



## Funds for Freedom Grant Application Information

Funds for Freedom (FFF) is a grants program available to women's refuges and domestic and family violence outreach services in Western Australia. Established in 2011, the program assists women that are escaping domestic and family (DFV) to establish a new home for themselves and their children by enabling them to purchase essential items such as white goods. The FFF initiative supports the safety and independence of women and their children in the Western Australian community.

For the 2024/2025 financial year the FFF program is made possible through a \$50,000 grant contribution by Water Corporation WA. It is the responsibility of CWSW to ensure the funds are dispersed to assist as many women and their children as possible throughout the state.

The Funds for Freedom grant program is made possible by the generous support of Water Corporation WA.



## What can you apply for?

FFF grants are available for the purchase of essential household items required to establish a safe and independent home for women and their children escaping family and domestic violence, such as:

1. Refrigerator
2. Washing machine
3. Dishwasher

## Grant Amounts

Maximum amount of **\$600.00** per grant, per individual can be applied for. If the cost of an eligible essential household item exceeds the maximum grant amount, the remaining balance must be paid for by the client or service.

In extraordinary circumstances, at the discretion of CWSW, case-by-case consideration may be given to grant amounts that exceed the \$600 limit. Justification of the circumstances must be included in a support letter for consideration.

## Who is eligible to make an application?

Women's refuges and domestic and family violence outreach services.

**Please note:** All applications **must be** endorsed by the **Refuge Manager or CEO**

## Eligibility

Women with or without children who:

- are receiving DFV outreach
- have a current Healthcare card or can show documented evidence of financial hardship/constraints
- have evidence of legal tenancy (only send the page that confirms address and phone number)

The application must include:

- Sales/purchase order, **including** BPay or EFT details for direct payment to the supplier
- OR**
- Quote for item being applied for if the applicant intends to purchase the item and seek reimbursement post the application being approved

## Payment of grant

**Application deadlines are every Thursday, for payment on the following Tuesday.** The preferred method of grant disbursement is CWSW direct payment to the supplier for the approved item or amount via BPay or EFT (not by credit card).

Alternatively, approved grants can be disbursed as a reimbursement to the refuge service. The refuge service can pay the supplier, provide CWSW the receipt of payment, then invoice CWSW for reimbursement.

**The application must be approved prior to purchase to ensure the refuge service can be reimbursed.**

**Please note:** Direct payment to the supplier may take several days for funds to clear. CWSW is not responsible for arranging item collection or delivery with the supplier.

## Funds for Freedom Grant Application Form

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|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Name of refuge service                |  |                                |  |
| Name of refuge manager or CEO         |  |                                |  |
| Name of case worker                   |  |                                |  |
| Contact email address for case worker |  |                                |  |
| Name of client                        |  | # of children in client's care |  |

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| <b>Client's housing type</b>                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Transitional accommodation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Social housing tenancy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Private rental</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>             |
| <b>Total number of people residing in household</b>                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>Is the client of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?</b></p> <p><i>For applicants of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, circle both options.</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Aboriginal</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Torres Strait Islander</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say</p> |
| <b>Client's cultural background</b>                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Client's residency status</b>                                                                                                                                                    | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Australian citizen</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Permanent resident</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Visa</p> <p>Visa type: _____</p>                               |

**I am applying for:**

- Refrigerator                       Washing machine                       Dishwasher

**Provision of grant:**

- Direct payment to a supplier                       Reimburse the refuge

Please describe the expected impact of the FFF grant (maximum 200 words)

**Additional Information**

Please detail any additional relevant information including, but not limited to, information regarding:

- security item applications
- regional retail store voucher applications
- evidence of financial hardship (if application does not include Healthcare Card)
- applications for items other than those listed above



► Check List

**Does the client fit the following criteria?**

- Will be receiving DFV outreach
- Have all the supporting documentation required (please see the list below)

**Attached required documents?**

- A copy of Healthcare Card or documents to evidence financial hardship/constraints
- A copy of document to evidence legal tenancy (only send the page that confirms address and phone number)
- A sales/purchase order (**including** BPay or EFT details)  
OR
- Quote for the item

Please complete and return this form with the requested documents to:

Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing

Email: [admin@csw.org.au](mailto:admin@csw.org.au)