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# Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections Research Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) GOXXXX

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# 1 General Questions

## 1.1 What is the Blood Borne Viruses (BBV) and Sexually Transmissible Infections (STI) Research Program Grant Opportunity?

The BBV and STI Research Program grant opportunity aims to build on the success of the BBV and STI Research to date, by continuing to fund eligible organisations to undertake innovative BBV and STI research activities that:

- continue to build on the evidence base that informs the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of BBV and STI health policy and improves practices in Australia; and
- focus on reducing morbidity, mortality, stigma and discrimination, increasing access to new biomedical interventions and improving quality of life and health outcomes for people living with, or at risk of, BBVs and STIs.

## 1.2 Who do I contact if I require more information?

If you have any questions or need more information about this grant opportunity, please contact the Department of Health by emailing [Grant.ATM@health.gov.au](mailto:Grant.ATM@health.gov.au).

# 2 Funding Questions

## 2.1 What level of funding is available?

For this grant opportunity, up to \$4.5 million per annum is available over four years (2022-23 to 2025-26).

It is anticipated that available grants will be between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000 per annum per application. The amount your organisation is awarded will depend on your application – i.e. the scope of the grant activity, the complexity and how much is required to successfully achieve your project objectives.

There is no limitation on the number of applications that an entity can submit.

## 2.2 Can I request additional funding through the extension grant opportunity?

No. There is no opportunity to increase funding through this grant round.

## 2.3 What if I don't spend all the grant funding?

Grant recipients are not allowed to retain unspent funds. All grant recipients must submit annual financial declarations and acquit any unspent funds.

## 2.4 What can the grant funding be used for?

Please refer to the Grant Opportunity Guidelines for GOxxxx, as listed on [GrantConnect](#), specifically *Section 5.3: What the grant money can be used for*.

## 2.5 What can't I use the grant funding for?

Please refer to the Grant Opportunity Guidelines for GOxxxx, as listed on [GrantConnect](#), specifically *Section 5.4: What grant money cannot be used for*.

## 2.6 When can we expect the grant funding?

Before payments may be made a grant agreement is required to be signed. Payments will not be made prior to 1 July 2022.

## 2.7 Are there any GST or income tax-related issues involved in receiving funding?

Please refer to the Grant Opportunity Guidelines for GOxxxx, as listed on [GrantConnect](#), specifically *Section 9.4: Grants Payments and GST*.

# 3 Application Questions

## 3.1 How do I submit an application for this grant funding opportunity?

You can apply for the grant opportunity using the online application form on the GrantConnect website. You can complete and submit your application, with your supporting documentation, online at GrantConnect.

Applications that do not answer the mandatory questions or provide the required supporting documentation, will not be accepted.

## 3.2 Where do I find my organisation's ID?

If you have had a Grant Agreement with the Department of Health your organisation's ID can be found on your current Grant Agreement. The ID is located in the top right-hand corner on the Grant Details page of your current Grant Agreement (usually page 4, see screenshot below). The organisation ID number is in the format of a combination of numbers, hyphens and letters e.g. 1-AAAAAA (where "1" represents a number and "A" represents a letter or a number).

<b>Grant Details</b>	
<b>Organisation ID:</b>	1-AAAAAA
<b>Agreement ID:</b>	1-BBBBBB
<b>Program Schedule ID:</b>	1-CCCCC
<b>Grant Activity</b>	

If you do not have access to the Grant Agreement, your Organisation ID can be found on any Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) provided to you by the department. For example, it will list a vendor number as FO1-1J3-29. When inputting the organisation ID to your application, please remove the FO reference, just use the ID, e.g. 1-1J3-29.

## 3.3 Who is eligible to apply for this grant opportunity?

To be eligible you must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN);
- be registered for the purposes of GST;
- have an account with an Australian financial institution; and

- be located in Australia<sup>1</sup>.

and be one of the following entity types:

- a medical research institute
- a university
- a corporation (including businesses and not for profits)

Joint (consortium) applications are encouraged, provided you have a lead organisation who is the main driver of the project and is eligible to apply.

### 3.4 What activities are eligible under this grant opportunity?

To be eligible, your grant activity must align with at least one of the goals and targets within the five [National BBV and STI Strategies](#) and/or the aims and objectives of the First National BBV and STI Research Strategy.

### 3.5 What is the grant period for this activity?

The grant period will run from 2022-23 to 2025-26. You must complete your grant activity by 30 June 2026. Following the grant period, an evaluation period of three months will commence, which will determine the grant opportunity's success in achieving the agreed outcomes.

## 4 Assessment Process

### 4.1 What is the assessment considering?

Please refer to the Grant Opportunity Guidelines for GOxxxx, as listed on [GrantConnect](#), specifically *Section 6: The assessment criteria* and *Section 7: How to apply*.

### 4.2 How will organisations be advised of the final outcome?

The Department of Health will advise your organisation of the outcome of the grant opportunity in writing.

If successful and once your organisations grant agreement has been established it will be listed on the GrantConnect website 21 calendar days after the date of effect (as defined in the glossary of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines on GrantConnect), as required by Section 5.3 of the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs).

## 5 Activities

### 5.1 What if I am unable to undertake some activities in my grant agreement or am unable to complete my grant agreement?

If you are unable to deliver activities under your grant agreement or complete your grant agreement, service providers should contact their Funding Arrangement Manager (FAM).

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<sup>1</sup> A body that receives a grant may be acting in partnership with an overseas body or other body in relation to medical research or medical innovation.