

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL HEALTH FUNDING STREAMS

The following is an outline of the funding streams the OAH uses for the procurement of services.

Recurrent (with review)

Recurrent funding may be provided where an organisation is delivering an ongoing health service (program) and will contain conditions relating to the organisations conduct and activities. Recurrent funding is subject to review to ensure that the organisation is:

- Providing the required service in accordance with the service specifications;
- Meeting all contractual obligations;
- Meeting the relevant standards of service delivery;
- Operating efficiently and effectively; and
- Meeting the health priorities of the community.

Availability of new recurrent funding is limited. Applications should be discussed with relevant program officers and can be submitted at any time.

One-off Grants

A small grant is a financial assistance arrangement or contribution provided for a discrete purpose and period. They are generally provided to organisations to carry out an established purpose or specific programs and will contain conditions relating to the organisations conduct or activities.

Grants are appropriate where:

- An organisation requires once-off subsidies, top-ups, seed funding, or funding for discrete projects, innovative trials, pilot programs or research of a non commercial nature;
- The grant is for a discrete period; and
- The grant amount does not constitute the entire financial base of an organisation.

OAH schedules two small grant funding rounds with closing dates on October 15th and April 15th each year.

Demonstration/Pilot Project Grant

The OAH will consider applications for a range of demonstration/pilot projects where the funding is non-recurrent but may require more than one year of funding (eg two to three years funding).

A demonstration/pilot project grant may include:

- Furthering knowledge, experience or training;
- Conducting a trial;
- Conducting research.

Availability of demonstration/pilot project grant funding is limited and applications are assessed concurrently with the small grant funding rounds with closing dates on October 15th

and April 15th each year. Applications should be discussed with OAH managers or program officers.

Priority Opportunistic Grants

The OAH may consider applications that maximise opportunities of accessing specific skills not readily available. These grants are to be once off and for a specific purpose.

Examples of when a priority opportunistic grant may be appropriate include:

- Skill sets or qualified persons are in situ and able to provide a high priority service at short notice;
- A person engaged for a specific service also has the qualifications or skills to assist or assume other duties.

Availability of priority opportunistic grants is limited. Applications should be discussed with relevant program officers and can be submitted at any time.

OAH Scholarships

The OAH Scholarship program offers financial support to Aboriginal students studying in Health related fields. A range of scholarships are on offer including medicine, nursing, allied health, Aboriginal health worker, and postgraduate health studies.

The committee meets in March each year to consider applications. Successful applicants are funded until the conclusion of their studies dependant upon satisfactory academic progress.

Conference Attendance Support

The OAH Aboriginal Health worker conference attendance program is designed to offer support to Aboriginal Health workers in the government sector to attend health related conferences which are related to their work. Intending applicants must be currently working within the Western Australian Government Health system.

Applicants can submit applications to OAH where they are then forwarded to the management committee for consideration.

Financial assistance includes:

- Conference fees
- Return economy airfares
- Accommodation and meals in line with WA Government travel allowances.