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\$194,000 in new grants to empower youth

New grants worth \$194,000 are set to empower local youth and transform the way Council delivers services.

Marion Council's first Youth Grants program will see a raft of new events and activities developed and delivered by young people aged 12 to 25.

Participants will also learn new skills.

Applications are now open to groups of young people and not-for-profit organisations for activities that could involve anything from the environment, sports, health, science and events to music.

Mayor Kris Hanna said the grants were an exciting way of sparking new ideas.

"We used to offer youth services in a building. That's a 19th century model," Mr Hanna said.

"This new way of empowering young people gives opportunities across the whole Council area."

Application forms and guidelines are available on the City of Marion website marion.sa.gov.au

The grants range in value from a few hundred dollars to up to \$10,000.

There are six categories:

- *Youth Development* has a pool of \$100,000 and includes four \$10,000 grants.
- *Youth Events* has a pool of \$40,000.
- *Projects Led by Young People* has a pool of \$20,000.
- *Youth Engagement and Leadership* has a pool of \$12,000.
- *Youth Sector and Partnership* has a pool of \$12,000.
- *Youth Achievement* has a pool of \$10,000.

Applications for Youth Events grants are open until 27 June while other categories close on 13 June.

There are about 15,000 people aged 12 to 25 in the City of Marion – around 17 per cent of the population.

In December 2015, Council voted to redirect funds from the Cove Youth Service to create the Youth Grants program.

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