



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION  
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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA:

In relation to: 2020 Youth Week Grants

1. As noted in the Annual Report, 14 organisations were chosen to receive Youth Week Grants last year (p. 198). Then Youth Week events were cancelled because of the pandemic. In hearings, Ms Summerrell stated that, where possible, recipients were assisted to repurpose their events so that they could continue in some form. Of the recipients listed in the Annual Report, which successfully re purposed their events?
  - a. Regarding organisations that were unable to repurpose their events, did grants have to be returned?
  - b. If not, what guidelines were given for the use of grant money (i.e., for Youth Week activities in 2021)?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- a) 2020 ACT Youth Week was scheduled to be held from Friday, 27 March 2020 to Sunday, 5 April 2020, but postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fourteen projects, events or activities were funded to be delivered across Canberra during Youth Week. The Community Services Directorate worked closely with all ACT Youth Week grant recipients to assist them to vary the format and /or timing of their event.

Twelve of the 14 grant recipients were able to vary their events to make it COVID safe and have now delivered their activities. Of the remaining two grant recipients, the first has retained the funding and is still planning to deliver the event, the second recipient has returned the funding. The second grant recipient returned their funding as they did not wish to host their event at a later date or vary it to host another event.

- b) All grant recipients were provided with the following advice from the Community Services Directorate:
  - If you are not able to deliver the approved funded activity as planned, please consider how you might be able to adapt the mode of delivery or nature of the approved activity to achieve similar outcomes or to address a priority need at this time. You may also wish



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to consider the option of holding the delivery of your funded activity over to a later date."

- For completed projects and where your acquittal is currently due or due within the next three months, CSD will be extending your funded activity acquittal report up until 31 December 2020. If you are able to acquit early, please log onto Smartygrants to acquit, otherwise please ensure you continue to keep records of all expenditure of your grant.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Community Inclusion

Signature:

Date:

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By the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Yvette Berry MLA