

## Frequently asked questions

### P10572 Expansion of the RHMT Program – Training in Aged Care Services – Forecast Opportunity

This FAQ document will be updated continually during the period the Forecast Opportunity is advertised.

#### **When will my organisation find out if my application has been successful?**

The selection process may take some time to complete, but it is anticipated that applicants will be notified of the outcome in October 2021.

#### **Can a number of organisations submit a consortium application?**

Yes. A joint application will be considered as a consortium. If the work or activity involves more than one organisation, you can submit a joint application. However, in order to manage the funds appropriately, if a joint application is successful, the department will enter into a grant agreement with the nominated lead organisation. The joint application should include letters of support in line with Section 7.2 [Joint (consortia) applications].

#### **What is a lead organisation?**

If you submit a joint application with one or more other organisations, nominate a lead organisation for the application. The lead organisation for the activity will, if your application is successful, sign the grant agreement, receive the funding and assume legal responsibility for performing the grant agreement.

A lead organisation must be a legal entity able to enter into the grant agreement and must meet the Eligibility Criteria in Section 4.1.

#### **When will my organisation receive the funding?**

All payments of funding will be based on milestones (e.g. performance reports) as set out in the schedule to the grant agreement.

#### **Who should I contact if I need more information?**

If you have any other questions or you need more information, direct all queries in writing by email to [grant.atm@health.gov.au](mailto:grant.atm@health.gov.au).

#### **Could you clarify whether ‘aged care facility’ is defined as a ‘*residential* aged care facility’ only, or can it be interpreted more broadly as any aged care facility owned and operated by the aged care provider?**

The grant opportunity will provide funding to establish teaching/training facilities within Australian Government funded rural residential aged care services as defined under the *Aged Care Act 1997*. The final version of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines will be updated to include this definition.

Please also note Section 5.2 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines which distinguishes between where training must occur and where clinical placements may occur.

#### **Question: Would the following scenarios be considered eligible capital works expenditures for providing teaching/training facilities as part of this grant opportunity?**

**Scenario 1:** A residential aged care provider will construct, or is currently in the process of constructing, new buildings as part of a site redevelopment and is willing to partner with a UDRH to include teaching/training and IT facilities for health students as part of the new build rather than upgrading existing buildings.

In the event a residential aged care provider will construct, or currently has construction of new buildings underway as part of a site redevelopment, these capital works are considered in scope if and only if:

- the construction will be completed within the timeframe of the initial grant activity period; and
- the aged care provider is willing to:
  - partner with an eligible university; and
  - include teaching/training and IT facilities for health students in the new building.

These stipulations should be included in the letter of support from the residential aged care provider as part of Criterion 2 (refer to Section 6 of the grant opportunity guidelines). This information will be added to the final version of the grant opportunity guidelines.

**Scenario 2:** The identified residential aged care provider is not in a position to extend, upgrade or refurbish existing buildings for the teaching/training facility for students and there is no space available to construct a prebuild modular building on the current site. There is vacant land directly opposite the residential aged care provider (over the road), which the aged care provider is willing to acquire to house a prebuilt modular building to provide teaching/training facilities.

The proposed health training demonstration site must be located at the premises of the partner residential aged care service in a MM 2-7 region of a RHMT program jurisdiction and must be used to train health students undertaking clinical placements at an aged care service (refer to Section 5.2 of the grant opportunity guidelines).