

Western Sydney Primary Health Network Vulnerable Populations COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Support Expression of Interest: Grant Opportunity

Overview

As the management of COVID-19 in the community evolves, Western Sydney Primary Health Network (WSPHN) has been working closely with the sector to support the ongoing national vaccine rollout. As part of this ongoing work, WSPHN is offering a grant opportunity for practices that have capacity within their existing practice workforce, or be willing to expand their workforce supporting the delivery of vaccination clinics for vulnerable populations.

Workforce Support Grants for vaccination clinics targeting vulnerable populations

- About:** Funding is to assist in nursing & administrative workforce needs, this may be by way of increasing existing workforce hours or bringing in additional workforce
- Period:** Clinics can be run between 1 April, 2023 – 30 June, 2023
- Funding:** Capped at \$10,000 +GST per practice - this funding is for **nursing and administration support only**, General Practitioners must utilise the appropriate MBS item number
- Patients:** The clinics should target COVID-19 booster vaccinations (dose 3 or 4) for vulnerable populations including:
- 50 years or older
 - 16 years or older and a resident of an aged care or disability care facility
 - 16 years or older and severely immunocompromised
 - Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
 - 16 Years or older with a medical condition that increases the risk of severe COVID-19 illness
 - 16 years or older with a disability

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, the practice must:

- Have the capacity within their existing practice workforce, or be willing to expand their workforce to deliver on the targets
- Have at least one registered immunisation provider (separate from a general practitioner)
- Be participating in the national COVID-19 Vaccination Program
- Demonstrate how they will target vulnerable patient groups
- Fall within Local Government Areas of WSPHN region including the Hills, Parramatta, Cumberland or Blacktown

Requirements

Practices applying for funding must agree to:

- The timeframe of the funding opportunity they are applying for
- Funding being solely used to provide workforce and administration support associated with increasing COVID-19 vaccine administration
- Execute an agreement between the practice and WSPHN
- Invoice WSPHN in-line with the grant schedule and any reporting obligations outlined in the agreement

Outcomes

- Increased COVID-19 booster rates among vulnerable populations
- Increased COVID-19 booster rates within at-risk-neighbourhoods
- Timely access to the COVID-19 boosters for at risk groups

To Apply

Complete the below application form and submit to COVIDvaccination@wentwest.com.au by Tuesday, 28 March 2023.

Note: This **funding opportunity is limited** and we are seeking to ensure coverage across the local government areas of Blacktown, The Hills Shire, Parramatta and Cumberland. Applications will be assessed based on the criteria, not all applications will be successful, not based on merit but rather limited funding.

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Application Form

Please fill in the below application form and submit to COVIDvaccination@wentwest.com.au by COB, Tuesday, 28 March 2023.

Practice Name:	
ABN:	
Practice address:	
Principal GP / Owner:	
Primary Contact:	
Mobile:	
Email:	
Does your practice meet the eligibility criteria outlined?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What vulnerable population will you primarily target through these clinics	<input type="checkbox"/> 50 Years or older <input type="checkbox"/> 16 years or older and a resident of an aged care or disability care facility <input type="checkbox"/> 16 years or older and severely immunocompromised <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Years or older with a medical condition that increases the risk of severe COVID-19 illness <input type="checkbox"/> 16 years or older with a disability
How will your practice target vulnerable patients?	<input type="checkbox"/> Targeted recall campaign <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile clinic/s with identified community organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify below
Name of Applicant	
Signature	
Date	