



# Positive Ageing Assistance Guidelines 2026/2027

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## Program details

### Positive Ageing Assistance Program

<b>Applications</b>	All year until funding allocation exhausted.
<b>Funding amount available</b>	\$150 per person per year.
<b>Assessment timeframe</b>	Up to 10 working days.
<b>Funding agreement length</b>	N/A
<b>Funding Tier</b>	This program is classified as Tier 3 under the City of Fremantle Grants and Sponsorships Policy. Tier classification determines approval authority, agreement type, and acquittal requirements.

## Overview

The City of Fremantle provides community groups, organisations, businesses and individuals a range of funding opportunities to bring to life our vision of a vibrant, inclusive, resilient and creative city.

The Positive Ageing Assistance fund supports older people on a low income living in the City of Fremantle, to assist them maintaining their independence in their own home.

Funding is offered to support a choice of short term or one-off support services to older people living independently in the community or in residential care within the City of Fremantle.

## Objectives

- Provide short term services to older people on a low income living independently. These services may include:
  - Domestic assistance.
  - Personal care.
  - Social support including shopping assistance.
  - Meal preparation.
  - Transport.
  - Personal alarm subsidy.



- Technology subsidy.
- Provide one-off services to older people on a low income living independently. These services may include:
  - Home maintenance (i.e. gardening).
  - Items to address safety concerns.
  - Access modifications to home (i.e. rails, ramps, home access upgrades).

## Eligibility criteria

### Standard criteria

All applicants must:

- Apply before the project/activity begins.
- Not lobby or attempt to influence Elected Members or City staff (applications will be deemed ineligible).
- Agree to all funding conditions.

The City will not fund:

- Political parties or organisations whose primary purpose is lobbying.
- Elected Members, City employees (not including casual employees) or their immediate family (unless part of an eligible organisation and conflicts managed or if immediate family member is applying to an individual assistance program).
- Applicants engaged in legal action against the City.
- Applicants with outstanding debts or unacquitted City funding.
- Applicants that have received City funding for the same project in the current financial year.
- Applicants whose conduct or values conflict with City values.



## Program specific criteria

Who can apply:

- A City of Fremantle resident.
- Aged 65 years and over or 55 years and over for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.
- The service must be essential to the wellbeing, rehabilitation, and safety of the recipient.
- Provide a copy of a valid concession card- Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Concession Card, Department of Veteran's Affairs Pension Concession Card.

What will not be funded under this program:

- Funding for a service that is covered under the applicants Age Care Package.
- Retrospective funding.

## Application process

1. **Contact the City's Positive Ageing Officer** to discuss your application, [grantfunding@fremantle.wa.gov.au](mailto:grantfunding@fremantle.wa.gov.au)
2. **Complete the Positive Ageing Assistance Application Form online** via the City's [Smarty Grants portal](#). Please ensure all questions are answered with as much project detail as possible.
3. **Submit your application.** Once you have submitted your application you will receive an email of acknowledging receipt. Please note that the City seeks to provide an outcome within 10 working days. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions via email.

## Assessment process

Applications will be assessed against the grant's eligibility criteria.

*Please note* the timeframe for the Positive Ageing Assistance Grant is up to 10 working days.



## Successful applicants

Applicants will be contacted directly and notified of the outcome for their application.

To access the funding, recipients are required to:

1. Purchase the service after the notification of the outcome.
2. Provide the City with a tax receipt or invoice.

Please note, payments cannot be retrospective.

## Important information

### Variations

Significant changes to scope, budget, timelines or key personnel require written approval from the City.

### Breach of Agreement

The City may withhold, reduce, cancel, or recover funds, and declare applicants ineligible for future funding if conditions are breached.

### Fraud and misuse

Suspected fraud or misuse of funds will be investigated under the City's Fraud & Corruption Control Policy and may be referred to authorities.

### Reputational harm

The City may suspend, withdraw, or cancel funding, and/or terminate a funding agreement, if the funded individual, group or organisation becomes involved in any incident, behaviour or matter that may bring them into disrepute or has the potential to cause reputational damage to the City. In such circumstances, the City may also require the repayment of any funds already provided.

### Assessment and decision-making

- Applications assessed on merit, value for money, alignment with objectives and procedural fairness.
- Decisions made under delegated authority according to the program Tier.
- The City's decision is final, subject to available budget.



## Reviews / Appeals

Applicants may request feedback on unsuccessful applications or request a review on grounds of procedural error, failure to consider relevant information, or bias. Requests should be made in writing within 10 business days.

## Contact information

Email: [grantfunding@fremantle.wa.gov.au](mailto:grantfunding@fremantle.wa.gov.au)

Phone: 1300 MY FREO (1300 693 736)

Website: <https://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/services-and-support/community-support/grants/positive-ageing-assistance/>