

Suicide Prevention Fund



Health

The NSW Government has introduced the NSW Suicide Prevention Fund to provide opportunities for non-government organisations and community based services to deliver local suicide prevention services and activities.

From 2016-17, the NSW Government has committed \$8 million over four years for a Suicide Prevention Fund.

Non-government organisations and community based services will be invited to submit proposals for services or programs to be delivered under the Fund, through a contestable process.

LifeSpan

The Fund will align with the objectives of the NSW Suicide Prevention Framework, LifeSpan.

LifeSpan was developed by the Black Dog Institute, and commissioned by the NSW Mental Health Commission.

LifeSpan has identified nine local evidence-based strategies, which will be used in considering applications. These are:

- Aftercare and crisis care
- Psychosocial and pharmacotherapy treatments
- GP capacity building and support
- Frontline staff training
- Gatekeeper training
- School programs
- Community campaigns
- Media guidelines
- Means restriction

Services to receive funding

Services supported for funding will address identified gaps in local service delivery, providing local, targeted suicide prevention activities, and align with the LifeSpan objectives.

Any non-government organisation or community based service across NSW may apply for funding.

Additionally, non-government organisations and/or community based services may work in partnership, and submit an application together for jointly delivered services.

Applications

Applications must show evidence that there is a systematic need and/or service gap in their local area, and indicate how the organisation intend to meet the demands of high risk communities.

Successful applicants will demonstrate how they will collaborate with carers, people who have been affected by suicide and local suicide prevention consortia.

Capital costs will not be funded.

Applications are available at:

<https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/health/>

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