

Swan Community Funding Scheme Access All Areas Information

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This Information paper must be read in conjunction with the Swan Community Funding Scheme Guidelines available from: www.swan.wa.gov.au/funding

What is Access All Areas?

Access All Areas supports eligible City of Swan residents of all ages and abilities to participate in sport, recreation and leisure activities (such as art classes, swimming, music, drama, scouts and horse riding) to improve their health and wellbeing.

This program aims to support individuals and families who are experiencing financial hardship and/or barriers to participation in community based activities. Eligible individuals can receive **up to \$150 per financial year (July-June)** towards an approved activity, with fees being paid directly to activity recoupers. Funds are provided on a one off basis and should not be considered ongoing.

Eligibility Criteria for Applicants

To be eligible for an Access All Areas voucher, individuals must:

- Be a City of Swan resident.
- Provide proof of low income or barriers to participation:
 - Proof of low income – eligible Centrelink cards such as Centrelink Health Care Card, Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.
 - Exceptional circumstances – issuing agency must be familiar with the barriers the individual is facing and can confirm the need for Access All Areas funding.
- Have an existing relationship (or be willing to develop a relationship) with an Issuing agency.
- Select an activity that is included on the Access All Areas Recouper list.
- Be participating in the nominated activity as part of a tailored program to improve their social participation.
- Participate in the nominated activity within 3 months of receiving the voucher.

Ineligibility:

Access All Areas vouchers cannot be used for:

- Activities currently covered by Kidsport. Please visit the [Kidsport website - Find a Club](#) for more information. (Unless individual is ineligible for Kidsport funding or

has already used their Kidsport funding and are using Access All Areas towards a different activity).

- Equipment (for example: sport shoes, clothing, sporting equipment)
- Food and drinks
- Health/medical services (for example: massage, hydrotherapy)
- Educational tutoring services

Important notes:

- A young person aged 5-18 years who receives Kidsport funding can also receive Access All Areas for a different activity.
- Individuals must not receive more than \$150 per financial year. If they do, the City will not be responsible for paying this.

How to apply?

Issuers

A number of community service organisations across the City of Swan are registered *Issuers*. Individuals are required to meet with an Issuing agency, so that they can be assessed against the eligibility criteria. If an individual is eligible to receive Access All Areas, they will receive a voucher which they can use towards an approved activity.

Please note: The City of Swan does not issue Access All Areas vouchers. Applications must be made through a registered Issuer.

Recoupers

A number of activity providers in the City of Swan accept Access All Areas vouchers. These clubs and organisations are called *Recoupers*. Once an individual receives a voucher, they are required to use it within three months, at their selected activity. Recoupers must be located within the City of Swan, except where the activity or program is otherwise not available or accessible within the City.

Please note: The City will pay the fees directly to the Recouper once the individual has handed over their voucher. If the total cost of the activity exceeds \$150, the individual is responsible for paying the outstanding balance.

** An Issuer can also be a Recouper. However, Issuers cannot issue a voucher for their own services/activities.

Who to Contact:

For further information, please contact the City's Senior Grants Officer on 9267 9131 or grants@swan.wa.gov.au