



Health

Grant Opportunity Question and Answer Guide

Alcohol and other Drugs Treatment Access Expansion Grants

Q&A Guide #2:	21 April 2023
Applications close:	5pm 29 May 2023
Submit applications:	moh-caod-sci@health.nsw.gov.au
Administered by:	Centre for Alcohol and Other Drugs, NSW Ministry of Health
Type of grant:	Open competitive
Reference number:	DG23/413

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2.1	If we are applying for multiple grants within a single package, I understand that we need to complete and return the Schedule C for each application. Do we also have to complete Schedules D-G for each of the grants within the package, or a single Schedule D-G for each package type?
<p>Organisations submitting more than one application for a treatment package are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Submit one (1) Schedule A and one (1) x Schedule B requirements, and</i>• <i>Submit multiple responses to Schedule C, Schedule D, Schedule E, Schedule F, and Schedule G, according to the number of applications being submitted. For each Schedule C submitted you must also submit corresponding information in Schedules D, E, F, and G.</i>	
2.2	I note in the Eligibility Checklist in the program guidelines the requirement for current accreditation against the NSW Health approved accreditation standards and the 4 standards listed. On the NSW Health webpage that this eligibility criteria links to, a text box at the top of the screen says "The majority of non-government organisations (NGOs) funded by NSW Health to provide alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment services are required to hold current organisation accreditation against NSW Health approved health and/or community service standards for alcohol and other drug treatment services."Will AGPAL accreditation qualify us to meet the criteria?
<p>No. AGPAL is not an approved accreditation standard for organisations funded by NSW Health to deliver alcohol and other treatment services.</p> <p>Current accreditation against the NSW Health approved accreditation standards for organisations delivering AOD treatment services is required. NSW Health approved organisation accreditation standards are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluation and Quality Improvement Program (EQulP) Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS)• QIC Health and Community Service Standards Quality Innovation Performance (QIP)• Australian Service Excellence Standards Government of South Australia, Department for Communities and Social Inclusion• National Standards for Mental Health Services* Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care <p>More accreditation information can be found here https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/Pages/accreditation-standards.aspx</p>	
2.3	Will organisations who are “working towards” accreditation under the NSW Health standards be considered for the Treatment Access Expansion Grants?

Yes. Application from organisations with current membership of an accrediting agency that can demonstrate active and recent progress towards accreditation against NSW Health approved accreditation standards will be considered.

2.4 We are an AOD residential service ...[I] am enquiring whether we are eligible to apply for a [non-residential] grant.

Existing AOD service providers can apply for grants to deliver expanded AOD treatment services. Residential service providers may apply for non-residential grant packages to expand service delivery to meet the needs of non-residential clients. Grant packages 3, 4 and 5 are for non-residential clients (community/ambulatory/outreach/telehealth services).

2.5 Can grants be applied for to employ mental health specialists to work with our existing AOD clients?

Existing AOD service providers can apply for grants to deliver expanded AOD treatment services. The staffing mix of the proposed service may include mental health specialists as long as the service delivery model and activity is in line with the grant package requirements. For example, an existing residential service provider could not apply for grants under packages 3, 4 or 5 if they propose that those grant package services be delivered to residential clients (as these grant packages are for non-residential clients).

2.6 Has the grant closing date been extended?

Yes. The grant closing date has been extended from 15 May 2023, to the new closing date of 5pm 29 May 2023.

2.7 My organisation is incorporated under another legislation not listed in the Grant Guidelines and Schedule B. Can we still apply?

Yes. Incorporated organisations established under Australian legislation, with not-for-profit operation, are eligible to apply.

FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PLEASE SEE Q&A guide#1 available on the Grants webpage <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/Pages/sci-health-response.aspx>