

Grant writing help sheet

The difference between a good grant application and a winning grant application is often how well the applicant can demonstrate how its proposal will solve an urgent problem in the community.

This help sheet prompts grant writers to answer key questions that link to the most important elements of a grant application. Once you've answered these questions, use ICDA's grants planning tool to pull these key ideas into a successful proposal.

Example

What's your idea?

Organisation Amazing will develop and deliver a series of career focused workshops facilitated by South Sudanese Australian community members designed to match young people with career opportunities and mentoring in an industry they're interested in.

How does your idea provide a solution for the problem you want to solve and what's the urgency?

South Sudanese Australian young people in the west metropolitan Melbourne are overrepresented in youth justice. This overrepresentation has increased over the past 5 years and impacts the wider community. One of the drivers of contact with the justice system is unemployment and poverty. Effective career counselling will support young South Sudanese Australians determine their job and career opportunities and secure employment.

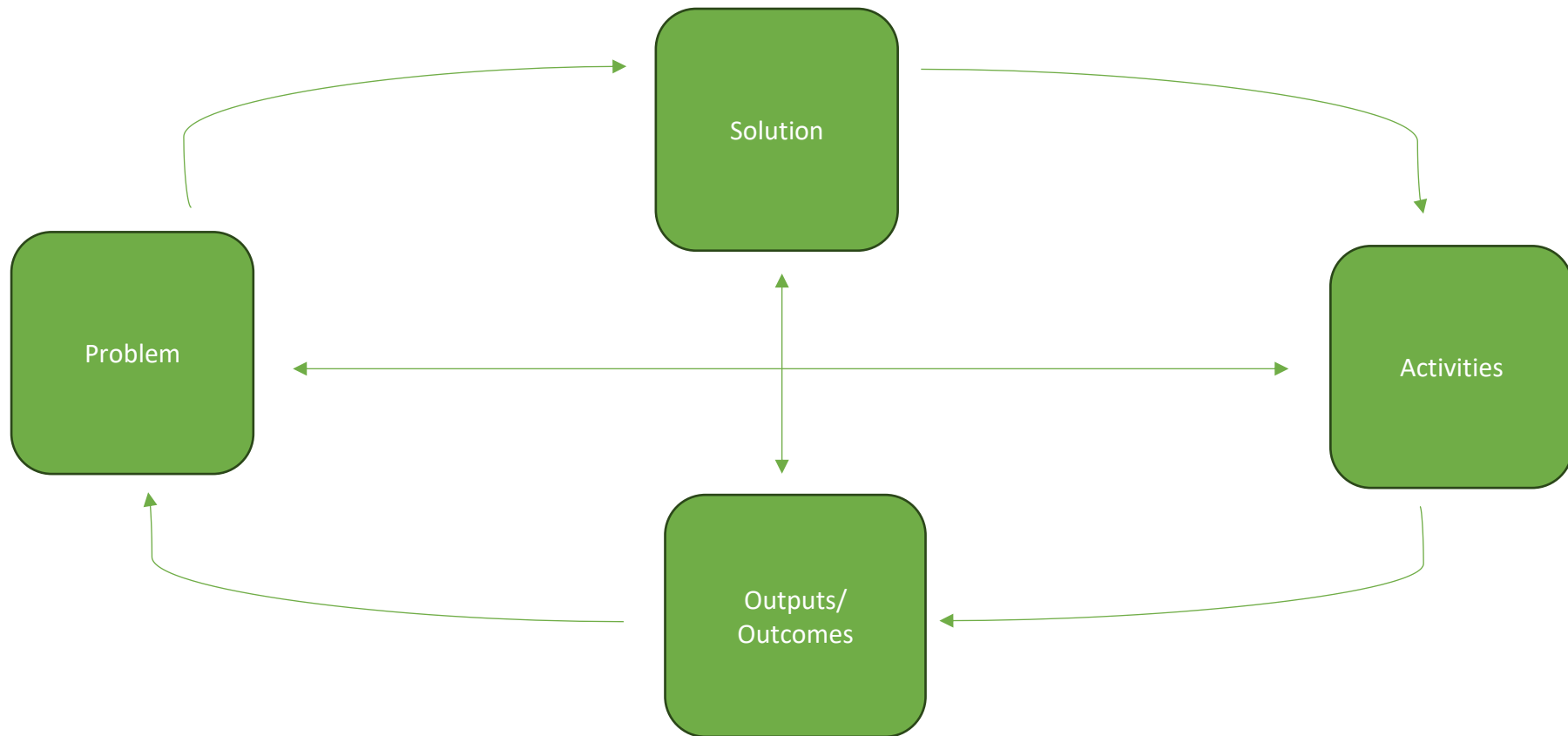
What does your idea look like?

Over six months, young people from the ages of 16-25 will be invited to attend employment workshops. An initial workshop will be led by experienced career counsellors to understand participants interests and career goals. This workshop will be followed by ten industry specific workshops that are facilitated or co-facilitated by members of the SSA community and provide information and guidance about pathways and career opportunities in the industries identified by the young people at the initial workshop.

The series will conclude with a networking workshop focused on connecting young people to work and volunteering opportunities in the local community. Young people will be provided opportunities and support to access mentoring and/or work experience in their chosen industry for six months after the workshop series conclusion.

What are the outputs and how will you know this idea has solved this problem?

- *30 young people will participate in at least three workshops (initial workshop, industry specific workshop, networking session).*
- *Ten local industries will provide one workshop each.*
- *5 career counsellors will be contracted to support up to five young people for two one-on-one or small group sessions.*
- *30 young people will be connected to local industry and appropriate community support.*
- *By the end of the workshop series, 50% of young people involved will have a practical pathway to gaining, or will have gained, employment in an industry they are interested in.*
- *By the end of the 12-month project, 80% of young people involved will have a practical pathway to gaining, or will have gained, employment in an industry they are interested in, and will have stayed out of the youth justice system.*



Template

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