

Purpose

This policy outlines Healthway's approach to assessing requests from, or that take place in, educational institutions or their associated organisations such as Parents and Friends Associations or Parents and Citizens Associations.

Background

Healthway is the only State Government agency dedicated to health promotion and primary prevention efforts in Western Australia. Healthway acknowledges that requests for funding from, or that take place in, educational institutions can achieve health promotion outcomes. However, Healthway's support should complement, not replace, activities that are the responsibility of other education or funding authorities, or that are part of an educational institution's core business.

Policy approach

Requests from educational institutions, or associated organisations, may be considered eligible for funding where the objectives and outcomes of the project have health promotion benefits aligned to Healthway's strategic priorities and target groups as outlined in its [Strategic Plan 2024-2029: Creating a healthier WA together](#). Further, supported projects will demonstrate that:

- the health promotion opportunities are not otherwise available to a priority target group.
- the activities extend beyond the core business of the educational institution and are not the responsibility of State, Federal, or other funding authorities.
- Participation in and development of the project is across the educational institution, and where possible across the local community(ies).
- the activities are aligned with the principles of the [Health Promoting Schools Framework](#).

Healthway does not support:

- Activities that solely target students at a school and do not involve the broader school community or engage with community-based organisations.
- Activities such as exhibitions, performances, and projects by final-year students.
- The production of films, videos, books, pamphlets and publications which are not part of a broader health promotion program.
- Short term, one-off projects with limited long-term impact such as excursions, expos or incursions.

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- Overtime, or additional wages/fees for current staff at the educational institution applying, except for teacher relief as outlined in Healthway funding guidelines.
- Projects that are not based on best practice in health promotion.
- Breakfast clubs or other nutritional programs, where the provision of food is the primary objective.

Definitions

Educational institutions – Primary and secondary schools, tertiary and other training institutions.

Parents & Citizens Associations (P&Cs) or Parents & Friends Associations (P&Fs) - Organisations set up to support schools. Many P&Cs are registered charities and/or incorporated associations.

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