



Frequently asked questions

What are the Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards (ACVPA)?

The annual Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards are sponsored by the heads of Australian governments, and members of the Law, Crime and Community Safety Council as a joint Australian Government, state and territory initiative.

The awards are designed to recognise good practice in the prevention and reduction of violence and other types of crime in Australia, to encourage public initiatives to prevent crime and to assist governments in identifying and developing practical projects that will reduce violence and other types of crime in the community.

Winners will be presented with a commemorative plaque and/or a certificate at a national awards ceremony at Parliament House, Canberra. Monetary awards may also be granted at the discretion of the ACVPA Board. Winners will be invited to attend the awards ceremony and may be offered financial assistance to help with travel costs. Generally speaking, projects that are led by government agencies or are substantially supported by government funds are not eligible to receive cash awards or financial sponsorship to attend the awards ceremony.

Who can enter?

Nominations are open to projects of all sizes, including smaller initiatives involving local community groups. The project must have been fully operational prior to 1 February 2018 to be eligible for the 2019 awards.

Anyone can nominate a project for the awards. It may be a project you are involved in, or a project that you believe deserves recognition.

The awards are designed to reward benchmark projects, as well as projects which exhibit good practice in the prevention or reduction of violence and other types of crime in Australia.

Who is not eligible to apply for an award?

Projects that commenced after 1 February 2018 are not eligible for 2019, but may apply in 2020. Final eligibility is at the discretion of the ACVPA Board.

Our project has been nominated before – can we reapply?

Yes, but you will need to tell us how the project has changed since your last nomination. These changes need to have been in place for at least 12 months before you submit your nomination. You should differentiate the old and new project models, and outline how new components have added to the effectiveness of the project and enhanced crime prevention outcomes.

How are the award winners selected?

All nominations are reviewed by the ACVPA Selection Board, which consists of representatives of each state and territory police service. With support from the AIC, the Board meets once a year to determine which of the nominated projects is most deserving of an award. There are separate award categories for projects led by police agencies and those led by other community or government organisations. Gold, silver and bronze awards are available in each category but not all levels of award are necessarily given out each year. The number of awards is at the discretion of the Board and will depend on the standard of nominations.

How does the Selection Board choose the winning projects?

The Board's decisions take into account:

- The quality of the evidence presented to support the nomination
- The project's capacity or potential to prevent or reduce crime
- How project success is measured
- The ability for the project to be adapted for other geographic locations
- How sustainable project outcomes are
- How innovative the project is
- Whether the project raises community awareness of crime and violence.

What should I include in the summary description of the project?

The summary should clearly explain how the project operates. It should cover what crime issue the project is addressing, how it's addressing the issue, project outcomes and evidence of the project's success. As these are awards for the prevention or reduction of crime, you must clearly demonstrate the crime prevention outcomes.

How many pages are allowed in the application?

Your nomination must not exceed seven pages in length, with a minimum Arial font size of 11 point. A limit of 1,500 words also applies. Nominations should be produced in Microsoft Word.

If required, you may submit further details about your nomination using appendices. These appendices are not included in the seven page limit, but should be kept to a reasonable size and quality. The Board reserves the right to disregard appendices that are unreasonably large.

Do we need a comprehensive independent evaluation?

No. The evaluation could be a basic review of the project. When we say 'evaluation', we are looking for an objective review of the project which answers the question 'has the project been effective?' We need to know what has changed in the community as a result of the project, in order to judge its value.

Where do I send my completed ACVPA nomination?

All nominations for the 2019 ACVPAs must be sent via email to acvpa@aic.gov.au.

Can I post the supporting documents in the mail?

Yes. If your supporting documents exceed file size limitations, you may post them to:

ACVPA Secretariat
2019 Awards
GPO Box 1936
Canberra City ACT 2601

When will the winners be announced?

All winning nominations will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held at Parliament House, Canberra in November 2019.

What happens once a nomination has been successful in receiving an award?

Successful applicants will receive a letter, as well as a contact details form which must be returned to the Secretariat.

Will unsuccessful applicants be notified?

Yes. A letter will be sent to advise unsuccessful applicants of the outcome of their nomination.

Can I have assistance preparing a nomination?

If you require assistance in preparing your nomination, please phone your state or territory contact, or the ACVPA Secretariat on 02 6268 7450. State and territory contacts are below:

Mr Andrew McIntosh, (ACT Justice and Community Safety Directorate)	02 6207 0550
Detective Chief Inspector Carlene Mahoney & Commander Mark Wall Commander, (NSW Police Force)	02 9375 8910
Superintendent Brett Prowse, (NT Police)	08 8985 8382
Superintendent Peter Brewer, (Qld Police Service)	07 3364 6819
Chief Inspector Alex Zimmermann, (SA Police)	08 7322 4055
Senior Sergeant Tony Grincas, (Tas Department of Police and Emergency Management)	03 6173 2379
Superintendent Wayne Newman APM, (Vic Police)	03 9247 6412
Superintendent Kate Taylor, (WA Police)	08 9222 1389
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