy into towns and suburbs.

The Liberal Government will fund a Metropolitan Events Scheme to allow local governments and arts and community organisations to apply for funding to help stage smaller scale local events.



Our Commitment

A re-elected Liberal Government will provide \$1 million over the next four years to assist with establishing and growing small community events.

Operating in a similar way to the Regional Events Scheme, a Metropolitan Events Scheme will make grants up to \$20,000 available to communities.

The scheme will fund events that promote and engage our community, bring us together, connect our communities and promote our individual mental and physical well-being.

Arts and Events in the Community

The Metropolitan Events Scheme will support events such as arts festivals, food fairs, public theatre, street and community sports events that foster social connections and animate our streets. It is expected that local artists and musicians will particularly benefit as well as local food producers and groups.

The scheme will be administered by the Department of Local Government and Communities and will be allocated to metropolitan events that meet criteria such as:

- Create a vibrant atmosphere and re-activate community assets.
- Are low cost or free events.
- Increase visitor numbers and expenditure in the host community.
- Support local artists and performers.
- Have a broad appeal to a wide range of community members.
- Build connections between ethnic communities to help welcome them into our community.
- Attract media coverage that will help raise the community's profile.

The scheme will be administered through a competitive application process.

Applications will be reviewed and assessed against the above criteria then compared against each other. Grant applications will also need to be supported with a contribution from the applying organisation.

