Indigenous Australians' Health Programme Closing the Gap – Major Capital Works Program Draft Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) GOXXXX

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1. General Questions

1.1   What funding is available under the two rounds of Closing the Gap (CtG) major capital works measure across 2021-22 to 2022-23

Two rounds of major capital works funding totalling $210 million will be offered through the Closing the Gap infrastructure measure.

Through this grant opportunity, the Australian Government is providing funding of up to $140 million (GST exclusive) over 4 years from 2021-22 to 2024-25 for major capital works.

Two rounds of funding will be offered. The first round will be offered in 2021-22 (this grant opportunity), and the second in 2022-23. Expected timeframes for the rounds are detailed at Section 7.3 of the Grant Opportunity guidelines.

The anticipated funding split between the rounds is detailed below:

Round	Year offered	Funding available (GST exclusive)
Round 1 (this grant opportunity)	2021-22	$140 million
Round 2 (expected to be announced in late 2022)	2022-23	$70 million
Total funding available under Round 1 and 2		**$210 million**

1.2 How does Stage 1 – Expression of Interest and Stage 2 – Invitation to apply differ?

Stage 1 is an expression of interest process (EOI) only. Only applications that are assessed as having addressed the assessment criteria and score average or higher will be considered for shortlisting. Only shortlisted applicants are invited to provide additional information in Stage 2.

1.3 Do I need to include quotes or costings/plans with my EOI application?

No. Under stage 1 – EOI, you do not need to provide detailed costings, plans or architectural drawings.

1.4 Can I include projects at different locations in a single Application Form?

No. Each major capital project located at different site/locations should be applied for as a separate application. Additionally, for the EOI, each application will need to include a separate indicative budget for the project identified.

1.5 What are considered 'major capital works' activities?

Major capital works[1] consist of the purchase or construction of new clinics and/or clinical staff housing, extensive renovation projects, and related demolition activities. For the purposes of this grant opportunity, projects can also be considered 'major capital' if works that alone or together (where multiple projects are proposed in one application and/or at the same site) extend beyond minor activities[2].

1.6 What is considered 'clinical services' under this grant opportunity?

For the purposes of this grant opportunity, clinical services are the delivery of services that involve the diagnosis, treatment of acute illness, emergency primary health care, management of chronic conditions, specific interventions such as eyes, ears and oral health activities, health crisis intervention and referral.

Clinical services include the provision of all of the face-to-face primary health care activities as outlined below:

A. Treatment

By, or in consultation with, a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner or registered nurse, including:

• First contact treatment of illness or injury

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[1] See Section 14 – Glossary of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines

[2] See Section 14 – Glossary of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines

• Continuing management of illness (including chronic illness) or injury

• Response to an emergency incident including assessment, treatment, stabilisation and evacuation, and

• Palliative care treatment.

B. Prevention and intervention

By, or in consultation with, a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner, registered nurse or eligible midwife (where appropriate), including:

• Antenatal care

• Post-natal care

• Health screening and assessments, and

• Immunisation.

C. Rehabilitation and recovery

By, or in consultation with, a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner or registered nurse, including:

• Post discharge treatment (i.e. from a hospital or other acute care institution), and

• Rehabilitation planning and/or care.

Note: Clinical services does not include the provision of Dental or Brokerage services

1.7 If shortlisted for stage 2, will I need to complete additional selection criteria?

No. Applicants invited to apply for funding under the Stage Two ITA will not be required to respond to additional criteria.

1.8 If shortlisted for Stage 2 – invitation to apply, what documents will I need to provide?

If you are invited to apply for funding under the Stage Two ITA, we will require some or all of the following documents, depending on the type and scale of your project:

- Evidence of tenure over the premises/site (where available) that is the subject of the applicant's response to this EOI process, or details of the proposed site and relevant process for securing tenure.
- A detailed costing of the capital works project that is the subject of the applicant's response to this EOI process, including a budget and quotes for the proposed works. The Commonwealth may, at its discretion, seek to verify costings through the use of expertise in infrastructure assessment or project scoping.
- A work plan/project plan outlining the activities for the project.
- A risk management plan for the project.
- A letter from relevant council or land authority providing in-principle support for construction project (if relevant).
- Any scoping documents, architectural plans / floor plans / concept drawings / sketches of the proposed construction; and

- Building approvals (if available).

1.9   Who should I contact if I need more information?

If you have any other questions or you need more information, please email
Grant.ATM@health.gov.au. Ensure that you submit questions five full business days before
the end of the application period. This allows the department to disseminate information to
applicants with sufficient time for the applicant to consider the impact of the response on
their application.

2. Eligibility Questions

2.1   Who is eligible to apply for this grant opportunity?

To be eligible, Organisations must:

- be an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service

- currently deliver primary health care, and

- be listed at Appendix A of the Grant Opportunity guidelines.

Eligible organisations listed at Appendix A are also able to apply on behalf of a subsidiary
and/or auspiced organisation/s, provided the auspiced organisation is an Aboriginal
Community Controlled Health Service currently delivering primary health care.

We cannot consider your application if you do not satisfy all the eligibility criteria.

2.2   Are state or territory government owned and/or operated premises eligible to receive funding?

No. This grant opportunity will not fund projects for buildings or structures which are owned
and/or operated by state, territory or local government agency or body (including
government business enterprises). The only exception is when land or buildings are leased
to an eligible ACCHS by the state or territory government through a long-term lease (usually
for a minimum of 10 years).

2.3   Will this Grant Opportunity fund projects that are not primary healthcare related?

No. The grant opportunity will not fund projects to support activities for which other
Commonwealth, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility for
and falls beyond the remit of the IAHP (examples include, but are not limited to: alcohol and

other drugs (AOD) services/centres, disability services, Out of Home Care (OOC), domestic violence shelters, residential rehabilitation centres, aged care infrastructure). [3]

2.4   What constitutes clinics and/or clinical staff housing facilities?

Clinics and clinical staff housing facilities (including commercially rented premises) are defined as buildings and premises that are:

- managed and operated by an eligible organisation delivering primary health care in a clinical setting;
  used to house primary health care service delivery and/or housing for clinical staff and resources; and
- non-government owned and/or operated.

2.5   Are large multi-purpose hub costing upwards of $15 million eligible?

Whilst there is no upper limit specified, most projects are expected to be in the range of $500,000-$8 million (GST exclusive). In fairness to all applicants, projects costing more than $15 million are highly unlikely to be funded as they will utilise a significant quantum of the earmarked funds when compared to the overall funding available under the grant opportunity.

2.6   Is funding available to build infrastructure which supports commercial leasing activities to generate additional income for the organisation?

No. This grant opportunity does not fund activities that are not considered primary health care under a clinical setting regardless of whether it has the capacity to generate income for the organisation. Examples include cafes, gyms, childcare centres, pharmacies[4].

3. Application Questions

3.1   Will late applications be accepted?

The department will normally only accept a late application if it is the direct result of mishandling by the department. In all other circumstances, in the interests of fairness, the department reserves the right to accept late applications. In considering whether it would be fair to accept a late application, the department will consider the degree of lateness, whether the cause of the lateness was beyond the applicant's control and such other facts as it considers relevant. The department may also ask the applicant to provide evidence to support its claims regarding the reasons for late submittal.

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3.2   What do I need to include with my application?

We require the following documents with your application:

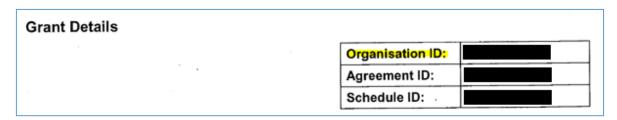- an indicative activity budget (available on GrantConnect).

You must attach supporting documentation to the Online Application Form in line with the instructions provided within the form. You should only attach the requested documents. We will not consider information in attachments that we do not request.

3.3   Can a number of organisations submit a joint application?

No. For the purposes of the EOI, joint applications/consortia arrangements are not eligible.

3.4   Where do I find my organisation's ID if I am currently funded by the Department of Health?

Your organisations ID can be found on your current Grant Agreement with the Department of Health. The organisations ID can be found 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).

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.

If you are not currently funded, just enter your organisation's details in the application form.

4. Payment/Outcome Questions

4.1   Will my organisation have to spend the funding by a particular date?

The maximum grant period is three financial years (2022-23 – 2024-25) and unless the department approves in writing, you must complete your project by 31 December 2025.

4.2 When will my organisation find out if my application has been successful under the EOI?

The selection process may take some time to complete, but it is expected that applicants will be notified of the outcome by June 2022. Only successful applicants will be invited to apply for Stage 2.

4.3 When will my organisation receive the funding?

Applicants will be shortlisted and notified after the assessment of the EOI. Successful applicants will be invited to apply under Stage 2. See the grant opportunity documentation for information on what invited organisations will need to provide under Stage 2.

Following the assessment of Stage 2 applications, applicants will be notified of the outcome and following negotiations, funding agreements will be entered into with successful organisations.