



Service Maintenance Program 2023

What is the Service Maintenance Program (SMP) Grant Opportunity?

The SMP provides funding to eligible organisations to address repairs, maintenance, and minor upgrades to existing infrastructure to support improved health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Australian Government is providing funding of up to \$10 million (GST exclusive) for this grant opportunity (funding will be paid in 2023-2024).

It is expected that most grants will be between \$10,000 and \$750,000 (GST exclusive). Funding allocations will depend on the scope, demonstrated need and complexity of the grant activity.

Who is eligible to apply for funding?

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 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.

To be considered, your grant activity must be for a project(s) that delivers safe, accessible, and fit-for-purpose clinics and/or clinical staff housing.

What can funding be used for?

Eligible activities include:

- emergency repairs to clinics and/or clinical staff housing to remedy safety and/or access issues.
- repair, maintenance, and minor upgrades to improve:
 - the quality of primary health care clinics and clinical staff housing, including the reconfiguration of entrance and reception spaces (see SMP Overview Factsheet);
 - ventilation systems and other infection control measures (see SMP Ventilation and Infection Control Factsheet);
 - energy resilience, efficiency, and economy (see SMP Energy Resilience, Efficiency and Economy Factsheet);
 - maintenance of clinics and/or clinical staff housing, to address safety issues or accreditation compliance;

- minor IT telecommunications upgrades specifically aimed at improving connectivity and supporting increased demand for remote/telehealth consultations (see SMP ICT Factsheet); and
- minor upgrades to clinics to increase the range of primary health care service offers, such as creating soundproof/quiet rooms to provide audiology and other primary health care services or creating dedicated spaces for telehealth.

Are there any priority areas for this round of SMP?

For this grant opportunity, priority will be given to projects:

- seeking repair, maintenance and/or minor upgrades to facilities based in remote and very remote parts of Australia. This grant opportunity uses the [Modified Monash Model](#) (MMM) to decide whether a location is a city, rural, remote or very remote location;
- seeking funding to upgrade the safety and security of the primary health care clinic and clinical staff accommodation; or
- that respond to COVID-19 risk, including ventilation systems and infection control.

This does not preclude organisations from applying for funding for other repairs, maintenance, and upgrades, however, we would encourage organisations to consider whether they would also benefit from funding to support improvements to the identified priority areas.

How can I apply for funding?

Application documents are available on [GrantConnect](#).

Before applying, applicants must read and understand the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, the Application Form and the sample grant agreement.

To apply, you must:

- complete the Application Form on [GrantConnect](#);
- provide all the information requested;
- address all eligibility criteria and assessment criteria;
- include all necessary attachments; and
- submit your application by the closing date and time, as specified in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

Where can I get more information?

If you have any questions about this grant opportunity, please contact the Department of Health and Aged Care Grant.ATM@health.gov