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Primary Health Innovation Fund Proposal

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BACKGROUND

The issue

- Whilst there is growing appetite for innovation and partnerships between PHNs and Philanthropy much of the funding commissioned via PHNs is constrained by predetermined schedules.
- There is limited Departmental funding for ever growing and more complex primary care challenges

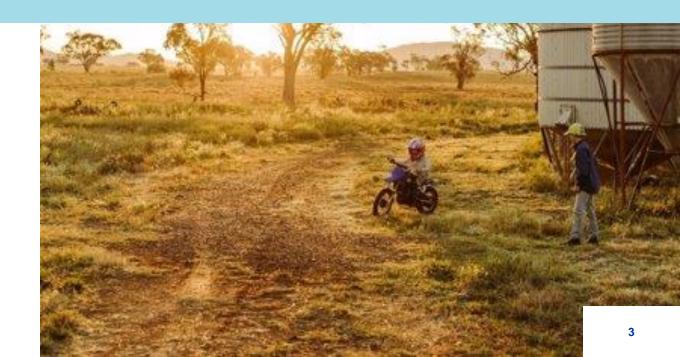
The opportunity

- PHN's generally have DGR 1 status, are independent not for profit entities with charitable status
- Government signalling of commitment to work more closely with philanthropy and doubling of giving agenda
- Philanthropic sector often has alignment with our cause areas, appetite for risk and are looking for new and innovative partnerships

Our challenge

• To provide the Department with tangible funding model they could support to facilitate the joint efforts between PHNs and philanthropy.

Provide the Government with a funding model that could support efforts between PHNs and Philanthropy



PHIF Timeline

July 2023

November 2023

February 2024

2024 ongoing

- From the original workshop
 with stakeholders including
 PHNs, philanthropic
 organisations a commitment
 was undertaken to further
 develop a conceptual funding
 model to present to the
 Department for consideration
- The Primary Health Innovation
 Fund proposal was finalised
 with endorsement from the
 working group.
- The proposal was sent to
 Minister Butler requesting a meeting to facilitate further discussion.
- The proposal was also disseminated through the Department of Health and Aged Care (DoHAC)

- A meeting was convened with DoHAC representation to discuss the proposal.
- Initial positive feedback with some suggestions for improvements and tweaking of the proposal
- The proposal was resubmitted as requested.

- Several follow-ups within the Department have occurred.
- To date there has been no concrete progression of the proposal
- Opportunity presents to reinvigorate the concept and proposal for further advocacy if the collective appetite is there.



ALLOCATED DOHAC FUNDING THAT CAN BE ACCESSED BY PHNS TO SUPPORT PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERSHIPS

PHNS MUST HAVE MATCHED PHILANTHROPIC FUNDING

INITIATIVES MUST BE INNOVATION FOCUSSED

CAPACITY BUILDING FUND FOR PHNS + EVALUATION

POTENTIAL TO FUND CENTRAL RESOURCES/TEAM

Facilitate Innovation

 Supports innovative health system changes that enhance outcomes and deepen impact working with community.

Reduces the long-term budgetary constraints in the national health system.

- Unlocks private capital to support innovations that are expected to lessen the long-term cost burdens on the health system
- Identify gaps and optimises existing initiatives contributing to a more comprehensive health system

Enhance access to primary care and social determinants of health

 Encourages projects extending beyond clinical care to social determinants of health and increasing access

Strengthening Partnerships

 Foster partnerships between DoHAC, PHNs and philanthropic organisations, identifying common agendas and knowledge sharing to drive positive change in primary care

Goals of the PHIF



- Opportunity to revisit the original proposal and concept to enhance, modify or take in a new direction
- Reinvigorate the discussion with Minister and department to raise the profile
- Discuss in this forum any alternative approaches



Where to next.....