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Innovation & Collaboration Grants program opens in Country WA PHN

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WA Primary Health Alliance has launched its Innovation and Collaboration Grants Program that aims to support local organisations to come up with local solutions that make a real difference for people living in the Country WA Primary Health Network region.

Country WA Primary Health Network general manager Linda Richardson said the one-off grants of up to \$20,000 are available to not for profit health and care organisations with the aim of engaging community, service providers and government agencies to achieve systemic changes needed to better coordinate support services for people with a range of health needs.

Ms Richardson said successful projects would have a focus on care and support for individuals and communities, ensuring the existing system works more effectively to meet their needs.

“Projects should demonstrate how, by working together, we can improve the health and wellbeing of people living in country regions and specifically small communities,” Ms Richardson said.

Projects funded under the Country WA Primary Health Network Innovation and Collaboration Grants program should address the following priorities:

- Keeping people well in the community;
- Coordinating care for people with long term conditions, especially co-occurring mental and physical health conditions;
- Services designed to meet the health needs of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people, including those of Aboriginal heritage;
- Systems improved to provide more coordinated and integrated healthcare, helping people get the right care at the right time in the right place; and
- Enhancing workforce capacity to achieve desired improvements.

Applications which focus on the areas of Mental Health, Aboriginal Health, Population Health, Aged Care, Health Workforce and Digital Health are encouraged.



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Ms Richardson said organisations are encouraged to be innovative in their submission.

“Collaborative projects will be more favoured however, applicants are encouraged to document how they are collaborating/ working with other agencies/individuals to address the health needs of the local communities,” Ms Richardson said.

For more information and eligibility of the Country WA Primary Health Network Innovation and Collaboration Grants program visit www.wapha.org.au

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