

Grants Program FAQs

Q. Who is eligible to apply?

A. WCMICS partner health services. Health services can also submit applications in partnership with the following:

- Academic health science centres
- Peak bodies
- Research agencies involved in translation of research in practice
- Other health services and/or cancer care providers
- Charities and not-for-profit organisations

Q. What can funding go towards?

A. The funding is to support design, development and implementation of projects aimed to improve cancer care. This includes funding to back-fill to enable staff to be released from operational roles to work on the project. The funding should not be used to pay for clinical service delivery. The project must be working toward a feasible and viable model or service that does not require an ongoing (additional) budget source that is yet to be identified. Where the problems in a particular focus area are not well-understood, scoping projects to better define the issues will also be considered for funding.

Q. What project ideas would be excluded?

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- Projects where the primary purpose is research or trials.
- Projects where the outcome is a registry.
- Funding to support salaries for clinical work.
- Projects without commitment for ongoing budget for service delivery or clear structure for sustainability
- Projects that don't address the focus areas outlined in the funding guidelines

Q. Is there a limit to how much I can apply for?

A. No, there is no set limit on any one application. However, WCMICS offers 2 funding streams (Innovate & Improve and Scale & Spread) that have set total sum available to run the program. Up to \$400K is available for the Innovate & Improve funding stream, and up to \$900K is available for the Scale & Spread funding stream. WCMICS has funded Innovate & Improve projects ranging from <\$25K through to larger scale multi-site projects >\$110K over 12 months. For Scale & Spread projects, funds award are up to \$350K over 24-36 months.

Q. What is the application process?

A. The application process involves two-stages.

1. Stage one: Initial Expression of Interest (EOI) and the opportunity to 'idea pitch' to the funding evaluation panel.
2. Stage two: Following funding evaluation panel review, full application (project plan) are by invitation only.

Q. What is the criteria for evaluating applications?

A. The evaluation criteria will consider: the potential impact of the project, the technical merit of the project design and the value represented in the amount requested. The criteria will be further developed and weighted to enable the funding evaluation panel to score and rank individual projects.

Q. Who evaluates the applications?

A. The evaluation panel at a minimum consists of a WCMICS Consumer; a WCMICS Governance Committee member, usually the Chair; 2 members from WCMICS Clinical Management Advisory Committee; a DH representative; a representative from primary care; the WCMICS Manager and WCMICS Clinical Director. The process is facilitated by the WCMICS Services Development Manager.