

Paul Ramsay Foundation’s (PRF) purpose is to help end cycles of disadvantage by enabling equitable opportunity for people and communities to thrive. Our approach is to invest in and partner with organisations across Australia with a direct connection to the people and communities they work alongside.

To date, PRF has granted to over 50 organisations helping to prevent or reduce further contact with the justice system. Some of our current priorities include increasing diversionary measures to provide alternatives to sentencing and custody, and supporting post-release needs through holistic throughcare models.

PRF is now partnering with the Australian Communities Foundation to deliver a **Just Futures: National Open Grant Round**.

Grant Purpose: This funding is for **small-scale and/or early-stage programs** to support people and communities as follows:

<p>Who will benefit (majority of program participants)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people; or • Parents who are or have been in custody and their children; or • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities. 	<p>What will be the benefit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing or reducing further contact with the justice system; or • Preventing intergenerational incarceration.
<p>How the benefit will be delivered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-led prevention (e.g., opportunities and supports in connecting with Country/Culture, education, employment, housing); or • Alternatives to custody; or • Post-release support (e.g., opportunities and supports in connecting with Country/Culture, education, employment, housing). 	

Grant value and timeframes:

From 27 April 2023, applications are open for the following grants:

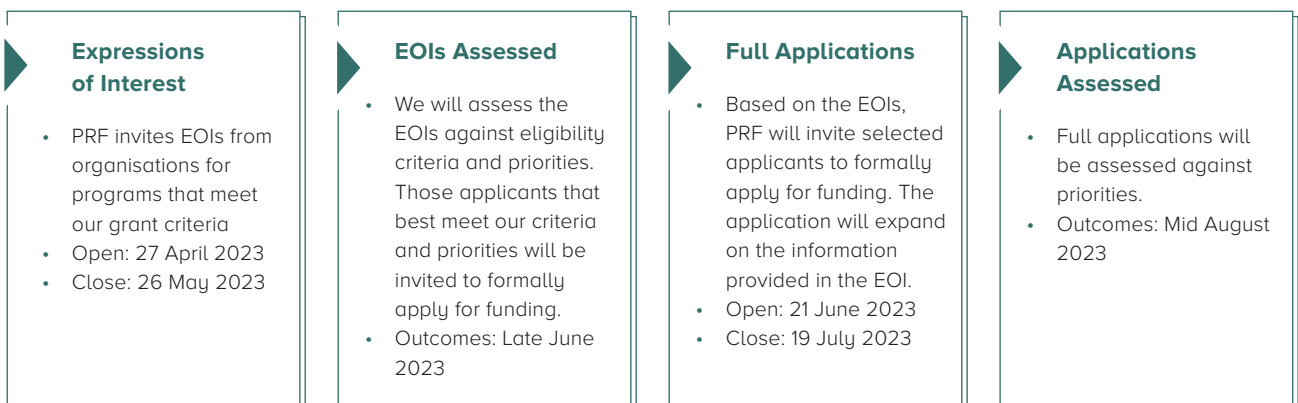
1. Medium Grants of up to \$500,000 (total) for a period of up to five years; or
2. Large Grants of up to \$1,000,000 (total) for a period of up to five years.

Applicants may only apply for one of the two grants available and grant amounts will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Process for application:

Please read the following information carefully, as this funding includes eligibility requirements, funding priorities and information on how funding may be used.

This grant round has a two-step application process. Interested organisations can submit an expression of interest (EOI). From there, selected applicants to be invited to submit a full application.



The grant application is designed to take less than two hours. As a guideline (and to encourage you to minimise the time spent on the application) we spend approximately 15 –20 minutes reviewing each application. You can preview the grant application questions [here](#).

You must meet both organisation and program requirements to be eligible for funding.

ORGANISATION ELIGIBILITY Your organisation **MUST** meet **ALL** the below requirements to be eligible for funding.

- be an entity with a social impact mission OR relevant charitable purposes
- be based in, and work with a community or communities located in, Australia
- if your program participants are a majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander-led organisation OR program
- NOT be an organisation OR program that is solely focused on policy, law reform or advocacy
- NOT currently receiving funding from PRF
- NOT be a for-profit business or for-profit social enterprise

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY Your program **MUST** meet **ALL** the below requirements to be eligible for funding.

- operate program(s) for participants who are majority: young people, OR parents who are or have been in custody and their children, OR Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities
- operate program(s) for any of the above cohorts with target benefit of: preventing or reducing further contact with the justice system, OR preventing intergenerational incarceration
- deliver the above target benefits through: community-led prevention, OR alternatives to custody, OR post-release support program(s)
- be a small-scale and/or early-stage program (<20 FTE or <\$1m in annual funding)
- NOT be university-run or research program

PRIORITIES Organisations that meet one or more of the priorities will be assessed favourably. You are not expected to meet all of the below priorities. The below priorities will be applied with equal weighting.

- Supports growth of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities, and organisations in the sector
- Delivers program(s) **to prevent or reduce further contact with the justice system**, which may include elements such as:
 - Alcohol and other drug counselling
 - Connecting with Country/Culture
 - Education opportunities
 - Employment and/or job training opportunities
 - Housing
- Primarily delivers program(s) in disadvantaged locations (<1000 [SEIFA's Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage](#))
- Operate program(s) that have been informed by evaluations, expert guidance or research
- Delivers program(s) led or informed by people with lived experience of incarceration
- Has identified opportunities for organisational OR program capacity uplift
- Has capacity and desire to share insights with peers and PRF on a yearly basis

USE OF FUNDS If successful in your application, you will receive the grant in approximately August 2023.

Funding can be used for:

- Staff salaries and support
- Operational expenses (e.g., program delivery costs and overheads, communications)
- Essential and relevant capital expenditure (e.g., infrastructure, transport costs)
- Measurement and evaluation of eligible program(s) (including data capture)

Funding cannot be used for:

- Private benefit
- Programs that support or oppose political parties or candidates
- Research projects and activities
- Retrospective activities

SUPPORT FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ORGANISATIONS

Thirriwirri is available to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations in the EOI and full application stages, including discussing eligibility requirements and guidelines, assisting with application writing and submission.

Organisations wanting assistance from Thirriwirri should email: info@thirriwirri.org

APPLY ONLINE:

<https://communityfoundation.org.au/support/just-futures/>

DEADLINE:

26 May 2023

Any questions? Please go to: <https://communityfoundation.org.au/support/just-futures/> or reach out to grants@communityfoundation.org.au or (03) 9412 0412.