

# Allied Health Development Grant (Summary)

## Grant Opportunity

Key challenges faced by the allied health sector in the Darling Downs and West Moreton Region have been identified through extensive primary care consultation and research, alongside local health intelligence, interrogation of local health data and health needs assessments, review of industry literature and reference to evidence-based research. Several themes emerged from this consultation including workforce challenges, issues with service access and availability, and sustainability. Themes that emerged from this consultation included shortage of new graduates, retention issues - particularly in rural settings, the impacts of NDIS on workforce and demands, and a lack of networking and professional development opportunities.

In response to the significant demand for services being experienced by local health professionals due to workforce shortages and the unsustainable patient volumes, the Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN are providing a capped number of Development Grants for eligible Allied Health Providers. These grants are being provided to assist health professionals to build workforce capacity within the primary health care sector to:

- Improve health outcomes for community members, particularly in regional and remote areas;
- Enhance sustainability of the allied health workforce;
- Provide opportunities for collaboration between health professionals involved in patient care;
- Support alternative models of service delivery.

## Grant Details

### Grants available

Number of grants available	Grant amount
4	\$20,000
5	\$10,000
10	\$5,000
8	\$2,500

In addition, if your practice has an innovative idea that would require more financial support than what is currently being offered through this development grant, the PHN invites you to submit a business proposal to apply for additional funding required to set up this innovative model of care.

### Timeframe

- Applications open: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Applications close: 5:00pm, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

### Assessment criteria

Grant recipients will be determined based on the application's alignment with the program objectives (listed above). In addition, the proposed program application should also demonstrate how the [quintuple aims of healthcare](#) will be met. Suggested grant activities and further explanation of the assessment criteria have been included in the full [Allied Health Development Grant Opportunity Document](#).

## Application Process

To apply for a grant, please refer to the [Allied Health Development Grant Opportunity Document](#) for further grant information, and to assess your practices eligibility status.



After reviewing this document, please complete the [online application form](#). For further information, please contact [Rebecca.cerqui@ddwmpnh.com.au](mailto:Rebecca.cerqui@ddwmpnh.com.au).

