

Briefing Session

Alcohol and other Drugs Treatment Access Expansion Grants & Post-Custodial Support Grants

Centre for Alcohol and Other Drugs
NSW Ministry of Health

10-11am, 6 April 2023
AND
1.30-2.30pm, 11 April 2023



Health

Welcome

Welcome to all NGO representatives and stakeholders

Purpose

- Introduce and brief NGO sector on two grant opportunities open to NGOs (including ACCOs) only for delivery of AOD treatment and support services
 - ❖ Treatment Access Expansion Grants
 - ❖ Post Custodial Support Grants

Presenters

- Tanya Bosch and Tanya Merinda as principal contacts for the grant opportunities

Acknowledgement of Country

Today I am on land whose Traditional Owners are the Cammeraygal people of the Eora nation.

NSW Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout NSW and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to Aboriginal Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal people today.

NSW Health supports the principles of the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* as well as the *National Agreement of Closing the Gap*.

In 2023, Australia will hold a referendum on an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

- [National Indigenous Australians Agency](#)
- [Uluru Statement from the Heart](#)
- [NAIDOC history](#)
- [Coalition of Peaks](#)
- [The Healing Foundation](#)
- [Reconciliation Australia](#)
- [National Agreement on Closing the Gap](#)
- [Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies](#)

About the session

Sessions

#1 10.30-11.30am, 6 April 2023

#2 1.30-2.30pm, 11 April 2023

Format

- One hour (35 minutes for presentation and 25 minutes for Q&A)
- Recorded for probity and reference – will be posted on NSW Health web page
- Guest audio turned off
- Post questions in chat function - we will respond to as many as we can today
- All questions and responses will be documented and posted on NSW Health web page through Q&A updates

Acknowledgement

- Opportunity coupled with additional workload
- May create stress and anxiety for individuals and organisations
- Bound by legislative and policy frameworks that govern grants administration (see [Grants Administration Guide](#) as reference)
- All eligible organisations encouraged to consider the grant opportunity

- Web browser may impact ability to directly open and download documents.
Workaround: Right click on file and select Save Link As to download.

Content

1. Background to grant opportunities

2. Grant summary

- **Post-Custodial Support Grants**
- **Alcohol and other Drugs (AOD) Treatment Access Expansion Grants**

3. Key dates and contacts

4. Key resources

5. Q & A

Background

- ❖ NSW Government investment of \$500 million over four years to deliver targeted health and justice reforms as part of response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug Ice (SCI)
- ❖ New funding of \$358 million over four years has been provided for health programs in response to the Ice Inquiry
- ❖ Aims to reduce the harm from AOD use to improve outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.
- ❖ Recognising the importance of placing the person at the centre of care, the funding will address gaps and improve health and social outcomes through prevention, treatment, and holistic support, including:
 - Increasing access to prevention, early intervention, and treatment, especially for regional areas and priority populations
 - Enabling a more connected service system through more integrated holistic approaches to care (“no wrong door”) and stronger partnerships
 - Enhancing digital capability and virtual healthcare through improved system navigation, access to information and specialist clinical advice
 - Building AOD workforce capacity and capability
 - Improving use of data and evidence to inform system priorities, performance management, research, and evaluation

Government response to priorities

Grant opportunities respond to and align with inquiry recommendations and policy priorities

❑ **Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug Ice**

Increase access to treatment services, rural and regional, priority populations

❑ **NSW Parliamentary Inquiry - Provision of drug rehabilitation services in regional, rural and remote NSW**

- Residential rehabilitation for women with children, Aboriginal people, and young people
- Withdrawal management

❑ **NSW Health First 2000 Days**

First 2000 days of life (from conception to age 5) is a critical time for physical, cognitive, social and emotional health.

❑ **NSW Health priority populations**

Including young people, rural and regional, Aboriginal people, LGBTQI+, cultural and linguistic diversity, people exiting custody

Post-Custodial Support Grants

Post-Custodial Support Grants

Aim

The Post-Custodial Support Grants aim to address the significant unmet need for support for people leaving custody who have a history of harmful AOD use. The Grants seek to improve access to support services so that more people released from custody who are at risk of harmful AOD use can get high quality care to improve their health and wellbeing.

Objectives

- ✓ Increasing client health and wellbeing and reducing risk of harms from AOD
- ✓ Increasing access to health and social services in the community including those associated with cultural and social determinants of health (housing, employment, training, welfare support, connection to country and community)
- ✓ Improving access to post-custodial support for people at risk of harmful AOD use across NSW, including in rural and regional areas
- ✓ Increasing access to AOD support services provided by peer workers
- ✓ Reducing the risk of suicide and overdose and decreasing offending behaviour.
- ✓ Reducing family, community and societal costs associated with harmful AOD use and reoffending in the post-release period.

Post-Custodial Support Grants

The Post-Custodial Grant opportunity has two separate streams:

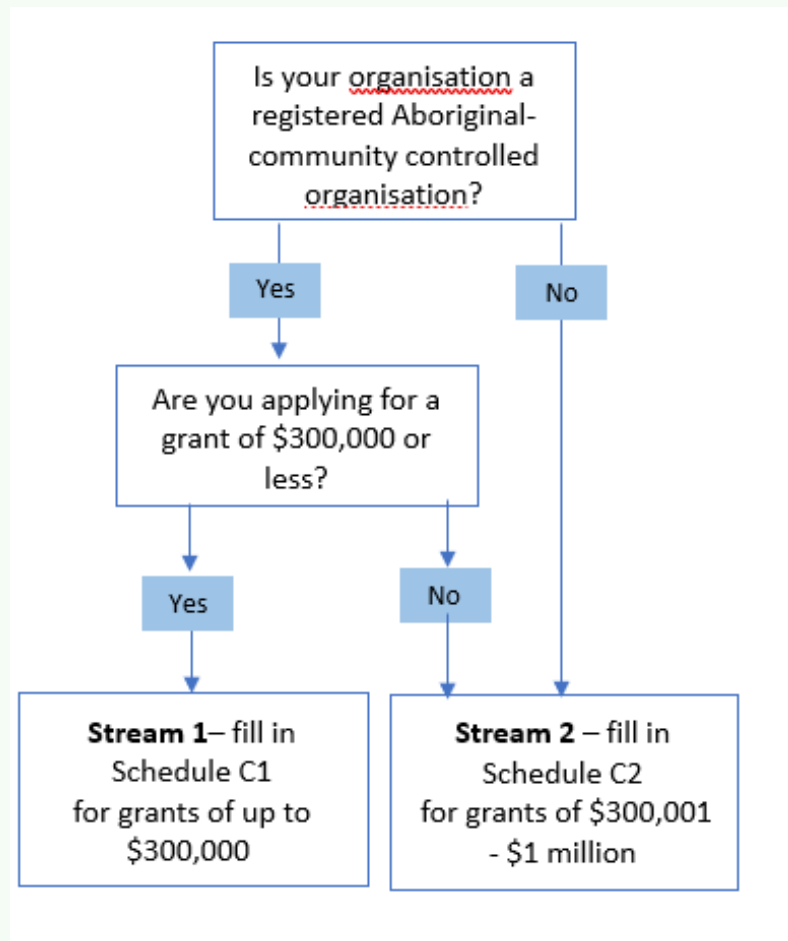
Stream 1: Registered ACCOs are invited to apply for grants of up to \$300,000 per organisation per annum (with a maximum total allocation for this stream of \$600,000 per annum).

Stream 2: NGOs and ACCOs are invited to apply for larger grants of \$300,001 to \$1 million per organisation per annum.

Stream	Funds available per grant stream annually	Minimum funding per grant annually	Maximum funding per grant annually
1	Up to \$600,000	N/A	\$300,000
2	\$1,400,000	\$300,001	\$1,000,000

Post-Custodial Support Grants

Grant stream decision tree



Post-Custodial Support Grants

Key points

- Total funding will not exceed \$2 million per annum (up to \$8 million over 4 years).
- Individual ACCOs may submit applications to both streams, however only one grant will be awarded to any organisation. If applying to both streams please indicate a preference in schedule A.
- This two-stream approach has been taken to support service provision by ACCOs and enhance culturally-safe support for Aboriginal clients. This aligns with Priority Reform 2 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, with its commitment to increasing funding for ACCOs as a means of improving outcomes for Aboriginal people.
- Stream 1 will have a streamlined application process to reduce administrative burdens as is appropriate for smaller grants.

Post-Custodial Support Grants

Key elements

- ✓ Through care - commencing up to 3 months prior to release and continuing for up to 12 months post-release
- ✓ AOD specific counselling
- ✓ Case management
- ✓ Support to access safe and stable housing, mental health, primary care and other health services and education, employment, and other social support services
- ✓ Peer support
- ✓ Culturally safe, person-centered, trauma-informed care

Post-Custodial Support Grants

Eligibility requirements

Stream 1:

- An Aboriginal community-controlled organisation
- Seeking grant of \$300,000 p.a. or less

Stream 2:

- Incorporated not-for profit entity (including Aboriginal community-controlled organisations)
- Hold current accreditation against the NSW Health approved accreditation standards for organisations delivering AOD treatment services(or working towards this).
- Seeking grant of \$300,001 - \$1,000,000 p.a.

Post-Custodial Support Grants

Application requirements

Required documents for Stream 1:

- ✓ Schedule A. Organisation Applicant Details
- ✓ Schedule B. Response to Standard Requirements
- ✓ Schedule C1. Response to Stream 1 Post-Custodial Support Grant Requirements
- ✓ Letter of in principle support from Justice Health NSW and/or private correctional centre health services

Required documents for Stream 2:

- ✓ Schedule A. Organisation Applicant Details
- ✓ Schedule B. Response to Standard Requirements
- ✓ Schedule C2. Response to Stream 2 Post-Custodial Support Grant Requirements
- ✓ Schedule D. Proposed Grant Budget
- ✓ Schedule E. Service Implementation Plan
- ✓ Schedule F. Service Staffing Plan
- ✓ Letter of in principle support from Justice Health NSW and/or private correctional centre health services

Treatment Access Expansion Grants

Treatment Access Expansion Grants

Aim

To improve the health, social and emotional wellbeing of priority populations who use alcohol and/or other drugs.

Objectives

- ✓ Increase the number and locations of community based AOD treatment services available to priority populations
- ✓ Expand the type and care models of community based AOD treatment services specifically designed for priority populations
- ✓ More people from priority populations access AOD treatment services
- ✓ Priority populations accessing AOD treatment services exit treatment with reduced drug related harms, and improved health, social and emotional wellbeing.

Treatment Access Expansion Grants

Grant packages

- Up to **\$58 million over 4 years** (up to \$15 million per year) from 2023/24 to 2026/27

- Five grant packages:
 - 1. Residential rehabilitation and withdrawal management for young people aged 12-17 years**
 - 2. Residential rehabilitation and withdrawal management for Aboriginal women, including Aboriginal women who are pregnant and Aboriginal women with young children**
 - 3. Day rehabilitation and case management for people with dependent children**
 - 4. Community based withdrawal management, case management and counselling for priority populations**
 - 5. Day rehabilitation and/or counselling for young people aged 12-17 years and young adults aged 18-24 years.**

Treatment Access Expansion Grants

1. Residential rehabilitation and withdrawal management for young people aged 12-17 years

10-15 residential rehabilitation (RR) places for up to 3 months per episode

+

Minimum 2 low-medium acuity residential withdrawal management places for up to 7 days per episode

+

Case management care to support access into and exit from treatment

Priority population

- 12-17 years all genders with dependent or harmful AOD use
- Targeted subgroups: involved in the criminal justice system, in out-of-home care, Aboriginal, LGBTQI+, co-occurring mental health issues, groups not already served

Priority location

- Rural regional, absence of RR for young people, strong evidence of need

Number of services to be funded

One (1)

Maximum funds available per annum

Up to \$2,545,00

Treatment Access Expansion Grants

2. Residential rehabilitation and withdrawal management for Aboriginal women with young children

10-12 residential rehabilitation (RR) places for up to 6 months per episode

+

Minimum 2 low-medium acuity residential withdrawal management places for up to 7 days per episode

+

Case management care to support access into and exit from treatment

Priority population

- Aboriginal women 18 years and over, including pregnant women, with or without dependent young children, with dependent or harmful AOD use

Priority location

- Rural regional, absence of AOD treatment for Aboriginal women, strong evidence of need

Key requirement

- Close to antenatal, child and family, and/or Substance Use in Pregnancy and Parenting Service (SUPPS) or Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Service

Number of services to be funded

One (1)

Maximum funds available per annum

Up to \$3,045,000

To be delivered by an Aboriginal community-controlled health organisation or in partnership with an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation.

Treatment Access Expansion Grants

3. Day rehabilitation and case management for people with dependent children

Structured AOD psychosocial day rehabilitation inclusive of group and individual support and counselling, delivered over multiple sessions per week for set time periods, in person and/or through virtual care

+

Case management care for up to 6 months

Priority population

- Single and families of any gender aged 18 years and over with dependent children, with current or recent dependent or harmful AOD use
- Priority to services for families with children aged 5 years and under

Priority location

- Absence of AOD services for people with dependent children, strong evidence of need in NSW locations

Number of services to be funded

3 or more

Maximum funds available per annum

Up to \$653,000

Treatment Access Expansion Grants

4. Community withdrawal management, case management and counselling for priority populations

Community based (non-residential) withdrawal management for up to 7 days per episode, assertive case management and AOD psychosocial counselling for up to 6 months per episode in person and/or through virtual care

Priority population

- Low-medium acuity withdrawal management needs
- Women, pregnant women, women with dependent children, Aboriginal people, people with cultural and linguistic diversity (CALD), LGBTQI+, young people, people with co-occurring mental health issues, people involved in the criminal justice system.

Priority location

- Absence of gendered and/or culturally/community targeted AOD services, strong evidence of need in NSW locations

Number of services to be funded

3 or more

Maximum funds available per annum

Up to \$500,000

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5. Day rehabilitation and/or counselling with people aged 12-24 years

AOD psychosocial counselling for up to 6 months per episode and/or structured AOD day rehabilitation for young people 12-17 years and/or young adults 18-24 years, in person and/or through virtual care

Priority population

- Young people and young adults of all genders with dependent or harmful AOD use
- Targeted subgroups: Aboriginal people, cultural and linguistic diversity, LGBTQI+, co-occurring mental health issues, involved in the criminal justice system, groups not already served

Priority location

- Strong evidence of need in NSW locations

Number of services to be funded

9 or more

Maximum funds available per annum

Up to \$530,000

Treatment Access Expansion Grants

Eligibility

- ✓ Not-for profit non-government entity incorporated under any of the following:
 - Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)
 - Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)
 - Cooperatives Act 1992 (NSW)
 - Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006

- ✓ Current accreditation against the NSW Health approved accreditation standards
 - EQulP, QIC, ASES, National Mental Health Standards*

- ✓ Three (3) years' experience providing alcohol and other drug treatment services

- ✓ Services delivered in NSW

- ✓ Services not already funded by NSW Health or other government agency

- ✓ In-principle support from relevant local health district

Treatment Access Expansion Grants

Application requirements

Organisation details (Schedule A x 1)



Response to eligibility and standard requirements (Schedule B x 1)

- ✓ Corporate governance and organisation sustainability
- ✓ Clinical governance and capacity to deliver AOD treatment
- ✓ Service alignment to evidence and guidelines, and for people on opioid agonist treatment, people experienced trauma, people with complex health and social needs
- ✓ Effective service delivery for Aboriginal people and people with cultural and community diversity



Response to specific Grant Package requirements (Schedules C, D, E, F, and G for each grant package)

- ✓ Identify the priority population and how needs will be met
- ✓ Service location and digital environment
- ✓ Treatment program size and period
- ✓ Model of care
- ✓ Service delivery partnerships and care pathways
- ✓ Workforce capability and support

Key resources

Post-Custodial Support Grants

Alcohol and other Drugs (AOD) Treatment Access Expansion Grants

- **Grant Opportunity Guidelines**
- **Grant application documents (MS Word and MS Excel)**
- **Grant Q&A**
- **Briefing session recording**

Example of key documents referred to in Grant Opportunity Guidelines

AOD NGO Service Specifications (NSW Health)

Clinical Care Standards: Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment (NSW Health)

Integrated Trauma Informed Framework (NSW Health)

Communicating Positively: A Guide to Appropriate Aboriginal Terminology (NSW Health)

Grant assessment

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Alcohol and other Drugs (AOD) Treatment Access Expansion Grants

- **Eligibility** – application, organisation, and service delivery
- **Merit based assessment against grant requirements**
- **Grant requirements have varied weighting**
- **Evaluation panel – Ministry of Health (CAOD, CAH), NADA, independent**
- **Monitored by independent probity advisor**
- **Recommendations to and approval by Executive Director Centre for Alcohol and Other Drugs, Ministry of Health**

Key dates

Post-Custodial Support Grants

Alcohol and other Drugs (AOD) Treatment Access Expansion Grants

Applications Open	3 April 2023
Application Close	15 May 2023 (5pm)
Grants Briefing Sessions	10-11am, 6 April 2023 1.30-2.30pm, 11 April 2023
Assessment of grant applications	May/June*
Approval and communication of grant application outcomes	June/July*
Grant funding agreements commence	July/August 2023*

** Dates provided are indicative and may change as the grant tender progresses.*

Key contacts

Post-Custodial Support Grants

Alcohol and other Drugs (AOD) Treatment Access Expansion Grants

Submission of grant enquiries	moh-caod-sci@health.nsw.gov.au
Submission of grant applications	moh-caod-sci@health.nsw.gov.au
NSW Health grant webpage	https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/Pages/sci-health-response.aspx
NSW Government Grants	https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/alcohol-and-other-drug-treatment-access-expansion-grants
Principal contact: Post-Custodial Support Grants	Tanya Bosch
Principal contact: Treatment Access Expansion Grants	Tanya Merinda
Probity Advisor	John Pinhorn, Procure Group jpinhorn@procuregroup.com.au

Question and Answer

Post-Custodial Support Grants

Q: How many applications can an organisation make?

A: Organisations can make one application to each stream they are eligible for. If you wish to apply to provide services in more than one area, this should be part of one grant application. Only one grant will be provided to any individual organisation.

Q: Can organisations submit an application partnered with another organisation?

Yes, partnerships and consortia of non-government organisations and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations are eligible to apply.

Q: How much capital funding is available?

A: There is no capital funding available for these grants. However operational funding can be used for minor infrastructure and fitout costs.

Q: What if I have tried to get a letter of support from Justice Health or a private correctional centre but they have not responded to my request?

A: If this occurs, please provide a copy of the email or written request you sent to the custodial health service and note that no reply has been received

Question and Answer

Alcohol and other Drugs (AOD) Treatment Access Expansion Grants

Q. Can organisations apply for more than one grant package?

A. Yes. Organisations can apply for one or more grant packages.

Q. Can organisations apply for more than one grant package to be delivered in multiple locations?

A. Yes. Organisations can apply for one grant package to be delivered in one or more locations, within a single application or by submitting more than one application.

Q. Can organisation submit applications in partnership or consortia with other NGOs/ACCOS?

A. Yes.

Q. When will funding and service delivery commence?

A. Funding will commence with successful applicants on signing of a grant agreement—estimated July/August. Service delivery commencement is dependent on the organisation's implementation plan and negotiation with the Ministry of Health.

Question and Answer

Alcohol and other Drugs (AOD) Treatment Access Expansion Grants

Q. What funding is available for capital expenses?

A. The Ministry of Health has a limited pool of funding for capital purposes for the Treatment Access Expansion Grants, with priority to be given to the two residential programs. Organisations seeking funding for capital expenses are to list any capital funding in Schedule D Proposed Budget on the line 'NSW Health Funding (Capital)'. The Ministry of Health does not guarantee any or all requested capital funding will be provided.

Q. Is the Ministry of Health able to release the 'heat mapping' data that has previously been mentioned?

A. The Ministry of Health is progressing development of an alcohol and other drug (AOD) related harm, risk, and service mapping tool to assist in understanding evidence of need/unmet demand and guide service planning. This information is not yet publicly available. Organisations submitting applications to the AOD Treatment Access Expansion Grants or the Post-Custodial Support Grants are encouraged to respond to requirements on evidence of service need using local knowledge and publicly available information, such as that in [HealthStats NSW](#), [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#), and [AIHW](#).

Closing

Thank you