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## **FORECAST OPPORTUNITY**

Supporting the Primary Care sector response to  
Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Pilot  
Grant Opportunity  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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# 1. General Questions

## 1.1 What is the Supporting the Primary Care sector response to Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Pilot?

This pilot funding was announced as part of the 2022-23 March Budget under the *Supporting health system navigation for Victims and Survivors of sexual violence measure*. It formed part of a package of initiatives to reduce all forms of family, domestic and sexual violence against women and children and to support the implementation of the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-32*.

The measure is to support the primary care sector to build enhanced and expanded primary health care models of support to improve responses to and health system navigation by:

- family and domestic violence victims-survivors;
- sexual violence victims-survivors; and
- child sexual abuse victims-survivors<sup>1</sup>;

This grant opportunity aims to support the primary care sector's response to family, domestic and sexual violence.

## 1.2 Who is eligible to apply?

This grant opportunity is a *Targeted Competitive* selection process.

This means that the grant opportunity is open only to organisations who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 4 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. Only the Primary Health Networks (PHNs) listed are eligible to apply.

Refer to Section 4.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, in particular information provided under *Additional eligibility requirements* as listed on [GrantConnect](#) for further details regarding eligibility.

## 1.3 What level of funding is available?

For this grant opportunity, up to \$36.832 million will be made available over the four years from 2022-23 to 2025-26.

Please refer to Section 3.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines as this outlines the indicative maximum funding amount the applicant can apply for. Information on the maximum available funding amount that may be paid per financial year is available in *Table 2: Grant Opportunity Funding Available* in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines as listed on [GrantConnect](#). No minimum payment amount is stipulated.

The maximum grant amount payable cannot exceed the amount of available funds.

The Department of Health may negotiate with applicants regarding the availability of the funding sought in context of the type of activities proposed.

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

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

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<sup>1</sup> Note that in this document unless needing separate identification for the purposes of specifying the components of the grant activity the term sexual violence encompasses both sexual violence and child sexual abuse.

### 1.5 What period is the funding available for?

The Supporting the Primary Care sector response to Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Pilot (the Pilot) will run over four years from 2022-23 to 2025-26.

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

Please refer to the Forecast Grant Opportunity Guidelines, specifically *Section 5.1: Eligible grant activities*. Examples of activities have been provided for Stream 1 and Stream 2.

### 1.7 How many grants will be awarded as part of this grant opportunity?

Up to eight grants will be awarded as part of this grant opportunity.

This comprises:

- Three grants, one each in NSW, Queensland and Victoria are available to eligible PHNs as specified in Table 3 of the Grant Opportunity for the expansion of an existing PHN Family and Domestic Violence pilot to establish and integrate into the existing pilot a model of support for victims-survivors of sexual violence including child sexual abuse.
- Five grants, one each in South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory to eligible PHNs as specified in Table 3 of the Grant Opportunity for the establishment of a new PHN pilot to establish and integrate a model of support for victims-survivors of family, domestic and sexual violence including child sexual abuse.

The Victims- Survivors sexual violence and child sexual abuse model of support modules will be delivered in **one PHN** in each state and territory.

### 1.8 Can a PHN apply for funding to deliver just the Victims- Survivors sexual violence module but not the child sexual abuse module?

No. The Victims- Survivors sexual violence **AND** child sexual abuse model of support modules must both be delivered in **one PHN** in each state and territory as part of this grant opportunity.

### 1.9 Which PHNs can apply for funding under Stream 1?

Only existing Family and Domestic Violence PHN pilots operating in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria can apply for funding under Stream 1.

<b>STREAM 1</b>	
<b>PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK</b>	<b>APPLICANT LEGAL NAME</b>
Central and Eastern Sydney	EIS Health Ltd
Nepean Blue Mountains	Wentworth Healthcare Ltd

Hunter New England and Central Coast	HNECC Ltd
North Western Melbourne	Melbourne Primary Care Network Ltd
Western Victoria	Western Victoria Primary Health Network Ltd
Brisbane South	Brisbane South PHN Ltd

### 1.10 What grant activities do PHNs under Stream 1 deliver?

PHNs eligible under Stream 1 can apply for funding to deliver the Victims- Survivors sexual violence and child sexual abuse model of support modules.

These modules will be delivered in **one PHN** in each state. PHNs are encouraged to talk to relevant services in their region about their needs relevant to this grant.

### 1.11 Which PHNs can apply for funding under Stream 2?

Only the listed PHNs can apply for funding under Stream 2.

<b>STREAM 2</b>	
<b>PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK</b>	<b>Applicant LEGAL Name</b>
Adelaide	Adelaide Primary Health Network Ltd
Country SA	SA Rural Health Network Ltd
Perth North, Perth South, Country WA	WA Primary Health Alliance Ltd
Tasmania	Primary Health Tasmania Ltd
Northern Territory	Health Network Northern Territory Ltd
Australian Capital Territory	Capital Health Network Ltd

### 1.12 What grant activities do PHNs under Stream 2 deliver?

PHNs eligible under Stream 2 can apply for funding to establish a family and domestic violence pilot and deliver Victims- Survivors sexual violence and child sex abuse model of support modules.

The pilot will be delivered in **one PHN** in each state. PHNs are encouraged to talk to relevant services in their region about their needs relevant to this grant.

### 1.13 Can a PHN under Stream 2 apply for funding to establish a family and domestic violence pilot but not the Victims- Survivors sexual violence and child sexual abuse modules?

No. PHNs under Stream 2 must use the grant funding to establish a family and domestic violence pilot **AND** deliver the Victims- Survivors sexual violence and child sex abuse model of support modules as part of this grant opportunity.

### 1.14 Can PHNs submit a joint (consortium) application?

Yes. We recognise that some organisations may want to join as a group to deliver a grant activity. In these circumstances, you must appoint a 'lead organisation'.

Only the lead organisation will enter into a grant agreement with the department and will be responsible for submitting an application on behalf of the Consortium, the lead organisation must have the authority to do so on behalf of the consortium members.

The application may include activities that cover multiple PHNs across the individual state. If the proposed activity encompasses a regional approach (across multiple PHNs, the application must identify how activities will be delivered at individual PHNs.

Please refer to the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, specifically *Section 7.2: Joint (consortium) applications*.

### 1.15 Can a PHN submit an individual application and a joint (consortium) application?

No. The Department will only accept one application from each listed PHN.

### **1.16 What can the grant funding be used for?**

Please refer to the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, specifically *Section 5.1: Eligible grant activities*. Examples of activities have been provided for Stream 1 and Stream 2.

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

Please refer to the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, specifically *Section 5.4: What grant money cannot be used for*.

### **1.18 When can we expect the grant funding?**

Before payments may be made a grant agreement must be signed. Payments will then be made in line with the payments in the payment schedule in your grant agreement.

### **1.19 Are PHNs able to carryover funds from the 2022/2023 financial year into the 2023/2024 financial year given receipt of this funding will be late in the 2022/2023 financial year?**

As per the Primary Health Networks Unspent Funds Policy "Any new<sup>2</sup> funds provided to the PHN in the last three months of the financial year that remain unspent are subject to automatic carryover. PHNs must record such amounts as part of their request for carryover and submit this as part of their 12 month report."<sup>2</sup> New funds are those based upon a funding agreement that has been entered into or updated in the last three months of a financial year.

### **1.20 Are PHNs able to carryover funds into the other years of the pilot, to more evenly spread the unspent 2022/2023 funds across the pilot period?**

A PHN may only request to carryover funds that are unspent as at the end of the financial year. Annual funding allocations cannot be adjusted through the carryover request process.

Where funding has been given part way through a financial year and remains unspent at the end of the financial year the PHN may request to carryover these unspent funds across the outyears. For example request to carryover and redistribute from 2022/23 in the first carryover request to 23/24, 24/25, 25/26 as needed as part of the twelve month reporting carryover process in accordance with the PHN Unspent Funds Policy.

As per the Unspent Funds policy "A number of schedules contain operational funding allocated to support activity delivery (e.g. Primary Mental Health Care – Mental Health Operational) or in this case PHN Pilots and Targeted Programs Schedule Operational. PHNs may seek the carryover of such operational funds, and activity-related funds in schedules other than Core, over the life of the funding agreement

### **1.21 Who do I contact if I require more information?**

We would encourage you to read the suite of documents available. If you have questions prior to the opening of the grant opportunity please email [domesticviolence@health.gov.au](mailto:domesticviolence@health.gov.au). Once the grant opportunity opens if you have any further questions or need more information about this grant opportunity, please contact the Department by emailing [grant.atm@health.gov.au](mailto:grant.atm@health.gov.au).

### **1.22 Was there a Forecast Grant Opportunity Webinar?**

A webinar was conducted on 29 November 2022 for eligible PHNs to provide an overview of the Forecast Grant Opportunity Supporting the Primary Care response to Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Pilot. This webinar was recorded.

### **1.23      How can I gain access to the webinar recording and resources shared after the webinar?**

An email was distributed to eligible PHNs on 6 December 2022, with a link to the webinar recording and three supporting resource documents. Please email [domesticviolence@health.gov.au](mailto:domesticviolence@health.gov.au) if you would like us to resend the webinar link and documents.

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