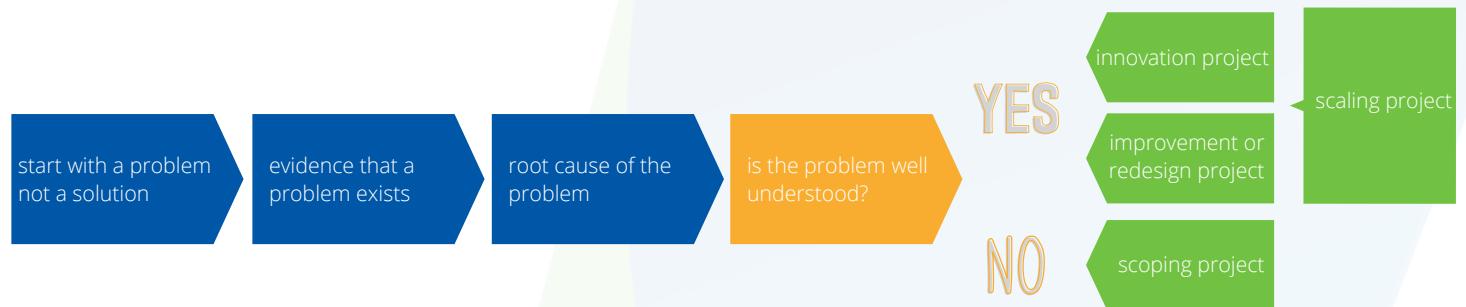


# tips successful grant application ✓

The WCMICS grants program offers health professionals within WCMICS health services an opportunity to receive support for improvement projects that improve experience and outcomes for people with cancer:

- investigate understanding and definition of a problem (scoping or redesign)
- implement and evaluate strategies to address a clearly defined current problem (service improvement)
- implement new or novel ways of doing things that improve both access to and the quality of, healthcare for patients (innovation)
- scaling up a previous project to more sites/tumour streams (spread and embed)



## helpful tips

- Look out for notification of WCMICS grant opportunities (usually August and December).
- Make contact early with the WCMICS key contact, who can provide more details about the grants program, assistance and advice with potential grant ideas.
- Look for examples of WCMICS supported projects via the WCMICS Improvement Hub.
- Consider the size of the problem – how many patients would benefit? What is the potential to expand learnings across other areas/departments/health services?
- Discuss grant ideas with your line manager and obtain executive support including early sign-off.
- All projects must demonstrate active consumer involvement.
- Think about the timeline to deliver your project—the grants program supports projects that impact patient experience and outcomes within 12-18 months or longer.
- Link your project idea to your health service Cancer Strategy and Services Plans, Optimal Care Pathways and/or the Victorian Cancer Plan
- Ensure your projects meet the eligibility, selection criteria and consumer engagement (see Grant Guidelines via the WCMICS Improvement Hub).
- Only projects that fall outside business as usual expectations will be considered.



### scoping projects must

1. identify a problem (provide initial data)
2. gather evidence to define the problem
3. outline a plan for testing strategies to address the problem



### improvement projects must

1. describe a problem (provide evidence)
2. implement and evaluate strategies to address the problem
3. have a focus on making changes to the 'current state'



### innovation projects must

1. be a new or novel ways of doing things that improve both access to and the quality of, healthcare for patients
2. create a 'new state'



### scaling projects must

be a deliberate effort to increase the impact of successfully tested health innovations so as to benefit more people affected by cancer and facilitate sustained improvements