Palliative Care 2020 Grants Program
Frequently Asked Questions

Why are these Grants being offered?
The Palliative Care Needs in South Australia 2019 Report highlights areas that require further improvement to meet the needs of all people in the community who require palliative and end-of-life care.

The Palliative Care 2020 Grants Program is an initiative of the State Government to work with and support innovative non-government organisations who can bring new ideas to improve and diversify palliative care options. This will increase access to services across South Australia for those who need it the most.

What target areas do the Grants address?

Improving Palliative Care in Residential Aged Care Facilities, with a focus on:

> Improving access to and the quality of palliative care in residential aged care facilities
> Building stronger partnerships between specialist palliative care services, the primary care sector, non-government organisations and residential aged care facilities
> Increasing the education, training, assistance and mentoring of the residential aged care workforce

Improving Palliative Care for Priority Populations, with a focus on:

> Rural and remote communities
> People who experience complex needs (e.g. under 65 years with high level needs that cannot be met in standard residential care facilities)
> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their families
> Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities
> People who experience disabilities
> Children

How much is each Grant for?
A limited number of Grants of up to a maximum of $150,000 per Grant are available (GST exclusive).
Do I have to submit an application for the full amount?
$150,000 is the maximum amount available for a Grant. Projects requiring smaller amounts of funding are welcome and will be considered. Due to the capped funding available, not every application that meets the eligibility criteria will receive funding.

Can I apply for more than one Grant?
One organisation may apply for more than one Grant for different projects. Separate Application Forms will be required for each project.

Who can apply for the Palliative Care 2020 Grants Program?
Non-government organisations that can demonstrate experience, capability or interest in delivering innovative palliative care services and/or programs in South Australia, including but not limited to:

> Not for profit health and community services
> Peak bodies, including industry associations
> Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs)
> Private health service providers
> General Practitioner clinics
> Community pharmacies
> Carer support organisations
> Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations
> Universities
> Local community groups and clubs

Who is not eligible to apply?

> State or Commonwealth Government organisations
> Individuals

Will the Grants Program continue in 2021 and beyond?
The current Grants Program covers a 12 month period from the agreed contract commencement date. Funds must be used within 12 months of the Grant contract start date. Organisations should not have an expectation of ongoing funding from SA Health in future years.
How do I apply?
Step 1: Download and read the Palliative Care 2020 Grants Program Guidelines available from www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/palliativecaregrants

Step 2: Download and complete the Palliative Care 2020 Grants Program Application Form available from www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/palliativecaregrants

Step 3: Return your Application via email to Health.PalliativeCareGrants@sa.gov.au by 28 February 2020

When are applications due?
> Grant applications will open on 10 February 2020
> Grant applications must be received by 11.59pm ACDT on Friday 28 February 2020

What are the assessment criteria?
Grants will be assessed based on the following criteria:
> The extent to which a project aims to meet one or more of the focus areas under the relevant target stream
> Being patient/person-centred and holistic
> Engaging consumers, their families and carers
> A focus on safety
> A focus on seamless pathways, including shared care pathways and initiatives between services
> Being multi-disciplinary and engaging clinicians and consumers
> Leveraging technology and innovative service models
> Being outcome focused with clearly articulated measures of success
> A focus on sustainability or broad application across sectors

What are the terms and conditions for the Grants Program?
Please review the standard grant contract template available from sahealth.sa.gov.au/palliativecaregrants for indicative terms and conditions.
When should successful projects be conducted?

- Projects will commence on 1 April 2020*
- Once-off discrete project activities will be completed by 30 June 2020*
- Pilots or trials of new services will be completed by 31 March 2021*

*The above dates are subject to negotiation and agreed contract execution dates.

When will I be notified?

- All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by 27 March 2020.*
- If successful, you will receive a ‘Letter of Offer’ that will include the Grant Terms and Conditions for entering into a Grant Agreement.
- If unsuccessful, you will receive a ‘Letter of Notification’.

*The above date is subject to negotiation and agreed contract execution dates.

One of the two Grant streams is targeting Residential Aged Care Facilities. Can we apply for a Grant for aged care services in the home or community?

- Yes, if you have an aged care project in the home and/or community we encourage you to apply for the Priority Population Grant stream.

How detailed does the application need to be if requesting a smaller amount of funding for a project initiative?

- The Department for Health and Wellbeing encourages all organisations to apply for a small, medium or larger project, and outline the associated funding amount required. It is expected that your application will reflect and be in proportion to your project idea and the funding required. Therefore, applications for smaller projects may not need to be as detailed compared to larger project initiatives.
- Please contact the Department for Health and Wellbeing via the contact points provided, if you require further guidance.

What are the criteria for the once-off discrete (3 month) projects?

- Once-off discrete projects include small projects or products that can be completed in a short timeframe (to be finalised by 30 June 2020), such as the establishment of community workshops and development of publications e.g. pamphlets, guidelines etc.
If pilots or trials are deemed successful by the applicant/s at the end of the Grant contract, will there be any consideration or support to continue these initiatives?

> This Grants Program offers an invaluable opportunity to better understand the palliative care sector’s requirements for future activities. At this stage there is no commitment for future funding, beyond this Grant period.

What is the total amount of funding available?

> The total amount of funding that has been approved for the Grants Program is $1.392 million.

Why are other priority populations, such as Dementia not included in the Grants documentation?

> We encourage all other diverse population groups not listed as examples, such as Dementia; and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer (or Questioning), Transgender and Intersex (LGBTQI), to apply for funding. Refer to the Palliative Care Needs in South Australia – October 2019 report that addresses the needs of diverse populations.

What services and programs can be applied for, outside of the clinical environment?

> The Grants Program is not exclusive. The State Government is committed to improving and diversifying palliative care across South Australia.

> There is scope for organisations to develop and work in partnerships, either directly or indirectly. Key partners may be used to inform your proposal and/or develop ongoing working relationships to deliver your services.

If an organisation has multiple Grant proposals, will they all be considered, or will the Department for Health and Wellbeing only accept one proposal per organisation?

> An organisation can apply for more than one Grant, and each application will be assessed individually and on its own merit, as per the assessment criteria.

> Please note that you will need to complete separate applications for each proposal.

> The Grant Assessment Panel is independent and will comprise a representative from:

- The Commission on Excellence and Innovation in Health
- Health Services Programs and Funding
- Office for Ageing Well
- Consumer/carer
Can I apply for a Grant to purchase equipment?

- No, funding exclusively for palliative care equipment is not supported by the Grants Program, which is focused on technological solutions, innovative practices, improving workforce capacity and development of new models of care.
- The Department for Health and Wellbeing understands that there may be projects that have technological and other innovative solutions to improve palliative care, and these should be itemised in the budget section of the application.

Can projects run for longer than 12 months?

- Project duration is subject to negotiation and agreed contract execution dates. For example, additional time may be required to facilitate a culturally appropriate community consultation period to allow for successful project completion.
- Should you require an extension, please indicate the reasoning on your application form.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

The Department for Health and Wellbeing, Health Services Programs & Funding Branch via:

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