

## **YOUTH GRANTS**

*Statement by Minister for Youth*

**MR D.J. KELLY (Bassendean — Minister for Youth)** [9.09 am]: I wish to inform the house of additional funding available for organisations to engage young people, specifically those identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and those identifying as members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Funding totalling \$550 000 has been delivered to the Youth Affairs Council of WA to run two \$275 000 grant rounds that support these cohorts.

The first grants program is aimed at elevating the voice of young Aboriginal people, particularly in regional areas. Aboriginal community-controlled organisations will be able to apply for grants of up to \$25 000 for projects and initiatives that elevate the voice of young Aboriginal people through greater representation, engagement and participation with decision-making. Grants will be delivered in consultation with the youth sector and Aboriginal community-controlled organisations to help determine the needs and priorities of young Aboriginal people. The second grants program will be open for youth service providers and specialist LGBTQIA+ organisations to apply for grants of between \$2 000 and \$25 000 for the provision of support and inclusion services for LGBTQIA+ young people, including resources and training for the youth sector. Both grant rounds will open in early September. This funding delivered to YACWA will support a variety of programs and organisations that have great ideas for elevating young people in their communities but just need a little help to get them off the ground.

The McGowan government is committed to supporting young people to thrive in their communities. I look forward to seeing the programs in action and hearing about the development of future community leaders.