

Koori Youth Crime Prevention Grants

Funded Projects

Barwon South West Region

Framlingham Aboriginal Trust

Project name	Project description	Funding
Koko Blokes (Kirrae Whurrong word meaning younger brother) Kirrae Health Service Inc	Led by Kirrae Health Service Inc, the Koko Blokes project will target Koori boys aged 8-17 from the Framlingham Aboriginal Community in a series of workshops over two years. The workshops will focus on positive role modelling, drug and alcohol use, domestic violence, isolation (the community is some distance from Warrnambool and not well serviced by public transport to support participants in social, sports events and carnivals), acculturation, respect, traffic incidents, cyber safety and culture. The program will challenge the participants to explore where these issues fit in with Aboriginal culture.	\$33,332

Geelong and Colac

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Wathaurong Youth Program Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative	Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative will lead this program to address issues of Koori youth disengagement by creating an environment that is safe for Koori youth to gather, learn and yarn with each other. Regular sessions will be held (26 per annum in Geelong and 13 per annum in Colac) and involve a wide range of speakers and presenters that will empower and inspire Koori youth. The sessions will promote cultural connection, highlight education opportunities and local initiatives for Koori youth. The sessions will result in the development of a crime prevention framework for Koori youth to avoid and/or reduce contact with the criminal justice system.	\$36,240

Heywood and Hamilton

Project name	Project description	Funding
Winda Mara Youth Program Winda Mara Aboriginal Cooperative	Winda Mara Aboriginal Cooperative will deliver this project to enhance participant's cultural understanding, wellbeing and personal safety development by providing 120 hours each year for two years of cultural, wellbeing and safety activities. Activities will be delivered in two and three hour sessions with 40 hours dedicated to each key area including cultural enhancement, wellbeing, personal safety (includes drug and alcohol use) and understanding family history. Each participant will record and monitor their participation in the activities and report to the Project Management Committee regarding their progress against their agreed Cultural, Wellbeing and Personal Safety Plans. The project will engage a range of stakeholders including Victoria Police, Local Aboriginal Networks, Koori Engagement Support Workers, Koori Youth Justice Workers and leverage other services offered by the organisation.	\$33,332

Portland		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Dhauwurd Wurrung Youth Program Dhauwurd Wurrung Elderly and Community Health	Led by Dhauwurd Wurrung Elderly and Community Health, this project will deliver three, two hour sessions each week for two years for Koori young people. The content of the sessions will be developed in partnership with Koori youth who are identified through local Police and the Aboriginal Community Justice Panels (ACJP) as suitable participants. This rolling series of Koori youth engagement sessions will include, but not be limited to, cultural strengthening, health and wellbeing, rights and responsibilities and leadership activities.	\$33,332
Warrnambool		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Gunditjmara Youth Program Gunditjmara Aboriginal Cooperative project	This Gunditjmara Aboriginal Cooperative project will be supported by the Koori Youth Justice Worker to engage young people who reside in and around the Warrnambool area in a series of activities. Activities will include two, two hour session each week during school terms which will include cultural heritage workshops, managing bullying, road and bike safety (facilitated by Victoria Police), speakers to provide information regarding alcohol and other drugs, meaningful and respectful relationships and physical health. The project will deliver a three day camp each year for up to 25 Koori youth which will include information sessions along with fun recreational and cultural activities. In addition participants will contribute to the development of a positive parenting calendar each year that will provide education regarding positive role models and healthy relationships with a focus on strong families.	\$33,332
Gippsland Region		
Central Gippsland		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Kickback and Kommall Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA)	Led by the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA), the Kickback and Kommall program is targeted toward Koori youth based in La Trobe Valley aged from 8-17 years. The program will work in partnership with Koori Youth Justice Workers, local non-for-profit organisations, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and government departments to deliver a weekly Koori youth programs. The Kickback and Kommall program will focus on reducing negative contact with the criminal justice system by enhancing life skills, social inclusion, strengthening cultural links and support participants to improve work readiness.	\$83,000
East Gippsland		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Lake Tyers and Orbost Youth Program Djilay Ngalu – Lake Tyers Health & Children's Services	The program is targeted at Koori Youth aged 8-17 years from Orbost, Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust, Lakes Entrance and Bairnsdale. The program will create affordable access to sport, cultural and recreational activities to promote physical and mental wellbeing during school holidays and weekends to address issues of boredom and potential misconduct which may lead to negative contact with the justice system. The program will partner with local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, Justice Services as well as Aboriginal Elders to ensure the activities are culturally relevant.	\$83,000

Grampians Region		
<i>Ballarat, Grampians Region and State-wide</i>		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Dungulayin Mileka Massive Murray Paddle Program Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited	Program participants will take part in the Dungulayin Mileka Massive Murray Paddle Program. The program will aim to enhance relationships between Koori youth aged 13-17 years from the Grampians Region and Victoria Police through positive interaction and physical challenges. The program partners with Local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, Justice Services and relevant key stakeholders. The program has a strong social media presence and is widely promoted through the Koori Community as a positive model to build relationships and engage Koori youth.	\$83,000
<i>Ballarat and Grampians Region</i>		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Ballarat Youth Program Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operation (BDAC)	The Indigenous Hip Hop Projects (IHHP) will partner with Ballarat & District Aboriginal Cooperative (BADAC), the Sheriff's Office, Victoria Police, Drug and Alcohol workers, Family Violence workers, the Department of Education and Koori youth to develop a high quality song and film clip and facilitate four, five day workshops to address ICE. The film and song will be launched during NAIDOC week 2017. Post the launch, two community workshops will be undertaken to develop a Koori Community Action Plan in line with the Grampians RAJAC Regional Plan.	\$83,000
Hume Region		
<i>Murrindindi and Mitchell Shires</i>		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Central Ranges Youth Program Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network	The program will target Koori youth aged 8-17 years in the Murrindindi and Mitchell Shire. The aim of the program is to increase the number of Koori youth staying in school by delivering youth groups focused on the importance of educational attainment, health and wellbeing support, alcohol and drug prevention, cultural strengthening and work readiness. The activities delivered under this program will link in with Individual Learning Plans and Career Action Plans to ensure education synergies. The program will work in close partnership with government stakeholders, not-for-profit organisations and the Aboriginal Land Council.	\$55,555
<i>Shepparton</i>		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Mooroopna Koori Boys Engagement Program Victorian Aboriginal Education Inc.	The program is designed to support Koori boys aged 8-14 years to address the factors that impact on building and maintaining positive relationships, improve education and participation at school and within the community. The program will deliver a multilayered program over two years which will include empowerment and cultural strengthening activities to reduce the risk of Koori boys coming into contact with the criminal justice system.	\$55,555

Wodonga		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Deadly Next Generation Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation	The <i>Deadly Next Generation</i> program will target Koori youth aged from 8-17 years (and their families) in the Wodonga Local Government Area who are at risk of contact with the criminal justice system. The program will aim to raise self-awareness of decision making and promote positive behaviours to Koori Youth through weekly family based workshops and person-centred activities. The program will deliver cultural activities in a holistic manner to both Koori youth and their families to further enhance family cohesion and reduce disengagement.	\$55,555
Loddon Mallee Region		
Bendigo		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Bendigo Koori Youth Project Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative (BDAC)	The program will target Koori youth aged 12-17 years based in the Bendigo region. The program will deliver fortnightly sessions focused on drug and alcohol prevention, cultural strengthening, family violence, self-worth, health and fitness, legal rights, and anger management. The aim of these sessions will be to increase positive interactions, develop positive influences and to support participants to reach their goals. The Koori Youth Justice Worker will deliver the program in conjunction with Community Elders and local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations staff.	\$55,000
Echuca		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Yarning up on Wellness Njernda Aboriginal Corporation (Njernda)	The <i>Yarning up on wellness</i> program will target Koori Youth aged 8-24 years who are at risk of entering the justice system. Njernda will establish a youth program which will be delivered through an intensive a 12 week program to address the drivers of offending in a culturally appropriate manner. The program will be enriched with cultural strengthening and engage respected persons and Elders into the delivery of the program. The program will utilise existing staff resources such as the Youth Justice Worker and the Community Engagement Worker to deliver the program and engage appropriate stakeholders.	\$55,000
Mildura		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Koori Connect Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS)	The MDAS <i>Koori Connect</i> program will target Koori youth aged 14-17 years in the Mildura region who are disengaged and at risk of being involved or in the early stages of involvement with youth justice. The program will aim to deliver a range of educational, cultural, community strengthening, enhancing positive social connections and social and emotional health activities once a week for 12 weeks. The Koori youth will be partnered with Mentors and Elders that will enhance the participants social support network. The program will be integrated into existing Koori youth programs currently being delivered which is supported by existing staff.	\$55,000

Northern Metropolitan Region		
<i>Broadmeadows, Craigieburn, Meadow Heights Sunbury, Coolaroo</i>		
Project name	Project description	Funding
The Deadly Race The Long Walk Trust – Melbourne Vic	<i>The Deadly Race</i> will target Koori youth aged 12-18 years based in the North Metro suburbs of Broadmeadows, Craigieburn, Meadow Heights, Sunbury and Coolaroo. The program will deliver four Deadly Races which will consist of numerous challenges including cultural activities. The aim of the program is to improve community connectedness and enhance relationships between young people and local service providers. The program will partner with Wandarra Aboriginal Cooperation, Local Aboriginal Networks, Melbourne Victory and Federation University.	\$40,000
<i>Northern Metro Region and State-wide</i>		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Youth Resilience Camp Project Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited	The <i>Youth Resilience Camps</i> project will target Koori youth from the Northern Metropolitan Region aged 13-17 years to address issues related to youth suicide. The project will deliver four camps over two years - two in winter and two in summer focused on cultural strengthening, Aboriginal identity, health and wellbeing, cyber safety and drug and alcohol misuse prevention. The program will partner with the Community Development Officer and staff from BWAYS Koori Youth Justice Program.	\$50,000
<i>Yarra and Darebin</i>		
Project name	Project description	Funding
CARMS Melbourne Aboriginal Youth Sports Association	The <i>CARMS</i> (Culture, Art, Recreation, Music and Sport) project will target Koori youth aged 10-17 years living in the North Metro region particularly those living within the Yarra and Darebin Local Government Areas. The program will aim to increase social engagement, build social skills and positive diversion activities that create an alternative to offending or at risk behaviour. The program will be delivered through cultural, art, recreation, music and sport activities through after school training sessions, delivered twice a week and five day a week holiday programs held over six weeks. CARMS will partner with Whitelion, Songlines Aboriginal Music Corporation and Fitzroy Stars.	\$77,000
Western Metropolitan Region		
<i>Melton</i>		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Youth Crime Prevention Project Kirrip Aboriginal Corporation	The program will support a weekly youth group to engage young people living in and around the Melton area. As transport is a significant barrier in this region often resulting in poor participation in programs, a range of transport options will be supported. Programs will be delivered in partnership with a wide range of partners including local government, police, youth justice workers and other Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations in the region.	\$83,000

Point Cook		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Meerreeng Parrayt Warran Warran (Earth Girl Boy) Wayapa Wuurrk Aboriginal Wellness Foundation Ltd – Point Cook	The program will target Koori youth aged 8-12 who are at risk of contact with the justice system, impacted by family violence and who are currently, or have been, in out of home care. The program also targets Elders, parents, families and community in fortnightly early intervention and prevention activities to reduce the likelihood of contact with the justice system. The activities are focused on health and wellbeing, self-determination and issues such as violence and positive relationships. The program aims to address disconnection to culture, Aboriginal Identity, improved family connectedness and community connectedness. Key partners include Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, government agencies and justice services.	\$83,000
Southern Metropolitan Region		
Port Phillip and Stonnington		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Koori Youth Bootcamp St Kilda Police Citizens and Youth Club (Auspice by Ngwalla Willumbong)	The program is designed to target Koori Youth aged 12- 25 years living in the Cities of Port Phillip and Stonnington. The aim of the program is to increase awareness of health and wellbeing practices and to create healthy lifestyles through Koori Youth Bootcamp training sessions. The sessions will create an opportunity for the young people to meet on a weekly basis in a supportive environment. The program will create an alternative to offending and promotes positive interactions and community connectedness. The program will partner with local health organisations and Koori Youth Workers.	\$24,000
Southern Metro Region		
Project name	Project description	Funding
Ngwalla Youth Program Ngwalla Willumbong	The program will target Koori youth from the South Metro Region who are in contact or at risk of contact with the justice system. The program will create culturally safe opportunities to participate in structured positive lifestyle activities, diversionary activities, cultural strengthening, employment readiness, health and wellbeing and independent living skills education. Activities will be delivered on a weekly basis with key partners including AFL Reclink, government departments, justice services, local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and Aboriginal community members.	\$147,900

Eastern Metropolitan Region		
Healesville		
Project name	Project description	Funding
HICSA Youth Program Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association (HICSA)	HICSA will build on established solid foundations within the Koori community by engaging and supporting Koori youth through cultural strengthening programs to reduce the risk of contact with the justice system. The project will deliver a six month pilot focused on providing positive pathways for Koori youth. The pilot will lead into an 18 month weekly program that will target Koori youth aged 6-17 years focused on building career pathways, cultural camps and developing positive role models within the community. The program will partner with health organisations, Healesville Sanctuary, legal services, justice services and not-for-profit organisations.	\$50,000
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Worawa Youth Program Worawa Aboriginal College Limited	The program will target 45, 12 -16 year old Koori girls from low socio-economic circumstances, who have been exposed to violence and offending behaviours and who study at Worawa Aboriginal College. Participants will be involved in workshops focused on Aboriginal cultural identity and awareness, business enterprises, justice, self-esteem, mentoring, media, art and community engagement. The aims of these activities are to enhance education retention and employment pathways as well as build resilience when faced with exposure to criminal behaviours. It will create diversionary and preventative practices that will be instilled in the young women upon their return home. The program will partner with Elders, local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, justice services and key employment specialists.	\$60,000
Ringwood		
Project name	Project description	Funding
MMIG Youth Program Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place	The program will target Aboriginal youth aged 8-17 years based in the Eastern Metropolitan Region. The program aims to improve Aboriginal cultural identity, strengthen engagement and community connectedness, build positive relationships and promote self-determination. Activities will include Koori youth development and leadership and school holiday activities to reduce the risk of offending.	\$55,000