

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS-IN-AID FUNDING 2026/2027: COMMUNITY, ARTS AND CULTURE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Community, Arts and Culture Development Department of the City of Cape Town, hereby invites applications for funding from registered organisations to submit proposals to implement Substance Abuse Prevention Programmes, Gender Programmes and Early Childhood Caregiver Training within vulnerable communities across the City of Cape Town for the 2026/2027 financial year. The purpose of this call is to identify and fund evidence-based preventative interventions that mitigate the risk and enhance protective factors.

Programme will only be considered if they fit into the following categories:

Substance Abuse Prevention Programmes

- The programme must target one of the following:
- Prevention programmes aimed at children between 6 – 12 years old
 - Prevention programmes aimed at adolescents between 10 – 19 years old
 - Family-based prevention programmes targeting caregivers aged 18 years and older with children between ages 10 – 17 years old.

Programmes must be preventative in nature and may not focus solely on treatment or aftercare. Programmes should be implemented over a period, allowing for regular and consistent engagement, as evidence shows this is more effective in supporting meaningful and lasting behaviour change. Interventions must be age-appropriate, culturally responsive, and contextually relevant.

Desired outcomes 2026/27

Proposals should focus on alignment to prevention science principles as guided by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

All proposed programmes must demonstrate alignment with UNODC prevention principles, including:

- Focus on risk and protective factors.
- Use of evidence-informed and developmentally appropriate approaches.
- Emphasis on skills-building, positive behaviour modelling, and social competence.
- Inclusion of family strengthening and community cohesion where applicable.
- Avoidance of fear-based, punitive, or once-off awareness approaches.

Please note:

An amount of R2 000 000 is available for allocation. Applicants must be realistic when drafting proposals. Not all applicants will receive funding and the City may decide not to fund entire proposals. Projects must commence within two months from receipt of funds and completed within six months after disbursement of the funding.

Gender Programmes

The programme must target one of the following:

- Prevention programmes aimed at families targeting parents/caregivers aged 18 years and older children aged 10- 17 years old
- Prevention programmes aimed at young boys aged 13 – 17 years old
- Prevention programmes aimed at young girls aged 13 – 17 years old

Programmes must be preventative in nature. Programmes should be implemented over a period, allowing for regular and consistent engagement, as evidence shows this is more effective in supporting meaningful and lasting behaviour change. Interventions must be age-appropriate, culturally responsive, and contextually relevant.

Desired outcomes 2026/27

Proposals should focus on alignment to prevention principles

All proposed programmes must demonstrate alignment to the following prevention principles:

- Focus on risk and protective factors.
- Apply a gender transformative approach.
- Promotion gender equality.
- Address the root causes and drivers of GBV, including harmful social and gender norms.
- Strengthen individual, family, and community-level protective factors.
- Be evidence-based and informed by best practice.

Please note:

An amount of R1 000 000 is available for allocation. Applicants must be realistic when drafting proposals. Not all applicants will receive funding and the City may decide not to fund entire proposals. Projects must commence within two months from receipt of funds and completed within six months after disbursement of the funding.

Early Childhood Caregiver Programme

Proposals should focus on skills development of parents/caregivers of children (2-5 years) that outline

A comprehensive home-based learning programme for children aged 2-6 years with daily and weekly activity plans

- Phase 1: Ages 2-3 (Foundation)
- Phase 2: Ages 4-5 (Growth)

Programme to include:

- Age-appropriate modules that caregivers can implement at home, and
- Provide a toolkit with resources to support daily learning and development activities.
- Caregiver guide with step-by-step instructions.
- Printable and digital materials (flashcards, storybooks, charts, activity sheets).
- Monitoring and progress tracking tools for caregivers, and progress of caregivers
- Focus on caregiver-child bonding and family participation.
- Ensure alignment with national ECD frameworks and best practice standards.
- Integrate outcomes across cognitive, language, motor, socio-emotional, creativity, and life skills domains

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Application requirements

Proposals for grants-in-aid must be made in writing on an official application form (available from all Subcouncil offices, the Research and Programme Development Branch and online on www.capetown.gov.za/grants-in-aid). Project proposals must align with the strategic aims of the City and include a clear and realistic budget.

When preparing their budget, applicants should take note of the Grants-in-Aid Policy, which is available from the City's website (above) or on request.

Applicants are required to register with the Central Supplier Database: <https://secure.csd.gov.za/Account/Register>.

Applicants will also need to register on the City's Supply Chain Management Database before submitting their application: <https://www.capetown.gov.za/City-Connect/Register/Business-and-trade/Register-as-a-supplier>

Both registration numbers are required on the grants-in-aid application form.

Applicants should be registered as a non-profit organisation (i.e. NPO, NGO, section 21, trust, etc.).

Please take care to read the application form thoroughly and supply ALL supporting documents listed:

- A1 application form, duly signed and initialled on each page
- A2 Business and project plan, duly signed and initialled on each page
- Audited financial statement (for requests over R100 000) or
- Independently reviewed financial statement (for funding between R50 001 and R100 000) or
- Income and expenditure statement for its previous financial year as tabled at its annual general meeting (AGM), signed by the chairperson or another authorised member of the organisation together with a copy of the minutes of the relevant AGM (for funding requests under R50 000)
- AGM minutes (not older than 18 months), which should reflect the decision to apply for the City's funding. If the AGM minutes does not reflect such decision, the minutes of the meeting where this decision was taken or a letter signed by all members of the board indicating agreement thereto needs to accompany the application
- Registration certificate (e.g. NPO certificate)
- Organisation's constitution or articles of incorporation
- Municipal rates account (paid up to date) or
- An affidavit confirming the organisation does not have a municipal account
- A valid tax compliance status certificate
- A zero-rated VAT invoice with the amount applied for if VAT registered
- Certified copies of IDs of committee members and/or responsible officials
- Proof of bank account

Please deliver the completed application, with supporting documentation, to the Research and Programme Development Branch, 13th Floor, Civic Centre, Herzog Boulevard, Cape Town or Public.Participation@capetown.gov.za.

The closing date for applications is on the 14 September 2026 at 12:00. No late or incomplete applications will be considered.

All applications for grant-in-aid funding will be assessed in accordance with the Grants-in-Aid Policy and must conform to the Municipal Financial Management Act, Act 56 of 2003.

Please contact Anrich Ras 021 427 7063 for further information.

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