Hang Gliders Association of Western Australia

Funding Policy

**Introduction**

The Hang Gliders Association of Western Australia (HGAWA) invites funding applications from affiliated clubs and independent members. Applications for funding are encouraged from all HGFA flying disciplines.

**Purpose**

HGAWA grants are made to support projects carried out by affiliated clubs and independent HGAWA members for the following objectives;

* Site preservation - Develop and protect flying sites within the state of Western Australia for the use of all HGFA pilots
* Safety and education - encourage skills development of WA based HGFA pilots
* Support projects carried out by affiliated clubs and independent HGAWA members
* Development of flying community - Support flying activities such as fly-ins, competitions and social events

**Application Process**

Funding applications need to be made in writing (or email) to either the HGAWA Secretary or President. The application should include a full budget and timeline plus completion criteria. The budget should also include other sources of funding (if any) plus any volunteer contributions and donations. More complex applications will be required for larger funding requests

Funding applications will be reviewed by the HGAWA committee and awarded based on how the application meets the funding criteria, plus the availability of funds.

**Funding Criteria**

Funding applications will be assessed on the following criteria;

* The recipients of the funding are HGAWA affiliated clubs or HGAWA members
* If the funding is to purchase assets, the assets must be owned and operated by a HGAWA affiliated club or by HGAWA itself and not individuals
* Whether there is co-contribution from the applicant, club, or from other 3rd party sources. The level of alternate funding for the project will be taken into account when an application is assessed. The alternate funding contribution may be in donated time, labour or “in kind” as well as monetary.
* That the benefit of the funding is as broad as possible and does not exclude other HGAWA members from that benefit. *For example HGAWA will not support an exclusive club fly-in where other HGAWA pilots are excluded. This clause is not intended to stop HGAWA funding specific hang gliding, paragliding or microlite events.*