



Government of Western Australia
Department of Corrective Services



Adult Offender Community Work Projects

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Partnerships that work

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Since 1977, offender community work projects have made a valuable contribution to Western Australian communities.

Community work allows adult offenders to repay their debt for the crime they have committed, develop new skills to help them integrate into society and it saves taxpayers' money.

Thousands of projects have operated successfully in Western Australia since 1977.

The Department of Corrective Services is continually looking to expand the program and develop new partnerships with community organisations. These partnerships provide a greater number of meaningful work opportunities for offenders, and for the community.

This brochure provides information on community work projects and how your organisation can become involved.

The facts

- Community work projects can help provide valuable labour for under-resourced community organisations.
- The program frees up resources and enables completion of many worthwhile projects that otherwise wouldn't get done.
- Just over 3500 adult offenders were subject to community corrections orders with a community work component in 2012/13.
- About 26% (around 900) of those ordered for community work are women.
- About 28% (around 76,000 hours) of hours ordered relate to fines repayments, where the offender was unable to pay and was required to undertake community work as an alternative penalty.
- The average cost of keeping an adult offender in custody in WA is about 10 times the cost of supervising an offender in the community.

Who is eligible to host a community work project?

Any community organisation, ranging from local councils, churches and aged care facilities to sporting groups and not-for-profit organisations, can be eligible to host a community work project.

Partnering organisations will be required to provide all materials, equipment and tools needed to undertake the work.

How does it work?

Community work projects rely on the participation of community organisations and people associated with them to provide meaningful work opportunities for offenders.

The Department's Adult Justice Service division assigns offenders to undertake a range of agreed work tasks for a set period. This enables offenders to work the required amount of time on their order and for community organisations to have a level of ongoing and consistent support.

For large-scale projects, an Adult Justice Service supervisor may be provided to manage a work team.



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Expressions of interest

The Department of Corrective Services welcomes expressions of interest from community organisations interested in hosting a community work project.

Community work projects consist of individuals or teams of offenders assigned to community organisations to undertake meaningful community work. Work takes place on nominated days for agreed periods. It needs to be monitored by either the Department of Corrective Services or the community organisation.

A community work project is a partnership between the Department and the local community organisation. The arrangement carries certain responsibilities and obligations as well as many benefits for the individual community organisation, broader community, the Department and offenders.

If you are interested in nominating your community or organisation to host a community work project, please complete the attached expression of interest form and return to your local Adult Community Corrections Centre.

A p p l i c a t i o n s

Project recruitment is ongoing, so proposals can be made at any time.

Further information:

For more information about community work projects, contact your local Adult Community Corrections Centre or email communitywork@correctiveservices.wa.gov.au.

To apply, complete and return the attached form.

Submit applications to your local Adult Community Corrections Centre

Or via email communitywork@correctiveservices.wa.gov.au.

Organisation / Agency:

Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

Email: _____

Status: (provide evidence with application)

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Incorporated | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity | |

Insurance: (provide evidence with application)

Describe the type of insurance cover

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Liability | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Accident | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
| | | _____ |

Goals:

Describe the organisation's main aims

Funding / Proposed Funding Sources:

The Project:

Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

Email: _____

Community Work Supervisor: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Project Description:

Describe the project, potential benefits to the community, how offenders can participate, who would usually complete this work, the project's current status and any other relevant information.

Maximum number of workers per day _____ Access to public transport? Y / N

Details _____

Child care facilities available? Y / N

Details _____

Details of safety equipment/ training to be provided _____

Details of special equipment/ materials required _____

Project requirements and conditions (eg lunch provided) _____

Weekend or evening work available? Y / N Details _____

Availability to accommodate: Disabled workers? Y / N Males Y / N Females Y / N Young offenders Y / N

Any special project requirements? Details _____

Any exclusions? (eg offender type) _____

Details of project availability

Days	Start Time	Finish time
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

How regularly is work available? (eg every week; during school terms) _____

Would you be interested in a Department-supervised work group? Y / N

Would you be interested in any publicity and/or promotion for the project? Y / N

Would you be prepared for your project to be listed on the Department's website? Y / N

Signature of person requesting project _____

Promotional Opportunities:

If my application is successful, I agree to release the details of my organisation as well as the project scope, and work with the Department of Corrective Services to help it promote the partnership in media outlets.

Please circle Yes No

I have read the information on community work projects and wish the Department of Corrective Services to formally consider this proposal for a work project in our organisation.

Signed: Name:

Position: Organisation:

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Asst. Community Corrections Officer _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Approved? Y / N Any exclusions? _____

Manager's name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Final endorsement: Centre Manager Name: _____ Signature: _____

Agency ID _____ Data Entry Date _____

Project ID _____ Data Entry Officer _____



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