



## Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

**Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**25 February 2022**

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Asked by Mr Davis on 25 February 2022: Ms Summerrell took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: The under spend from the Youth InterACT grant program was redirected to fund other Youth InterACT initiatives.

- a. Can you provide advice on what initiatives have been supported?
- b. Can you also provided advice on the capacity for the unfunded ACT Youth Week grants to be funded through this under spend from the Youth InterACT grant program?

**MS BERRY:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- a. The Youth InterACT Grant program is a part of the ACT Government's Youth InterACT Strategy. The Youth InterACT Grant Program provides funding of \$25,000 annually to support young people aged 12-25 years to deliver innovative new projects leading to greater inclusion and participation in community development.

In 2021-22, funding of \$8,500 supported five grants to young people for a range of community projects and events. Application numbers were significantly lower than in previous years, most likely due to the impacts of COVID-19, resulting in an underspend of \$16,500.

Funding of \$4,500 was provided to support additional Audrey Fagan Young Women's Enrichment Grant applications. The objective of the Audrey Fagan Young Women's Enrichment Grant program aligns with the Youth InterACT Grant program, supporting young people to take a leading role in pursuing their ideas and passions.

Young people through consultations with the ACT Youth Advisory Council (Council) identified their mental health as an ongoing issue, including the need for support to build their resilience. Council recommended celebrating young Canberran's resilience and providing further opportunities to build and enhance their resilience. The Community Services Directorate is developing initiatives to be funded through the remaining underspend of

\$12,000, that address these identified needs and other issues impacting young people, in consultation with the Council.

- b. ACT Youth Week 2022 will be held from 4 April 2022 to 14 April 2022. The 2022 ACT Youth Week Grant Program has funding of \$20,000 to support innovative new projects that enable young people aged 12-25 years old to lead and participate in community development activities targeted for other young people in Canberra and the region. Events must be hosted or delivered during 2022 ACT Youth Week.

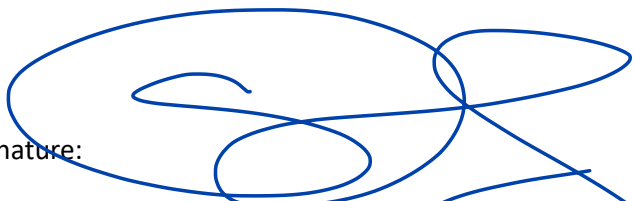
Twenty applications were received seeking funding of \$37,503 and 11 applicants received funding to the total of \$20,000.

The unfunded applications through this grant round included projects that would not be delivered during Youth Week; received funding for similar events over two years; and/or received significant funding throughout the year for other projects, deeming the applications ineligible for funding.

The ACT Government has committed a further \$10,000 to deliver free events across Canberra to provide young people and their families the opportunity to celebrate Youth Week, activities include tenpin bowling, ice skating and the movies.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

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Date:

24/03/22

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