



Changes to Wyatt's Direct Grants Program – September 2023

What are the Changes to Wyatt's Direct Grants Program?

Three key changes to Wyatt's Direct Grants Program take effect this month (September 2023):

1. A narrower focus on grants that directly impact housing and/or financial stability.
2. Deeper impact by linking direct grants more closely with other areas of Wyatt's work.
3. Providing direct grants through pre-identified organisations and programs.

This means that referrer eligibility for Direct Grants will change – whilst previously the Direct Grants Program was available to any referrer from any organisation, Wyatt will now be working with a smaller group of Direct Grant referrers. We expect the program will receive referrals from approximately 30-50 programs statewide.

Why the Change?

We are making these changes now to bring the program into alignment with our new strategic focus, and to ensure we're able to make greater inroads towards our vision of a South Australia free from poverty. [This article](#) provides an overview of Wyatt's new strategic direction.

Who will be eligible to refer to Direct Grants going forward?

Referring organisations will be limited to those which Wyatt is funding through our housing sustainability and financial empowerment grant programs, or organisations we are not currently partnering with but meet an identified geographical or cohort gap. Access to Direct Grants will be limited to programs within those organisations that demonstrate holistic or wrap around services aligned with our Strategy. Emergency relief programs are not in scope for our Direct Grants Program.

Can I self-register as a new referrer for the Direct Grants Program?

No, Wyatt will be working with a defined group of eligible organisations rather than the Direct Grants Program being open to any referrer. Our grants staff are currently working with these eligible organisations to identify priority programs for access to direct grants. Once these are agreed, eligible referrers will be provided with access to Wyatt's Grant Management System.

How will I know if I am able to access the program going forward?

If your organisation is outside the scope of the program, and you are a current or recent referrer, you will have received an email notification in August advising you about the change to your access.

If you haven't yet been advised by email that your organisation is outside the scope of the Direct Grants program, it means we are currently working with senior staff in your organisation to prioritise the programs that will be able to access Direct Grants. This will be agreed in the first few weeks of September and you will be advised in late September about your access.

I started an application prior to the change, why can't I see it now?

You would have received an email in early August advising you about the changes to the Direct Grants program, and a reminder in late August that the last day for submitting a direct grant application was 1st September. If your application wasn't submitted by the deadline it has been marked as incomplete and closed, which is why you can no longer see it or submit for approval.



Where else can I go for support for my client?

We encourage referrers to get in touch with the homelessness gateway or agencies with financial counselling programs if you are looking to refer for additional support.