

LGBTIQA+ Health Program

2026 Grants

LGBTIQ+ Health Australia

LGBTIQA+ Health Program - Frequently Asked Questions

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About the grant program

The LGBTIQA+ Health Program (LHP) is a grants program administered by LGBTIQ+ Health Australia (LHA) 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 LGBTIQA+ People 2025–2035](#) (The National Action Plan) in line with the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (PGPA Act) and Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs).

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.

Please read the Grant Guidelines, including the application questions, on the LHP page of the LHA website. For any questions or to clarify any details in the guidelines, please use the below email. In the interest of equity and transparency, questions received about the LHP will be logged, answered and if appropriate, included in this Frequently Asked Questions document, which will be made publicly available to any interested party on the website.

Contact Details

Email	enquiryLHP@LGBTIQhealth.org.au	Queries related to the LHP (<i>please note, questions for this round will close on Friday, 10 April at 5 pm AEST</i>)
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1. Why do I need to apply to LHA?

- LHA is acting as a third-party administrator for the LHP, however the LHP is an Australian Government funding initiative. The grants are open to any organisation that meets the eligibility criteria—there is no need to be an LHA member or otherwise affiliated with LHA to submit a proposal. Grant proposals will be assessed independently and final decisions about successful proposals will be made by the Australian Government.
- During the lifetime of the grant, LHA will act as a key contact to support delivery and monitoring of projects. There is no obligation in this time to join LHA or any expectation that grant recipients will engage in any other LHA initiatives.
- The LHP is being funded by the Australian Government to support the [*National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People 2025 – 2035*](#).

2. How many grant rounds will you have?

- Two grant rounds will be available in 2026; additional funding opportunities may be communicated via our website, social media and newsletter, contingent on funding availability. Sign up for the LHA newsletter here lgbtiqhealth.org.au/lhpgrants.

3. Will you accept late applications?

- Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept late applications in this round. There will be multiple grant rounds so there may be other opportunities to apply for funds through the LHP.

4. Can I send you my application by post?

- No. We require applications to be submitted through the grants portal. If you experience any technical difficulties or need support, please contact EnquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au as soon as possible for support.

5. How will I know if my application is successful?

- All successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by LHA via email.

6. Who will assess my application?

- An independent group of assessors will review grant applications and LHA will use the ranked scores to provide a recommendation report to the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing who will make final funding decisions. The identity of grant assessors will remain confidential.

7. Can I edit my application after it was submitted?

- Yes. You can update your application in the application portal until the closing date. After that, no edits will be allowed.

8. My application needs a Letter of Support; can I ask them to send it to you directly?

- No. All supporting information must be submitted along with the grant proposal to avoid proposals being inadvertently considered ineligible.

9. How do I know if my organisation is an LGBTIQ+ community-led organisation?

- An LGBTIQ+ community-led organisation is one where LGBTIQ+ people are central to the governance, leadership and decision making of the organisation, and the services provided by the organisation are primarily to serve LGBTIQ+ communities. You will have the opportunity in your grant application to explain how your organisation meets the definition.



Although a generalist organisation may have some LGBTIQ+ representation at their governance and leadership levels, and/or offer some (but not all) services for the LGBTIQ+ communities, their primary purpose is to provide services to the wider community and not exclusively to the LGBTIQ+ communities.

For this grant opportunity, organisations that do not meet the LGBTIQ+ community-led definition are considered generalist. These applicants must:

- be in partnership with an LGBTIQ+ community-led organisation that does meet the definition and provide evidence of the partnership, or
- provide support letters from two LGBTIQ+ community-led organisations that meet the definition.

Definitions can be found in the Grant Guidelines Glossary.

10. Is my organisation eligible for the grant?

- Eligibility requirements are outlined in the Grant Guidelines for each grant stream.

11. Is my project eligible for the grant?

- The Grant Guidelines will outline the eligible grant activities, these are the only grant activities that can be funded through the LHP.

12. My program is currently funded by federal/state government, can I apply for funding to add more staff to the program?

- LHP funding cannot be used to duplicate services funded by other government sources, however funding can certainly be used to expand a service to a new location or pilot program enhancements.

13. What will happen to my application data?

- We treat your personal information according to the Privacy Act 1988 and the Australian Privacy Principles.
- LHA will store grant information in alignment with the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles (CGRP) and Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act (PGPA Act), for the purpose of providing assessors with enough information to make their assessment. Information will be kept for 7 years and then deleted.

14. My application includes service user/patient data, will they be deidentified before it is assessed?

- Applicants should take measures to ensure that confidential information is deidentified before it is submitted for assessment.

15. Do I need to include GST in my budget?

- Please submit budgets with both GST inclusive and exclusive total amounts

16. If my application was not successful, when can I reapply again?

- We aim to run a number of grant rounds in 2026, and will publish dates on our website at lgbtiqhealth.org.au/lhpgrants

17. How often will I need to report back on my grant milestones/progress?

- Formal reporting will be aligned to the size and complexity of the grant proposal. We aim to keep formal reporting simple to reduce administrative time, however we will ask to see acquittal of funds, and an evaluation of the project should be completed and



submitted as a final milestone. LHA are happy to meet more regularly and to support reporting back. Additionally, Communities of Practice will be developed as a support mechanism for funded services.

18. Can I make changes to my milestones during my grant?

- We understand that some milestones may need to be adjusted and changed during delivery. Any changes to grant conditions will need to be discussed and agreed with LHA and the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

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19. I'm not sure whether my organisation is eligible, can you provide advice before I complete my application?

- For fairness in the application process, LHA is unable to confirm or exclude applicants' eligibility before the application period closes. We recommend reading the Grant Guidelines, National Action Plan and supporting information found on the LHA website closely when considering your application.

20. If a specialist LGBTIQ+ service/program is part of a larger, generalist organisation, will the service/program or the larger organisation be considered at the eligibility stage?

- Eligibility will be assessed on the organisation applying, not the specialist LGBTIQ+ service or program. Applications must be from non-governmental organisations and must demonstrate how that organisation meets all the eligibility criteria listed in the Grant Guidelines. An application from a generalist organisation must demonstrate that the organisation has delivered a specific LGBTIQ+ health and wellbeing service/program within the past 3 years.
- Generalist organisations must also 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.

21. Are consortium applications eligible for the LGBTIQ+ Health Program?

- Yes. Organisations may apply in a consortium but must follow the description on page 9 of the Grant Guidelines. Only the lead partner submits an application, and eligibility for Stream 1 or Stream 2 will be determined by the status of the lead applicant. Partnerships must include at least one LGBTIQ+ community-led organisation and must demonstrate the required supporting information outlined in the Grant Guidelines. If a partnership application is successful, LHA will only enter into a grant agreement with the applying organisation.
- The maximum amount of funding available for the entire partnership (regardless of the number of partners) is the amount the applying organisation is eligible to apply for.
- Please note that organisations may only apply for, or take part in, a maximum of one application per stream. For example, organisations who apply in an individual



application in Stream 2 may not also be involved in a partnership application in Stream 2, whether as the lead applicant or another partner.

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22. In the grant guidelines on page 12, it's stated that the grant funding cannot be used for 'activities for which other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility.' Can you give some advice on what types of activities would be excluded from funding based on this statement?

- LHP grants cannot be used to fund activities that governments are ordinarily responsible for funding or delivering as part of their core functions. This includes activities that are normally supported through existing government programs, funding arrangements, incentives or rebates.
- Activities that may be excluded from funding in this grant opportunity include any that would duplicate current government services or shift costs that would usually be met by another level of government. For example (not exhaustive), public hospital operations and clinical service delivery (e.g. staffing, day-to-day service delivery, routine capital maintenance).

23. How can I provide feedback about the LHP or make a complaint if I am unhappy with a part of the process?

- We welcome feedback to help improve future grant rounds. Feedback can be submitted in writing to EnquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au.
- A feedback form will also be made after the current round closes.
- Complaints must be provided in writing to EnquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au. A member of the team will acknowledge your complaint within 2-3 business days. Complaints should include the word 'complaint' in the subject line and include a description of what you think went wrong in the grants process, what you hope to achieve by making the complaint, and contact details for a response to the complaint.
- If you need assistance making a complaint, let the LHP grants team know, either by email or calling 02 7209 6301, and asking for a member of the grants team to contact you about a complaint. They can arrange a time to discuss the complaints process with you.

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24. Should we include interpreting costs within the project budget, or will these be funded centrally?

- LHA is unable to provide any additional funds to support project delivery. Project budgets should be inclusive of all costs required to deliver a project if the application is successful.

25. Is applying as a partnership optional?



- Yes, applying as a partnership is optional. Organisations may only submit one application per stream, including partnership applications. Organisations that are not applying as a partnership must meet all the other eligibility requirements to submit an application.

26. Can I meet with someone at LHA, or organise time for a phone call, to discuss our organisation's proposal and ask questions?

- No, for fairness in the application process, LHA is unable to meet to discuss specific ideas or organisational suitability. We ask for specific questions to be submitted in writing to EnquiryLHP@lgbtiqhealth.org.au.
- Applicants should rely on the information provided in the Grant Guidelines, FAQs and other supporting documents on the LHP website when preparing their application. These materials outline the eligibility requirements, grant scope, and the types of activities that can be funded.

27. Can an application sit across more than one National Action Plan focus area?

- Yes, applications that cover elements of both focus areas are welcome to apply. There is an option to select multiple actions and sub actions that relate to your proposal in the application form.
- Successful applications will be required to report back on the actions they have selected.

28. Can you clarify which organisations need to provide letters of support with their application?

- Generalist organisations who are applying on the basis of their experience delivering an LGBTIQ+ health and wellbeing service in the past 3 years must include two letters of support. Organisations applying in partnership, or LGBTIQ+ community-led organisations, do not need to provide letters of support. A summary of the required attachments is found on the table on pages 14-15 of the grant guidelines.

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29. Can you please clarify GST treatment in the budget template? Should GST be included in the total amount requested in the 'requested income' figure?

- The maximum amount available for each stream does not include GST. So for a Stream 1 grant requesting \$150,000 for one year, the total in the budget template may include an additional \$15,000. This can be detailed in the section below to include both a GST inclusive and exclusive total.
- Applicants who have already submitted a budget with their application will have the opportunity to clarify the amounts if needed.

30. Can an organisation submit its own Stream 1 application and also act as the auspicing body for a separate organisation's Stream 1 application? Or would this be considered two applications within the same stream?



- In an auspicement arrangement, a legal parent organisation, or a legal entity (the auspicor) connected to the unincorporated association (the auspicee), can enter into a legally binding agreement on its behalf.
- An organisation can only be an applicant once per stream, but an organisation acting as an auspicor may appear in more than one application per stream.
- Where an application is submitted under an auspice arrangement, the auspicee is taken to be the applicant for the purposes of the grant round, including any limits on the number of applications per stream. Therefore, an auspicor may end up entering into more than one funding agreement with LHA but will only be the applicant organisation in one application.
- Where an application is made under an auspice arrangement, the ABN provided in the application should be the ABN of the auspicor, as this is the legal entity entering into any funding agreement if the application is successful.
- Any other information included in the application should relate to the applicant organisation, as this is the organisation that will be leading the project if successful.