

# Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Care Small Grants Program Expression of Interest

## Information Session

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SWSPHN would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay respects to Elders past and present.



**South Western Sydney PHN services seven local government areas:**

- Bankstown
- Camden
- Campbelltown
- Fairfield
- Liverpool
- Wingecarribee
- Wollondilly

# Background

- Ageing population fueled by systematic healthcare barriers and fragmentation driving chronic disease burden.
- Allied health is a crucial but often missing piece in the primary care puzzle.
- Grant funding to enable innovative, sustainable and equitable model of allied health led multidisciplinary team care



\*Future focused primary health care: Australia's Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan 2022-2032

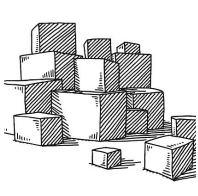
\*\*Building a stronger Medicare – Budget 2023-24

# Community Needs



Low awareness of Allied Health role in Primary care

Social, Cultural and Language barriers in accessing high-quality allied health services



Fragmented and siloed nature of healthcare

Inconsistent support to enable community to achieve wellbeing

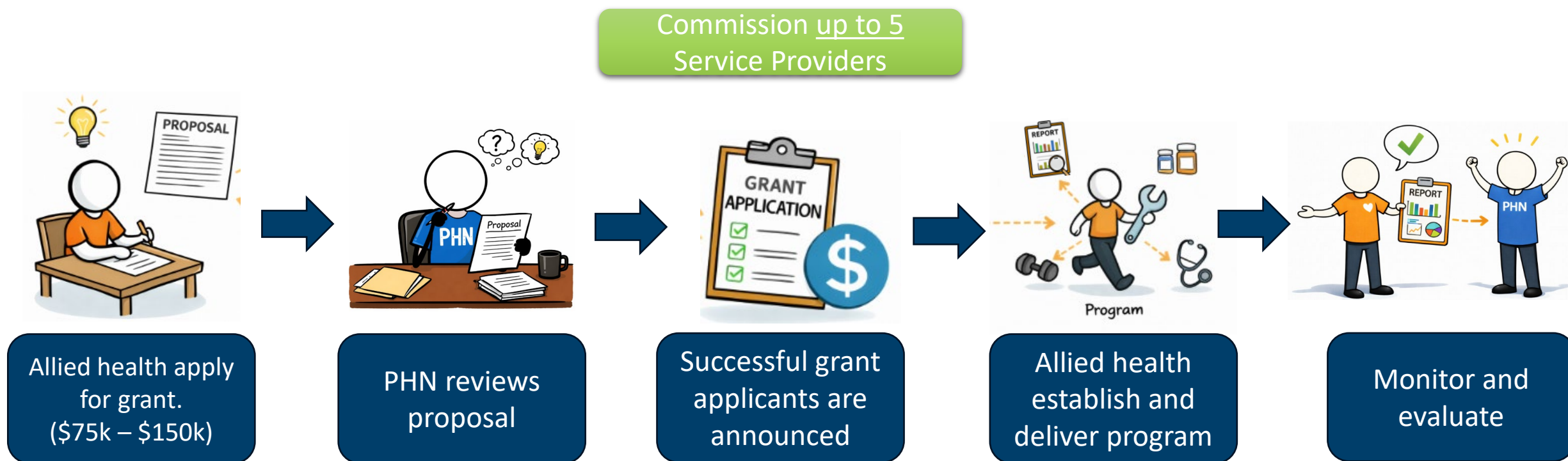


Table 2: Local Government Area (LGA) index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD), 2021(ABS,2023)

2021 Local Government Area (LGA) Name	IRSD		Index of Economic Resources		Index of Education and Occupation	
	Score	Decile	Score	Decile	Score	Decile
Camden	1045	9	1098	10	1002	8
Campbelltown (NSW)	947	3	981	5	949	6
Canterbury-Bankstown	917	1	949	2	996	8
Fairfield	814	1	937	1	919	3
Liverpool	931	2	999	7	976	7
Wingecarribee	1045	9	1055	9	1020	8
Wollondilly	1041	9	1093	10	960	6



# Overview of Procurement



# Service Objectives

## Service Objective One

Sustainable collaboration



Increase multidisciplinary team collaboration between allied health and small/solo GP practices in Fairfield LGA

## Service Objective Two

Equitable access



Increase access to allied health services and provide person-centred care for priority populations residing in SWS

# Service Outcomes

- Strengthen sustainable collaboration between small/solo GPs and allied health providers to support long term integrated, MDT care models.
- Provide equitable access to allied health services in the Fairfield LGA.
- Increase awareness of the role allied health professionals play in primary care, prevention, and overall well-being.
- Improve management of chronic diseases among individuals residing in South Western Sydney by reducing access barriers to MDT care between allied health and General Practitioners.
- Reduce potentially preventable hospitalisations and support secondary prevention of chronic diseases.

## Out of Scope

- Capital works: Funds cannot be used for capital works, construction or installing facilities or fixtures.
- Services that replicate or duplicate existing service provision(s).
- Activities that are not supported by clinical evidence.
- Other social support services.
- Costs associated with research.
- Services which require on-going funding from SWSPHN to be sustainable.
- Activities delivered outside of the Fairfield LGA
- Services covered by existing MBS item numbers, NDIS funding, My Aged Care funding, DVA or other funding schemes.

# Eligible Service Providers

Allied health working in Private, Government, Non-Government, Community based or Aboriginal community-controlled organisations.

To be eligible, Service Providers must meet the following criteria:

- Be an AHPRA or equivalent professional registered allied health practitioner with no conditions on working within the Fairfield LGA.
- Currently practice within the Fairfield LGA or intend to deliver the service within the Fairfield LGA.
- Demonstrated capacity and capability to deliver a service model in accordance with this EOI.
- Demonstrate efficient capacity to meet the required deliverables and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for this program.

## Eligible allied health practitioners who can apply for the grant include:

- Audiologists
- Chiropractors
- Dietitians
- Exercise Physiologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Osteopaths
- Pharmacists
- Physiotherapists
- Podiatrists
- Psychologists
- Rehabilitation Counsellors
- Social Workers
- Speech Pathologists

*Consider opportunities to incorporate Aboriginal Health Workers and Practitioners, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Midwives, Assistant health workers (such as Allied Health Assistants) within the proposed Multidisciplinary program.*

# Ineligibility Criteria

Service Providers will be deemed ineligible where any of the following apply:

- The allied health practitioner or organisations has formal known reprimands, disciplinary findings, or restrictions on practice listed.
- The organisations or businesses is subject to, or is currently facing, insolvency-related proceedings, including bankruptcy, voluntary administration, an application to wind up, or similar actions.
- The Service Provider must not be, or have a current, nor during the term of the Agreement (if successful), affiliation, partnership, sponsorship, funding arrangement, or other form of involvement with any gambling organisations, gambling operator, gambling-related association or generate revenue from gambling.

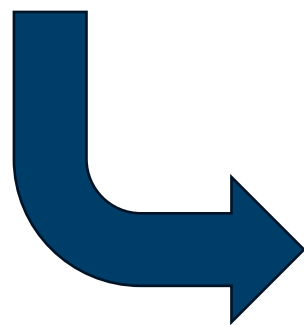
# Contract Term

1 July 2026 – 31 October 2027

## Phase 1

**Establishment and embedding:**

1 July 2026 – 31 October 2026



## Phase 2

**Full implementation and Service delivery:**

1 November 2026 – 31 October 2027

Minimum 12-month service delivery



# Target Population

Individuals residing within South Western Sydney who are living with:  
one or more chronic health condition **AND** who identify as belonging to at least one priority population group.

## Chronic Health Conditions

Arthritis  
Type 2 Diabetes  
Asthma  
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)  
Mental health conditions  
Neurocognitive disorder  
Cardiovascular disease  
Kidney disease  
Chronic pain  
Frailty

## Priority Populations

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Culturally and linguistically diverse people

People experiencing socio-economic disadvantages

Refugees

# Service Activities

The following activities **must be** embedded within the proposed program:

- Register your organisations with Provider Connect Australia.
- Establish and maintain sustainable working relationships and referral pathways between you and local small and solo General Practices in Fairfield.
- Design and implement a process to collect on department mandated demographic data, pre-program (baseline) measures, post-program measures, patient experience and relevant progress update.
- Communicate relevant updates and progress reports to GPs.
- Complete regular program reporting as required by SWSPHN within reporting timeframe.
- Provide GPs and program participants with avenues to provide feedback directly to SWSPHN regarding the program.

# Governance Requirements

- The Service Provider will ensure that minimum appropriate operational policies, procedures and systems are embedded.
- Service providers are to adhere to the structure and service activity of the MDT Care program
- Clinical governance is adhered to as required for allied health professionals

# Reporting Requirements

The required reporting requirements will include (but not limited to):

- The health-related quality of life measure "EQ-5D-5L" (PROMs)
- Participant demographic data questions
- Quarterly progress reports
- Six (6) monthly financial reporting
- Evidence of the Organisations registration with Provider Connect Australia



# Funding

The indicative maximum Contract Value **per contract** for the period 1 July 2026 – 31 October 2027 will range between \$75,000.00 - \$150,000.00 (excl. GST)

Funds must be expended in accordance with the following indicative cost caps:

## Up to 15% on Indirect Service Costs

Indirect support and administration costs/operating costs including the rent, utilities, telecommunications, HR, finance, IT, insurance, banking and audit fees, marketing, recruitment, contract management

## 85% on Direct Service Costs

Direct service delivery, clinical and non-clinical staff, intake and administrative staff

# Evaluation Criteria

## Criteria One (20%)

Detailed **Activity Work Plan submission** that is aligned with the activities and objectives outlined in this EOI

## Criteria Two (15%)

Detailed **budget submission** that is aligned with the activities and objectives outlined in this EOI

## Criteria Three (25%) Limit: 400 words

Program clearly demonstrates how multidisciplinary care with small and solo GP practices will be sustained and integrated after grant funding ends.

## Criteria Four (20%) Limit: 300 words

Priority population is clearly stated, and provision of patient centred care is clearly described.

## Criteria Five (20%) Limit: 300 words

Demonstrated workforce capacity to manage program administration, delivery and all reporting requirements



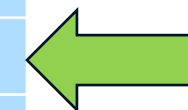
Successful respondent must maintain insurances of:

- \$20 million Public Liability Insurance
- \$10 million Professional Indemnity Insurance
- Workers Compensation Insurance (*if applicable*)
- Up to \$1 million Cyber Security Insurance (*recommended but not mandatory*)

Respondents will be required to indicate their agreement with the standard terms and conditions, citing any departures.

# Timelines (indicative)

Milestone	Date
EOI open	9 March 2026
Information session	17 March 2026 @ 11.30am
Last queries date	30 March 2026 @ 5.00pm
EOI closure date	3 April 2026 @ 5.00pm
Evaluation period	7 April 2026 – 24 April 2026
Successful applicants notified	May 2026
Unsuccessful applicants notified	July 2026
Contract commencement	1 July 2026
Establishment and embedding phase	1 July 2026 – 31 October 2026
Full implementation and service delivery	1 November 2026



All submission must be submitted through  
[SWSPHN's Web Application form](#)

The deadline for the submission for this EOI is  
**3 April 2026 at 5pm.**

Any submissions submitted via other methods  
or after 5pm will not be accepted.

Commissioning

## Expression of Interest now open: Multidisciplinary Team Care small grants program

09 March 2025

Funding opportunity for allied health  
providers – Fairfield LGA



### Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Care small grants program application

Tip – have this information handy before you begin your application:

- details and copies of your certificates of currency for your public liability, professional indemnity, cyber security and workers compensation insurances where applicable
- download and complete these documents:
  - [Activity Work Plan \[Word doc\]](#)
  - [Budget Template \[Excel\]](#)
- you'll need to reference [Small and solo GP Fairfield \[PDF\]](#) when completing the Activity workplan
- the [example Commissioned Services Agreement \(CSA\) \[PDF\]](#) applies to the declaration checklist step (step 5) of your application
- contact details of two professional references
- be prepared to answer three questions to describe your relevant skills and experience and readiness to take part in the program [view these questions beforehand \[txt\]](#)

Step 1 of 5

You may complete this application in more than one session by selecting **SAVE & CONTINUE**. The information you enter will be protected with a unique link which is displayed on the page in plain, unencrypted text. You will enter your email address to receive this unique link via email.

#### Privacy\*

I acknowledge and consent to the collection and use of my personal information in accordance with [South Western Sydney PHN's Privacy Policy](#). I also acknowledge that I am not sharing another person's personal information without their informed consent. I understand SWSPHN takes my privacy seriously and will handle my data securely.

#### Your details

First name

Last name

# EOI Questions and Answers

Questions	Answer
Where do I submit my grant proposal?	Via the SWSPHN website form only
Where can I send questions or enquiries?	<a href="mailto:tenders@swsphn.com.au">tenders@swsphn.com.au</a>

Respondents should send their questions relating to this EOI to [tenders@swsphn.com.au](mailto:tenders@swsphn.com.au) before the last queries date.

Last queries date: **30 March 2026**

Questions sent to SWSPHN will be addressed, and the response will be posted via the SWSPHN webpage.

All respondents will see the questions and answers with all identifying information removed.



# Information Sessions Questions and Answers



# Concerns

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If an organisation has concerns regarding the EOI process, they may submit a complaint to our Primary Care Workforce Manager via email.

When submitting a complaint, we recommend clearly outlining the nature of the concern, including any relevant details so it can be reviewed appropriately.

# EOI closure date

FRIDAY 3 April 2026 @ 5.00pm  
via webpage only



THANK  
YOU!