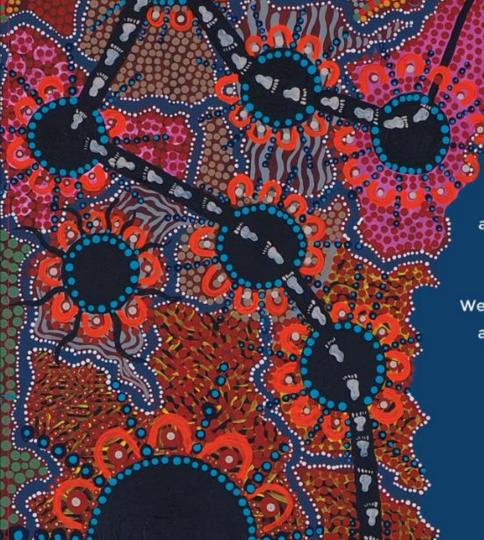


Alcohol and Other Drugs - Innovation Grants Industry Briefing and Q&A

Associate Director, Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs COORDINARE - South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network Monday 25 November 2024



COORDINARE - South Eastern NSW PHN
acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians
of the lands across which we live and work.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' continuing connection - both physical and spiritual - to land, sea and sky.





Who are we and who do we work with?





- We are one of the 31 Primary Health Network (PHNs) established throughout Australia.
- We work directly with GPs, other primary care providers, secondary care providers, and hospitals to bring improved outcomes for patients.
- We aim to address local health needs, as well as national health priorities, particularly in Aboriginal health, alcohol and other drugs, mental health and suicide prevention, chronic diseases, after-hours services, healthy ageing and end of life care.
- Commissioning is central to COORDINARE's ability to achieve these objectives and address local and national priorities.

COORDINARE – South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network (SENSW PHN)





Population







> 33.180 (5.2%)

people identify as Aboriginal and Torres



Our region is home to 3.4% of Australia's Aboriginal population, and 9.8% of the total Aboriginal population in NSW



3. Italy

62,349 (9.7%)

culturally and linguistically diverse people

Top 3 non-English speaking countries of birth 1. India

10.4% non-English speaking at home



- 2. North Macedonia 1. Macedonian
 - 2. Italian
 - 3. Arabic







80 residential aged care facilities



22 public hospitals 16 emergency departments

30 community health centres



Local Alcohol and Other Drug Needs



High relapse rates and challenges in identifying and supporting mental health problems



Youth increase in problematic AOD use-complex issues emerging at younger ages



Rising financial vulnerability, unemployment and housing affordability stress



Higher rates of AOD related offences



Higher rates AOD lifestyle risk factors particularly in Southern regions



Higher rates of AOD and homelessness issues in Snowy Monaro, Bega Valley and Wollongong



Unmet AOD needs for priority populations



Service gaps for complex needs including trauma, mental & physical health, poly drug use, homelessness and domestic violence



Transport issues make it harder to access supports in regional and rural areas

Purpose





Support health and wellbeing of people who are experiencing alcohol and other drug concerns:

- enhance service access and inclusion for priority populations
- foster new and innovative initiatives and supports
- improve outcomes for people with AOD issues
- pilot new approaches to address unmet community needs
- potential for future scaling and funding



Background



Priority populations experience

- higher risks of AOD-related harms
- face additional barriers in accessing AOD-related supports and services
- are under-serviced by the AOD service system

Gaps and barriers still exist despite the services on offer in the region

new approaches to engaging community and support these issues required

Who can apply and target populations





Organisations

- operating within South Eastern NSW region with a strong presence in the community
- operating in the health and/or social service space
- who work closely with priority populations
- include but not limited to charities, NGOs providing healthcare, health education and health navigation services

Target populations

- experiencing unstable housing or homelessness
- experiencing family and domestic violence
- socioeconomically disadvantaged
- experiencing co-occurring conditions
- First Nations Peoples
- in contact with the criminal justice system
- living in remote or isolated communities
- culturally and linguistically diverse
- LGBTQIA+ community

Scope of Funding





Health and wellbeing supports that could include but are not limited to new initiatives that:

- reduce gaps/barriers and engage with underserviced priority groups
- aim to address social attitudes, stigma and discrimination toward AOD
- engage with other services, GPs and primary health providers in new ways
- are person centered, trauma informed and aim to build on an individual's ability and skills to manage their AOD concerns
- new approaches to AOD early intervention
- increase capacity or volume of the AOD workforce in our region to address the needs of people with AOD concerns, their carers and families
- provide information, education and referrals and enhance harm reduction
- ❖ AOD workforce initiatives that support lived and living experience of AOD use
- ❖ address co-occurring needs such as mental health and AOD

Available Funding





Total \$450,000 available

\$150,000 maximum to be distributed to any one service or organisation Services and organisations of all sizes encouraged to apply











Grants between \$50,000 and \$150,000

Funded projects
will run for 12
months from
date of
execution

RFP responses



- Complete all sections for the Grant Application Template (Attachment 1).
- Complete the budget template to indicate the grant value being applied for, and proposed expenditure.
- Required responses are outlined in the Grant Application Template, which also include a weighting for each section of the response.
- An Assessment Panel will consider each submission.
- Word limits apply to your responses and are outlined in the Guidelines.
- Applicants should <u>not</u> wait until the nominated closing time to lodge their response(s), to avoid potential difficulties lodging their response with the commissioning mailbox.

Proposals must be lodged <u>before 5pm 13 December 2024</u> through COORDINARE's Commissioning Mailbox: commissioning@coodinare.org.au

Evaluation Criteria







Innovation Initiative Overview 45%

Priority population supported

How it will address unmet needs

Team to support this

Where it will operate

Activity timelines



Engagement & Participation of Priority Communities 25%

Organisational experience with priority groups

Co-design experience and/or plan

Outcome definition & measurement

Consumer empowerment



Evaluation & Sustainability 20%



Budget & Risk 10%

Impact evaluation

Consumer feedback process

Sustainability beyond funding

Long term impact & scalability

Budget template
Risk identification and
mitigation plan

Timelines



Milestone	Date
Request for proposals (RFP) released	19 November 2024
Information session (webinar) THIS SESSION	25 November
Last day for questions about the RFP (via Commissioning Mailbox)	29 November 2024
Last day for COORDINARE to respond to questions	3 December 2024
Last day for proposals to be received – late applications will not be accepted	5pm 13 December 2024
Evaluation and negotiations	January 2025
Inform successful providers and finalise contracts	January 2025
Contracts commences	February 2025





QUESTIONS?