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## WAPHA launches Innovation and Evidence Grants Program

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WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) is pleased to announce the launch of its Innovation and Evidence Grants program for Perth North and Perth South Primary Health Networks (PHNs).

Perth North and Perth South PHN general manager Bernadette Kenny said the Innovation and Evidence Grants program is aimed to respond to locally identified innovative approaches which address the priority needs of a PHN.

“Our grant aims to promote and facilitate innovation in the development and testing of interlinked primary and social care models and systems,” Ms Kenny said.

“These grants will enable the delivery of locally relevant outcomes to support the population in selected areas of need in the Perth South and Perth North regions.”

Grants will be available for selected organisations to:

- develop and test improved models and/or systems of care and
- encourage collaboration of service providers to establish place-based systems of care in which they work together to improve health and social care for the populations they serve.
- leverage the resources and capability to strengthen whole of person care with integrated primary care

Ms Kenny said the projects and models are expected to deliver improved, tangible and locally relevant results through their research, which will measure the successful implementation for a particular region.

Grants of up to \$150 000 are available for projects up to 12 month’s duration, with the first round closing Thursday 20 October.

Ms Kenny said WAPHA’s vision is to keep Western Australians well in the community and the innovation grants are intended to help achieve health equity in WA.

For further information and for a pack please visit <http://www.wapha.org.au/expressions-of-interest-and-tenders/>

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- WAPHA is the organisation that oversees the strategic commissioning functions of the three Western Australian Primary Health Networks: Perth North, Perth South and Country WA.
- WAPHA's primary objective is to improve health outcomes and patient experiences through the commissioning of appropriate services where they are most needed.

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