

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Supporting Establishment of Nurse Led Clinics for Risk Prevention Project - Expression of interest (EOI)

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#### 1. Am I eligible to apply?

Expressions of interests for grants are invited from general practices in the Gippsland Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN) Latrobe catchment area employing 1 or more nurses with capacity to undertake the project.

In addition, applicants must:

- ✓ Have an employed nurse practitioner, registered nurse or enrolled nurse who will participate in the program, as the lead nurse (see page 5 of the EOI guidelines for further information relating to the enrolled nurse's supervision requirements)
- ✓ Be a viable legal entity as defined by Australian Tax Office

The lead nurse or an organisational representative can complete the EOI.

Further details are available on page 5 – 6 of the EOI Guidelines

#### 2. Does my proposal meet the requirements of what is considered a nurse-delivered (team based) model of care?

For the purposes of this project Nurse Clinic is a nurse-delivered (team based) model of care. The Evaluation Report of the 2014-2015 Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) Nursing in General Practice (NiGP) Project by Melbourne University states:

*'There are multiple conceptualisations of nurse clinics. [Nurse-led care] is a continuum of practice ranging from the nurse having delegated authority to make decisions regarding patient care at one end of the spectrum, to being responsible for all care provided, including clinical assessment, treatment and management of patients undifferentiated by need'(p. 59).*

Further reading: [Howe, S. 2015. Review of Australian and international models of nurse clinics](#)

#### 3. Am I able to use the grant funding to contribute to salaries associated with the set up and/or running of the nurse-delivered (team based) model of care?

As per the Supporting Establishment of Nurse Led Clinic for Risk Prevention Project, the grant **cannot** be used for wages. However, the grant can be utilised for backfill to support the lead nurse and/or the nominated project support to attend to project related activities, including:

- Project and resource development
- Team meetings
- Workshop attendance.

The aim of this grant is to support the establishment of nurse-delivered models of care. Viability and sustainability of the proposed clinic needs to be achieved through consideration of current and available funding streams including fee for service, MBS billing options or block funding.

Further detail is contained in the EOI.

#### **4. I am a Registered Nurse and operate my own independent business. Am I eligible to apply for this grant?**

Registered Nurses can apply if they meet the Project requirements as defined on page 5 of the EOI guidelines and are able to indicate how their service will integrate with the wider service system. Letters of support from external parties demonstrating their involvement and commitment to the project will enhance your application.

#### **5. Does the nurse-delivered (team based) model of care have to focus on a specific illness or disease area?**

The grant can be used across a range of areas, developed to meet an identified population health need, and covering the following topics:

- ✓ Risk identification, health promotion, screening and detection of early disease and early intervention
- ✓ Indicators of management of sound chronic disease
- ✓ Healthy ageing in areas of population and patient need

#### **6. Do I need a username or password to complete the online application?**

The Supporting Establishment of Nurse Led Clinic for Risk Prevention Project EOI is easily accessible via the Supporting Establishment of Nurse Led Clinics for Risk Prevention Project [web page](#). You do not require a username or password to access these.

#### **7. When will I hear if my application is successful and who do I contact if I have any issues?**

Closing date for expressions of interest – 12 midnight (AEST) Thursday 18 March 2021. Successful applicants will be notified by 16 April 2021.

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