

# LGBTIQA+ Health Program

## 2026 Grants

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# LGBTIQA+ Health Program – Round 1 Grant Guidelines

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## About the grant program

These guidelines contain information for grants available through the LGBTIQ+ Health Program (LHP) which is administered by LGBTIQ+ Health Australia on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. The LHP contributes to delivery of the [National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People 2025–2035](#) (The National Action Plan) in line with the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) and the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs).

Organisations with specialist expertise in LGBTIQ+ health and wellbeing are invited to apply for one-off competitive grants to support new and existing initiatives at the local, regional and national level that will foster access to appropriate, culturally sound and inclusive health care. The LHP will contain multiple funding rounds, and the design of future rounds may be refined based on the outcomes and feedback of previous rounds.

### Background

In 2024, the Australian Government released the National Action Plan, following the largest ever national consultation by a federal government to inform LGBTIQ+ health and wellbeing priorities. The National Action Plan emerged in response to persistent and ongoing health disparities faced by LGBTIQ+ people, including higher rates of mental ill-health, substance and alcohol use, experiences of violence and abuse, stigma, discrimination and social exclusion and barriers to accessing safe, respectful and appropriate care<sup>123</sup>. The National Action Plan was designed to provide significant support to LGBTIQ+ community-led organisations (as defined in the glossary on page 25) by embedding them as essential partners, leaders, and deliverers of services that are targeted, culturally informed, accessible and responsive to the diverse needs of LGBTIQ+ communities. It reflects a commitment to health equity, acknowledging the need for systemic change across the health and wellbeing sectors for LGBTIQ+ affirming services.

The National Action Plan sets out a 10-year roadmap to achieve equitable health outcomes and improve quality of life for LGBTIQ+ communities. Its vision is underpinned by principles of health equity, preventive care, autonomy, and evidence-based improvement to service delivery. The LHP was announced in 2024 as one initiative to support the Australian Government's vision for the future of an inclusive and effective health and wellbeing system.

### Grant program objectives

As noted in the National Action Plan, LGBTIQ+ community-led organisations have historically been under-resourced, despite being critical to meeting the specific health needs

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<sup>1</sup> Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, La Trobe University (2023). Rainbow Realities: In-depth analyses of large-scale LGBTQ+ health and wellbeing data in Australia.

<sup>2</sup> Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, La Trobe University (2020). Private Lives 3: The health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ people in Australia.

<sup>3</sup> Australian Government Department of Health (2024) National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People 2025–2035

of LGBTIQ+ communities. The primary objective of the LHP is to support LGBTIQ+ community-led organisations and, where appropriate, generalist organisations (see definition of generalist service in glossary on page 24) to deliver new services or expand existing services, in partnership with LGBTIQ+ communities.

The LHP will prioritise resources and opportunities for LGBTIQ+ community-led organisations, or generalist organisations that have a formal partnership with at least one LGBTIQ+ community-led organisation. Successful proposals must show demonstrated expertise in the delivery of LGBTIQ+ health and wellbeing services, genuine partnerships, and build the capacity and leadership of LGBTIQ+ organisations.

The LHP has a specific concentration on Focus Areas 2 and 3 in the National Action Plan (*Strengthen preventive health, protective factors and build health literacy; Enhance accessibility, availability and safety of healthcare services*).

<b>Strengthen preventive health, protective factors and build health literacy</b>	<b>Enhance accessibility, availability and safety of healthcare services</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce modifiable risk factors and improve preventive health measures</li> <li>• Improve the health literacy of (and about) LGBTIQ+ people</li> <li>• Foster community connections within and across LGBTIQ+ communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build capacity and scale of health and wellbeing services for LGBTIQ+ people</li> <li>• Support LGBTIQ+ people navigating through the health system</li> <li>• Support LGBTIQ+ people to access appropriate domestic, family and sexual violence supports</li> <li>• Minimise barriers to accessing LGBTIQ+ inclusive care</li> <li>• Ensure mental health and suicide prevention services are culturally safe and responsive to the needs of LGBTIQ+ people</li> </ul>

Specific objectives of the LHP are:

- building the capacity and capability of organisations to enhance accessibility, availability and safety of healthcare services for LGBTIQ+ people.
- building the capacity in communities through strengthened partnerships to enhance preventive health, protective factors and build health literacy for LGBTIQ+ communities.
- growing the evidence base to inform decision making and enhance future action and support for LGBTIQ+ communities.

The intended outcomes of the LHP are:

- improved health and wellbeing for LGBTIQ+ people through access to safe, respectful, high-quality, and inclusive services.
- reduced preventable mortality and morbidity via health promotion, improved health literacy, disease prevention, and early intervention.
- better outcomes for priority subpopulations at greatest risk, including First Nations people, those in regional and remote areas, people with disability, culturally and

linguistically diverse communities, those experiencing mental ill-health, and people impacted by domestic, family and sexual violence.

- enhanced delivery of care that is safe, high-quality, affirming, trauma-informed, and person-centred.
- increased understanding of LGBTIQ+ health and wellbeing experiences through robust data collection, analysis, and evaluation of policies, programs, and services.

# LGBTIQ+ Health Program processes

**The LGBTIQ+ Health Program (LHP) is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives**

The LHP contributes to the delivery of the [National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People 2025–2035](#) in line with the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024](#).



**The grant opportunity opens**

LHA will publish the grant guidelines on the [LHA website](#) and [GrantConnect](#).



**You complete and submit a grant application**

You complete the application form and address all the eligibility and assessment criteria to be considered for a grant.



**LHA will facilitate the assessment of all grant applications**

An independent Grant Assessment Panel will assess the applications against eligibility and assessment criteria, including an overall evaluation of value with relevant money.



**Grant recommendations are made to Government**

LHA provides recommendations to the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing on the merits of each application.



**Grant decisions are made**

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing examines the recommendations made by LHA and approves the successful applications. Note, the Department may deviate from funding recommendations made by LHA.



**LHA notify you of the outcome**

LHA will advise you of the outcome of your application. We may not notify unsuccessful applicants until grant agreements have been executed with successful applicants.



**LHA enters into a grant agreement**

LHA will enter into a grant agreement with you if you have been successful. Details of grant are published on [LHA website](#) and [GrantConnect](#).



**Delivery of grant**

You undertake the grant activity as set out in your grant agreement. LHA manages the grant by maintaining regular communication, reviewing your progress and making payments.



**Evaluation of the LGBTIQ+ Health Program**

You evaluate your specific program and provide insights through program reporting. LHA will evaluate the LGBTIQ+ Health Program as a whole. LHA will regularly update the Australian Government on the status and outcomes of the LHP.

## Grant scope

Applicants can apply for grants through the LHP under 2 streams. Eligibility to apply for each stream is fundamentally based on annual revenue thresholds for the previous financial years. Applicants will be required to provide a financial declaration or Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) report as part of their application to demonstrate eligibility for Stream 1 or 2.

Stream	Eligibility	Grant Values and Duration
Stream 1	<i>Advancing Organisations</i> – earning an average of \$2 million or less annually in the past 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to \$150,000 over 12 months, or</li> <li>Up to \$300,000 over 24 months</li> </ul>
Stream 2	<i>Medium-to-Large Organisations</i> – earning an average of over \$2 million annually in the past 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to \$750,000 over 24 months</li> </ul>

Organisations can submit a **maximum of one application per stream**. This means an organisation eligible for Stream 1 may submit one application in Stream 1 and may also participate in one (and only one) partnership application in Stream 2.

Organisations must **not** submit multiple applications within the **same** stream, including multiple partnership applications or any combination of individual and partnership applications within the same stream.

If an organisation submits **more than one** application within the same stream, only the first application submitted will be assessed. All others will be deemed ineligible.

## Description of the grant categories

### Capacity building

One of the aims of the LHP is to build capacity of the LGBTIQ+ health and wellbeing sector. Medium-to-large organisations funded through Stream 2 will be expected to support advancing organisations through national communities of practice, knowledge sharing and other capacity building activities. Advancing organisations will have access to resources and support from LHA, other LHP participants and externally facilitated opportunities.

### Eligibility criteria

Overall eligibility criteria for the LHP, as well as specific criteria for Streams 1 and 2, are outlined below. Your application will not be considered if you do not satisfy all the eligibility

criteria, both overall and stream-specific. Partnership applications may only be submitted by the lead partner. Eligibility for streams will be based on the annual income of the lead partner only.

## Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

1. To be eligible, you must demonstrate the application is on behalf of an organisation where the service is:
  - a. an LGBTIQ+ community-led health and wellbeing service (see definition in glossary on page 25), or
  - b. a partnership between an LGBTIQ+ community-led health and wellbeing service and other health and wellbeing service, where shared resourcing and decision-making is demonstrated, or
  - c. delivered by a generalist organisation but *primarily* intended to improve the health or wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ people and this service has been running within the past 3 years (i.e. was operating for any amount of time between January 2023 to now).

Please note, organisations eligible under option b or c will need to provide specific information supporting their application, including evidence of partnership arrangements and letters of support from LGBTIQ+ community-led organisations.

2. The organisation's proposed program must address one or more actions of Focus Area 2 or 3 from the [National Action Plan](#).
3. Additionally, applications must be from, or auspiced by, organisations that:
  - a. are a non-government organisation
  - b. are registered with the ACNC
  - c. have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
  - d. are registered for the purposes of GST
  - e. have an account with an Australian financial institution
  - f. are a legal entity with the capacity to enter into a legally binding agreement or contract
  - g. hold current public liability insurance appropriate for the proposed activities (evidence required at application stage)
  - h. have a governing body (e.g., board or management committee) responsible for organisational decision-making
  - i. maintain financial controls, including authorised signatories for expenditure
  - j. have processes in place to manage conflicts of interest and complaints appropriate to the size of the organisation

## Stream 1 – Advancing Organisations

This grant opportunity is intended to provide resourcing to smaller, emerging organisations to build capacity and organisational sustainability.

To be eligible for this funding stream, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have an average annual revenue of less than \$2 million for the past 3 years.

- Meet other LHP eligibility criteria above.

## Stream 2 – Medium-to-Large Organisations

This grant opportunity supports medium-to-large organisations with more established governance and operating capability.

To be eligible for this funding stream, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have an average annual revenue of \$2 million or more for the past 3 years.
- Meets other LHP eligibility criteria listed above.

## Partnership applications

If applying as a partnership, only the lead partner submits an application. Stream eligibility for partnership applications will be determined solely by the annual income of the lead applicant in the partnership.

The lead applicant must provide evidence of the partnership at the time of the application. This could include a letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, or contract. The evidence **must** detail how the partnership will benefit the LGBTIQ+ community-led organisation and should commit to a level of financial transparency between the partners.

Applications that do not submit evidence of a partnership will not be eligible.

## Generalist organisations

If a generalist organisation is applying on the basis of their experience delivering an LGBTIQ+ health and wellbeing service in the past 3 years, they will need to include 2 letters of support from previous or existing partner organisations that are LGBTIQ+ community-led. Each letter must demonstrate LGBTIQ+ community backing of the applicant organisation to deliver quality services to LGBTIQ+ communities. This should include a testimonial referencing the applying organisation's capabilities that would apply to the proposed program or activity and include details of past project partnership/collaboration.

## Who is not eligible to apply for a grant?

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

- an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the [National Redress Scheme's website](#) on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'
- a Commonwealth, state, territory or local government agency or body (including government business enterprises)
- an individual
- unincorporated association
- overseas resident/organisation
- any organisation that does not meet the eligibility criteria above.

## Auspicings arrangements

Non-legal entities such as an unincorporated association may be able to receive funding where a legal parent organisation, or a legal entity connected to the unincorporated association, can enter into a legally-binding agreement on its behalf. If you are from an unincorporated association and not sure whether you are eligible to apply, contact [enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au](mailto:enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au).

## Grant amount and grant period

### Grants available

The Australian Government has allocated a total of \$11.939 million until the 2027-2028 financial year (inclusive) for the LHP.

- It is anticipated that most Stream 1 grants will be between \$75,000-\$150,000 per 12-month period, depending on the scope of the grant activity and its complexity.
- It is anticipated that most Stream 2 grants will be between \$250,000 - \$750,000 over 24 months, depending on the scope of the grant activity and its complexity.

### Grant period

The maximum grant period is 24 months. Grants in Stream 1 will be provided for either 12-month or 24-month periods, and this can be indicated in your application. Grants in Stream 2 are for 24 months.

The project, reporting and acquittal must be completed by 30 June 2028. At the end of the grant, you will be expected to provide reporting on activities, impact and outcomes and including a financial acquittal.

All grants will terminate at the end of the grant period.

### What qualifications, skills or checks are required?

If your application is successful, relevant personnel working on the grant activity must have and maintain the following checks:

- Working with Children Check (where relevant)
- Working with Vulnerable People registration (or equivalent depending on the relevant state/territory)
- Compliance with child safety requirements consistent with the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework.
- Any activities and services undertaken by appropriately qualified and trained workers in appropriate and safe health care settings. This includes registration and accreditation with relevant regulators such as state, territory and federal government health/medical regulators, the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency, the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care, and/or the appropriate professional body (e.g. the Australian Association of Social Workers).

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing recognises the Australian Government's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, and the [Commonwealth Child Safe Framework](#). As such, all grant recipients are expected to comply with all Australian law relating to employing or engaging people who work or volunteer with children. This includes working with children checks and mandatory reporting.

## What the grant money can be used for

### Eligible grant activities

The LHP can only fund delivery of the following clinical and non-clinical services:

- psychosocial support for treating or preventing mental ill-health
- peer support for improving mental health
- allied health services limited to physiotherapy, dieticians, and psychological supports (see definition in glossary on page 23)
- health literacy and promotion
- drug and alcohol programs
  - alcohol and substance use outreach and support services
- chronic disease programs
  - cancer and sexual health screening programs
  - outreach services relating to specific diseases (e.g. dementia)
- perinatal and antenatal support services, **excluding** assisted reproductive technology services (e.g. IVF). Services are limited to addressing the:
  - mental and physical health of pregnant people during the post-natal period
  - mental health of parents
  - physical health of children.

### Eligible expenditure

You can only use the grant money for costs that directly support the activities in your approved grant application. These costs must be incurred during your approved grant period, between the official start date and end (or completion) date for your grant activity. Any spending outside these dates is not eligible.

### What the grant money cannot be used for

You cannot use the grant for the following activities:

- activities already funded or subsidised through other sources, such as Primary Health Network funding, Medicare Benefit Schedule funding or other government funding
- delivery of health care or wellbeing services provided by the eligible organisation, outside of the scope of this grant opportunity
- costs of purchasing, leasing, depreciation of, or development of land
- paying ransom for ransomware, cyber-attack or any other type of cybercrime
- redundancies, and spouse employment
- major capital expenditure, major construction/capital works

- the covering of retrospective costs
- costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application, variations or related documentation
- subsidy of general ongoing administration of an organisation such as electricity, phone and rent
- staff salaries and related costs and administrative support not directly related to the grant activity
- non-project-related staff training and development costs
- making donations, gifts and sponsorships overseas travel
- activities for which other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility.

## Assessment criteria

You must address all the following assessment criteria in your application.

A Grant Assessment Panel will assess your application using the criteria and weighting below.

The level of detail and supporting evidence you provide should match the size, complexity and grant amount you are requesting.

Final recommendations will consider your overall weighted score, and other factors such as:

- geographic distribution of services (including metropolitan and regional/rural/remote service offerings), and,
- the overall mix and composition of funded programs, including to support different communities and regions, types of organisations funded, and the cohorts supported, including First Nations people, those in regional and remote areas, people with disability, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, those experiencing mental ill-health, and people impacted by domestic, family and sexual violence.

These other factors will only be considered where applications are otherwise assessed as being of comparable merit.

The application form includes text limits; these are specified below and will be on the application form.

### Criterion 1

#### **30% Project Objectives (500 words maximum)**

Applications demonstrate this through:

- A. A clear explanation of how the proposed project will deliver on specific National Action Plan actions. This should also detail the specific health and wellbeing gaps or emerging needs the project will address.
- B. How the project will help reduce preventable illness or death (e.g. through improving health literacy, supporting disease prevention, or providing early intervention).
- C. How has data, evaluation findings, and/or research been used to inform the design and delivery of the project.

## **Criterion 2**

### **30% Track Record (500 words maximum)**

Applications demonstrate this through:

- A. By detailing the impacts of delivering LGBTIQ+ focussed health and wellbeing projects in the past 3 years.
- B. The organisation's history of delivering respectful, person-centred, and trauma informed services designed with, and that recognise, the diverse, intersectional experiences of LGBTIQ+ people.
- C. Detailing how the organisation has used experience and learning to inform their work.

## **Criterion 3 (500 words maximum)**

### **10% Design and Milestones**

Applications demonstrate this through:

- A. Evidence of community consultation or ongoing connections with LGBTIQ+ communities.
- B. A well-structured project design with clear and achievable milestones, including an evaluation.
- C. Describing what will happen to the project after the grant funding ends.

## **Criterion 4 (700 words maximum)**

### **10% Risk Assessment and Capacity to Deliver**

Applications demonstrate this through:

- A. What controls are in place to ensure your organisation will safely deliver the project (e.g. staff skills, cultural competence, relevant policies, supervision structures).
- B. Detailing the governance, operational, and business systems to support long-term sustainability of the organisation.
- C. A robust risk assessment with realistic strategies to manage them.

## **Criterion 5 (500 words maximum)**

### **20% Budget**

Applications demonstrate this through:

- A. A clear, accurate and realistic budget that aligns with the project activities.
- B. Offering value with money (see glossary for definition of value with money on page 25), including cost-effective use of resources and efficient service delivery.

## **How to apply**

Before applying, you must read and understand these guidelines and the sample grant agreement.

Both documents are available on the [LHA website](#), which is the primary source for LHP grants information. Any updates, changes or addenda will be published there. If you register on the website, you will automatically receive notifications about any changes to these guidelines.

The guidelines (including any changes or updates) will also be published on [GrantConnect](#), as required under the CGRPs. All applications and enquiries must be directed to LHA.

The website also includes a link to register for ongoing LHP updates which will continue over the life of the program. Please note that updates specific to each grant round will only be sent to applicants who register for that round through the applicant portal. We strongly encourage you to complete this registration to ensure you receive all relevant information.

To apply you must:

- complete the online LHP application form via the application portal on the [LHA website](#)
- provide all the information requested in the form
- address every eligibility criterion and assessment criterion
- include all required attachments (as specified in the guidelines and application form)
- submit your application(s) by the published closing date and time.

You are responsible for ensuring that your application is complete, accurate and truthful. As administrators for the LHP, if any false or misleading information is identified, we may investigate and exclude your application from further consideration.

If you notice an error or missing information after you have submitted your application, contact us immediately on [enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au](mailto:enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au). Please note, we may not be able to accept your corrections or additional information, after the closing date and time.

If we identify an error or missing information, we may contact you to request clarification or additional information as long as it does not change the nature of your application. We may refuse to accept any additional information that would change your submission after the application has closed.

You should keep a copy of your application and any supporting documents for your records.

We will acknowledge receipt of your application via a system-generated email when your application is lodged.

If you need further guidance about the application process or if you are unable to submit your application online, please contact us at [enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au](mailto:enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au).

## Attachments to the application

You must upload all required supporting documentation as specified in the application form. You should only upload the documents explicitly requested below. Any additional attachments that are **not requested** will **not** be considered as part of your application.

LGBTIQA+ community-led organisation	Partnership organisation	Generalist organisation
Auspice support letter (if relevant)	Auspice support letter (if relevant)	Auspice support letter (if relevant)

LGBTIQ+ community-led organisation	Partnership organisation	Generalist organisation
Budget	Budget	Budget
Evidence of income	Evidence of income	Evidence of income
Evidence of insurance	Evidence of insurance	Evidence of insurance
	Evidence of partnership	Two letters of support

## Timing of grant opportunity processes

If you are successful, we expect you will be able to commence your project from mid-2026.

**Table 1: Expected timing for this grant opportunity**

Activity	Timeframe
Grant round is open for applications	4 weeks
Assessment of applications	4 weeks
Approval of outcomes of selection process and notification of successful applicants	3 weeks
Finalising grant agreements	2 weeks
Notification to unsuccessful applicants	2 weeks
Earliest start date of grant activity	Mid-2026
End date of grant activity agreement	30/06/2028

## Questions during the application process

If you have any questions during the application period, contact [enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au](mailto:enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au).

LHA's grants team will respond to emailed questions within three working days. Answers will be posted on the FAQ page of the LHA grants portal via the [LHA website](#). Applicants who are registered in the applicant portal for round 1 will be notified automatically via email when there are any updates to the FAQ.

To ensure fairness and transparency, please note that other staff across LHA are unable to respond to queries about this grant program and will redirect all enquiries to the grants team. Applicants should direct all questions to the [enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au](mailto:enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au) email address.

## The grant selection process

### Assessment of grant applications

We will first review your application against the eligibility criteria.

Only applications that meet all eligibility criteria will progress to the next stage.

Eligible applications will be considered through an open competitive grant process.

All applications that progress will be assessed by an independent Grant Assessment Panel, operating under a formal probity plan to support fairness, transparency, and integrity throughout the process.

If your application meets all eligibility criteria, the grant assessment panel will assess your application against the assessment criteria and compare it with other applications. They will consider your application on its merits, based on:

- how well you address the assessment criteria
- how your application compares to other applications in the round
- whether your proposal represents value with money
- the geographic distribution of services (including metropolitan and regional/rural/remote service offerings), and
- the overall mix and composition of funded programs to ensure funding reaches communities that are currently under-served and experiencing disproportionate health disparities within LGBTIQ+ populations.

## Who will assess applications?

An independent Grant Assessment Panel will assess each application on its merits and compare it to other eligible applications before recommending on which applications should receive a grant.

The panel will include experts from across Australia, bringing a diverse range of skills, experience and lived expertise. All panel members will be required to perform their duties in line with the PGPA Act and CGRPs.

The grant assessment panel established by LHA assesses applications, and based on these assessments, LHA recommends to the Australian Government which applications to approve for a grant. The Australian Government reserves the right to participate in all stages of the application and shortlisting process. Any participation will maintain a separation from its duties as the funding decision maker. The Australian Government makes final decisions on approving grant applications. Decision-making related to the use of public money will be made with integrity and transparency as outlined in the PGPA Act and CGRPs.

## Notification of application outcomes

We will advise you of the outcome of your application in writing.

If your application is **successful**, we will advise you of any specific conditions attached to the grant.

If your application is **unsuccessful**, general guidance about common strengths and weaknesses in submissions will be available on request. Due to the high number of applications anticipated, we are unable to give detailed, applicant-specific feedback.

You may submit a new application for the same or a similar grant in future rounds under the program. When reapplying, you should provide new or updated information to address any weaknesses that may have affected your previous application.

## Successful grant applications

### The grant agreement

If your application is successful, you or your auspicing organisation must enter into a legally binding grant agreement with LHA. We use a standard grant agreement template.

Each grant agreement has general terms and conditions that cannot be altered. A sample grant agreement is available on the LHA website. A schedule will outline the specific grant requirements, including milestones, reporting obligations and payment arrangements for your project.

LHA must execute a grant agreement with you before any payments can be made. LHA is not responsible for any of your expenditure incurred before the grant agreement is executed, and grant funding cannot be used to cover retrospective costs. If you choose to start your project activities prior to receiving an executed grant agreement, you do so at your own expense and risk. LHA may recover grant funds if a breach of the grant agreement occurs.

You will have 30 days from the date of a written offer to execute the grant agreement with LHA ('execute' means that both you and LHA have signed the agreement).

The offer may lapse if both parties do not sign the grant agreement within the required timeframe. In limited and/or exceptional circumstances, LHA may approve an extension.

Approval of your grant is based on the information you provided in your application. Any significant changes to your proposal after approval will require LHA's consent.

The grant agreement will set out:

- the start and end dates of your grant
- the grant title and short description of your project
- the maximum grant amount to be paid
- the payment schedule
- specific requirements to your grant, such as payments linked to agreed milestones.

### How we pay the grant

Grant payments will be made in line with the payment schedule in your grant agreement. You will be required to submit an invoice for each payment.

Your grant will be paid on the following cycle:

<b>20% of total grant</b>	Initial payment - paid on execution of grant agreement
<b>70% of total grant</b>	Progress payment - pro-rata at regular intervals or linked to specific milestones, as outlined in your executed grant schedule. Payments will only be made after project start date and upon receipt of a valid invoice.
<b>10% of total grant</b>	Final payment - paid upon LHA's approval of your acquittal report, including both the program acquittal and financial acquittal (no later than June 2028).

Payments will be made in advance, on completion of milestones, or through a combination of both, as set out in your grant agreement.

### Initial Payment

We will make an initial payment on execution of the grant agreement.

### Progress Payments

Subsequent payments will be made in equal instalments in advance or in accordance with the agreed schedule outlined in your grant agreement.

All payments are subject to satisfactory progress on the grant activity.

### Final Payment

Ten per cent of the total grant funding will be withheld until completion. We will release this final payment once you submit a satisfactory final impact and outcomes report, including all program and financial acquittal requirements.

### No indexation

Indexation does not apply to any grant payments.

### Grant payments and GST

Payments will be GST Inclusive.

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes unless an exemption applies under taxation law. Applicants and grant recipients are strongly encouraged to seek independent professional advice about their taxation obligations or seek assistance from the [Australian Taxation Office](#). LHA cannot provide advice on your specific taxation circumstances.

## Announcement of grants

If successful, details of your grant will be published on the GrantConnect website within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the date of effect, as required by Section 5.4 of the [CGRPs](#).

LHA will also publish information about your funded project on the LHA website. This may include:

- the funded amount
- your organisation name, and
- a brief description of your project.

LHA will work with the Australian Government if required to announce successful grantees, and any other information to be made public.

## How we monitor your grant activity

### Keeping us informed

You must let us know as soon as possible if anything arises that may affect your grant activity or your organisation's ability to deliver it.

We need to be informed of any significant changes to your organisation or its business activities, especially if they affect your capacity to:

- complete your grant,
- meet obligations under the grant agreement
- continue operating and pay debts due.

You must also notify us of any changes to your:

- legal name
- postal or physical addresses
- nominated contact details
- bank account details
- business structure.

If you become aware of a breach of the terms and conditions under your grant agreement, you must contact us immediately.

### Reporting

You must submit reports in line with the timelines and formats set out in your grant agreement. LHA will provide templates for each report, and you will submit them through the LHA grant management system portal. We will send reminders before each reporting deadline.

Your report must cover:

- progress against agreed grant activity, milestones, impact and outcomes
- contributions of participants directly related to the grant activity or project/services
- responses to reasonable, occasional data requests by the Australian Government on program performance

- a review of risks and mitigation strategies
- expenditure of the grant, in line with financial reporting requirements.

The level of detail required should be relative to the size, complexity and value of your grant. Grant payments will only be made once we receive satisfactory progress reports. If you experience or anticipate any delays in reporting, you must notify us as soon possible.

## Ad-hoc reports

We may request ad-hoc reports during the grant period. These reports may be used to provide updates on progress, or to advise on any significant delays, risks or difficulties affecting the completion of your grant activity or project.

## Final report

When you complete the grant activity or project, you must submit a final report.

Final reports must:

- identify whether and how the agreed outcomes have been achieved
- include the evidence specified in the grant agreement
- identify the total eligible expenditure incurred
- be submitted within two weeks of project completion (no later than June 2028), using the template and format provided in the grant agreement.

## Financial declaration

We may ask you to provide a financial declaration confirming that all grant funds were spent in accordance with the grant agreement. You may also be required to report and repay any underspends of the grant funding.

## Grant agreement variations

We recognise that unexpected events may affect ability deliver the grant activity as planned. In such circumstances, you may request a variation to your grant agreement.

Variation requests must be submitted in writing to: [enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au](mailto:enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au).

You should not assume that a variation request will be approved. LHA will consider each request based on the provisions of the grant agreement, the reasons for the variation, and the likely impact on achieving the agreed outcomes. Due to the time-sensitive nature of the grants program, significant extensions to timelines are not likely to be approved.

## Evaluation

LHA will evaluate the LHP program overall to assess how effectively it has achieved its outcomes and objectives. We may use information provided in your application, progress reports, and final report for this purpose. We may also contact you for an interview or request additional information to help us understand the impact of your grant activity and the overall effectiveness of the program.

LHA may contact you for further information for up to one year after your grant has concluded to support program evaluation.

## Acknowledgement

If you make any public statement about a grant activity funded under the program, you must acknowledge the grant using the following wording:

‘The LGBTIQ+ Health Program is funded by the Australian Government and administered by LGBTIQ+ Health Australia.’

Use of the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability & Ageing logo or LGBTIQ+ Health Australia logo without explicit written permission is not permitted.

## Disclosures

Any conflicts of interest, whether actual, potential or perceived, may affect the integrity or performance of this grant opportunity or the LHP. A conflict may arise if LHA staff, members of the Grant Assessment Panel, advisors, you or any of your personnel have a direct or indirect interest that could:

- influence the selection of a particular grant activity
- influence decisions about expenditure, assessment, or the provision of advice on grant opportunities
- advantage or disadvantage any applicant during the application or assessment process.

As part of your application, you must declare any actual, perceived, or potential conflicts of interests or declare that, to the best of your knowledge, no conflict of interest exists. If you later identify an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest, at any stage after submitting your application, you must inform us in writing immediately.

This is an open competitive grant opportunity. LHA member organisations will not be advantaged in any way during the administration, selection, or delivery of the LHP. Processes are in place to ensure the separation of duties in LHA’s role as a peak body and third-party administrator of the LHP.

More guidance about conflicts of interest is available on the Australian Government [Department of Finance website](#), including definitions, policies and guidelines.

## Privacy

We treat your personal information according to the *Privacy Act 1988* (the Act) and the Australian Privacy Principles. This includes letting you know:

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information, and
- who we give your personal information to.

Your personal information can only be disclosed to someone else for the primary purpose for which it was collected unless an exemption applies.

As the funders of the LHP, LHA will provide details of grant applicants and grant recipients with the Australian Government. The Australian Government may also use and disclose information about grant applicants and grant recipients under this grant opportunity in any other Australian Government business or function. This may include disclosing grant information on GrantConnect as required for reporting purposes and giving information to the Australian Taxation Office for compliance purposes.

The Australian Government may share the information you give us with other Commonwealth entities for purposes including government administration, research or service delivery, according to Australian laws.

As part of your application, you declare your ability to comply with the Act and the Australian Privacy Principles and impose the same privacy obligations on officers, employees, agents and subcontractors that you engage to assist with the activity, in respect of personal information you collect, use, store, or disclose in connection with the activity. Accordingly, you must not do anything, which if done by the department would breach an Australian Privacy Principle as defined in the Act.

## Key Contact

For any questions or feedback about the application process or the LHP, please contact the Grants and Procurement team at: [enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au](mailto:enquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au).

In the interest of equity and transparency, all questions received about the LHP will be logged, answered and included in a Frequently Asked Questions document, which will be made publicly available to any interested party on the [LHA website](#).

# Glossary

Term	Definition
Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (ACCHO)	An ACCHO is a community-run primary healthcare service that provides comprehensive, culturally informed care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. These services address not only physical health but also the social, emotional, and cultural wellbeing of individuals, families, and communities, aiming to support healthier, happier lives <sup>4</sup> .
Allied health service	<p>For the purposes of this grant round, services are recognised as allied health professions that have all the below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a university qualification accredited by a relevant national accreditation body</li> <li>• a national professional organisation with clearly defined membership criteria</li> <li>• clear national entry-level competency standards and assessment processes</li> <li>• autonomy of practice</li> <li>• a clearly defined scope of practice.</li> </ul>
Assessment criteria	The specified principles or standards, against which applications will be judged. These criteria are also used to assess the merits of proposals and, in the case of a competitive grant opportunity, to determine application rankings.
Auspicing	Auspicing is a collaborative arrangement where an established organisation (the auspisor) provides financial, legal, and administrative support to an unincorporated group or individual (the auspicee) to deliver a project.
Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs)	Establish the overarching Commonwealth grants policy framework and articulate the expectations for all non-corporate Commonwealth entities in relation to grants administration. Under this overarching framework, entities undertake grants administration based on the mandatory requirements and key principles of grants administration.

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<sup>4</sup> [NACCHO](#) (2026) Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs)

Term	Definition
Generalist organisation <sup>5</sup>	Services delivered by providers that do not fall into the category of LGBTIQ+ community-led organisations.
Grant activity/activities	Project/tasks/services that the grantee is required to undertake.
Grant agreement	Sets out the relationship between the parties to the agreement and specifies the details of the grant.
Grant opportunity	Refers to the specific grant round or process where a Commonwealth grant is made available to potential grantees. Grant opportunities may be open or targeted and will reflect the relevant grant selection process.
Grantee	The organisation which has been selected to receive a grant.
Health and wellbeing service	Any organisation, clinical or non-clinical, that delivers evidence-informed activities, programs, or supports designed to measurably improve individual or community health and wellbeing, and for the purpose of this grant aligns with the goals of the <i>National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People 2025–2035</i> .
LGBTIQ+ <sup>6</sup>	The acronym LGBTIQ+ has been used to describe lesbian, gay, bisexual/bi+, trans and gender diverse, people with innate variations of sex characteristics, queer, asexual/ aromantic and other sexuality and gender diverse people and communities throughout this document.

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<sup>5</sup> In this document, the definition for ‘generalist organisation’ is taken from the definition for a ‘mainstream organisation’ in the Australian Government Department of Health (2024) National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People 2025–2035.’

<sup>6</sup> Australian Government Department of Health (2024) National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People 2025–2035

Term	Definition
LGBTIQ+ community-led organisation <sup>7</sup>	<p>For the purposes of this grant round, an LGBTIQ+ community-led organisation is an organisation that meets all the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. has been initiated by, is governed by and operated by LGBTIQ+ people for LGBTIQ+ people,</li> <li>b. is based within those communities and delivers culturally appropriate and safe services that build strength and empowerment in LGBTIQ+ communities,</li> <li>c. is accountable to its members, who are the LGBTIQ+ communities.</li> </ul> <p>Not all LGBTIQ+ community-led organisations will focus on all LGBTIQ+ communities. For example, some organisations may or may not focus on targeted populations, such as people with innate variations of sex characteristics.</p>
Third-party administrator	when an organisation that is not responsible for the policy, is responsible for the grant administration processes.
Value with money	Value with money in this document refers to ‘value with relevant money’ which is a judgement based on the grant proposal representing an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources and determined from a variety of considerations.

#### Version Change Register

Version	Date	Summary of Changes
1.0	16/03/2026	Initial release

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<sup>7</sup> This definition is taken from the Australian Government Department of Health (2024) National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People 2025–2035, where it is referred to as an ‘LGBTIQ+ community-controlled organisation.’