Palliative Care 2020 Grants Program

Grant Guidelines

Please read through these Grant Guidelines prior to submitting an application for the Palliative Care 2020 Grants Program. These guidelines are intended to help you to provide the relevant information required for your Grants Program application.

What is the State Government’s current focus on palliative care?
The State Government has made a commitment to improve and diversify quality palliative care options in our state, including the provision of 24-hour, 7 days a week services and greater support for care in the community. The State Government has invested a significant $16 million from 2018-19 to 2021-22 to:

> Expand community outreach palliative care services from the current weekday service to provide a 24-hour service, 7 days a week.
> Undertake a state-wide assessment of palliative care needs.
> Establish a state-wide clinical network for palliative care which will undertake the urgent task of co-designing and delivering a new Palliative Care Services Plan.

The Department for Health and Wellbeing has now completed the assessment of palliative care needs and the report is available from www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/palliativecaregrants. It highlights that in addition to population growth, increased longevity in South Australians will contribute to higher numbers of older people in the population. This will change the nature of diseases, and the time and way that people die.

Different and changing health needs require services to be delivered at the right time and location (primary care, community, residential care, hospital) to meet the needs of the palliative care population. There are groups in the community who have special needs in relation to palliative care. These include children, Aboriginal Australians, people who experience complex needs and disabilities, those living in rural and remote communities, and those with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The needs of these specific groups are often difficult to meet adequately within the current service arrangements. Technological solutions, innovative practices, improving workforce capacity and development of new models of care are necessary to improve palliative care access for these populations.
What is the Palliative Care 2020 Grants Program?
The Palliative Care 2020 Grants Program is an opportunity for 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 most.

What are the two target streams for the Palliative Care 2020 Grants Program?

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

What target stream should I apply for?

Improving Palliative Care in Residential Aged Care Facilities:

These Grants are specifically designed for projects that will deliver improved outcomes in palliative care in residential aged care facilities.

Improving Palliative Care for Priority Populations:

These Grants are specifically designed for projects aiming to improve palliative care outcomes for priority populations as identified by the Palliative Care Needs in South Australia Report (listed below).

Note:
- If your project relates to a priority population in a residential aged care facility, please apply for Improving Palliative Care in Residential Aged Care Facilities.
- One organisation may apply for more than one Grant for different projects. Separate Application Forms will be required for each project.
How much are the Grants for?

> A limited number of Grants of up to a maximum of $150,000 per Grant are available (GST exclusive).
> One organisation may apply for more than one Grant for different projects, using separate Application Forms.
> 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.

Do applications need to be for the full $150,000?

> $150,000 is the maximum amount available for a Grant. Projects requiring smaller amounts of funding are welcome and will be considered.

Who can apply?

> 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

What kinds of projects can be funded?

> Once-off discrete project activity completed by 30 June 2020.
> Pilot or trial of new service or intervention completed within 12 months of Grant contract start date.
What are some examples of potential projects?

| Once-off discrete project activity | Website service directory for rural town  
| Pilot or trial of new service or intervention | GP liaison  
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| | After hours telehealth  
| | Specialist clinician mentoring program  
| | Carer support programs  
| | Medication management  

What cannot be funded?

> Goods that have been purchased prior to the Grant contract date.
> Existing activities / programs which were established or were completed prior to the Grant contract date.
> Duplication of existing services already available to the South Australian community (note: this does not apply to new provision of an existing service where specifically tailored to meet an identified need).

What are the key dates?

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*Subject to agreed contract execution dates

How do I apply?

Applications for the Palliative Care 2020 Grants Program must be submitted by completing a Grant Application Form, which is available from www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/palliativecaregrants. Applications must be submitted to the Department for Health and Wellbeing via Health.PalliativeCareGrants@sa.gov.au by the closing date (28 February 2020).
How will applications be assessed?
Applications will be assessed by the Department for Health and Wellbeing through a designated Assessment Panel. The Department may request more information or a meeting with some applicants to determine the appropriateness of the application.

Due to the capped funding available, not every application that meets the eligibility criteria will receive funding.

All eligible applications 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

How do I work in partnership?
As part of the application you need to detail who your key partners are to enable successful delivery of your project. Key partners may have a direct relationship with the project and/or they may inform and guide the development of your project proposal. For example, as a Residential Aged Care Facility you may have project proposals that would be enhanced by working in partnership with the South Australian Ambulance Service.

How will applicants be advised about the status of their Grant application?
Applicants, successful and unsuccessful, will be notified in writing of the Department’s decision via emailed letter upon conclusion of the Assessment Panel’s assessment process.

What happens if we are successful?
Successful Grant recipients must enter into a Grant Contract with the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. This will outline the agreed service outputs and outcomes for the approved Grant.
At the completion of the Palliative Care 2020 Grants Program, the funded organisations must provide:

- Acquitted financial statement detailing how funds were expended and evidence of expenditure; and
- An evaluation report form summarising the program/initiative/project, whether the outcomes were achieved, the impact this had, and the sustainability of the project.

Pilot or trial projects will be required to provide progress reports quarterly, which will be reviewed by the Department for Health and Wellbeing.


Publicity and Information Sharing:

It is a condition of funding that the Minister for Health and Wellbeing may promote or publicly refer to any Palliative Care 2020 Grants Program project. This may be done directly or through the communication mechanisms of SA Health and the State Government (and may include press, TV, print publications, websites including social media and advertisements or any other means of communications whatsoever). Funded organisations will be required, if requested, to provide project related information for the purpose of promotion by the Minister for Health and Wellbeing.

Who do I contact for more information?

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