

Strengthening Medicare – General Practice Grant Program

The Australian Government's Strengthening Medicare – GP Grants Program is now open. The purpose of the program is to support practices to provide improved, safe, and accessible quality healthcare.

One-off grants of \$25k, \$35k and \$50k are available to eligible practices. The value of each grant has been determined by the Government based on practice size. The grants can be used in line with three streams: enhance digital health capability, upgrade infection prevention and control arrangements, and maintain and/or achieve accreditation. Practices can use their grant on one or multiple streams.

This resource has been designed to highlight models of care and resources that you may wish to consider. They are not mandatory but can be used to assist you to plan how you will use your grant in conjunction with the [guidelines](#) and implement changes within your practice.

<p>Stream one</p> <p>Enhance digital health capability</p> <p>Enhance digital health capability through IT hardware and software upgrades to meet future standards for a more connected healthcare system.</p>	<p>Stream two</p> <p>Upgrade infection prevention and control arrangements</p> <p>Ensure infectious respiratory disease (e.g., COVID, influenza) patients can be seen face to face.</p>	<p>Stream three</p> <p>Maintain and/or achieve accreditation</p> <p>Promote quality and safety in general practice by maintaining and/or achieving accreditation under the RACGP'S standards for general practice accreditation scheme.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Digital health adoption ➤ Specialist Telehealth Hub project – model of care ➤ Emergency & Disaster Management Toolkit– Look up Business Continuity Plan : IT back up e.g. (telehealth, electronic prescribing, technology and phone management) ➤ Virtual care 	<p>Winter Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Winter planning ➤ Preparing for Winter Toolkit ➤ Winter Strategy – Clinical data auditing activities ➤ Winter Strategy – Model of care ➤ Quality Improvement (QI) Plan ➤ Vaccination management QI recipe <p>Emergency & Disaster Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Emergency & Disaster Management Toolkit– Planning for infectious disease outbreaks including influenza and COVID. <p>Additional funding opportunities</p> <p>In addition to the Strengthening Medicare Grants, practices may wish to consider these complementary COVID-19 funding opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vulnerable populations COVID-19 vaccinations ➤ Authorised Nurse Immuniser training <p>HealthPathways*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Illawarra Shoalhaven COPD ➤ Illawarra Shoalhaven COVID ➤ ACT and NSW COPD ➤ ACT and NSW COVID <p>COVID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Living with COVID in the community ➤ QI Recipe - COVID chronic disease management ➤ Models of Care – Caring for adults and children in the community with COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bulli Medical Practice ➤ Terralong Street Surgery ➤ Woonona Medical Practice <p>Infection Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Infection Control Toolkit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Accreditation surveyor– Common accreditation non-conformities recording and slides ➤ Accreditation – Improving safety and quality in general practice ➤ Sentinel Practices Data Sourcing (SPDS) Project – Continuous quality improvement ➤ RACGP 5th Edition Standards ➤ Emergency & Disaster Management Toolkit, Emergency Response Plan, and Disaster Planning and Response Checklist ➤ Aboriginal Health Quality Improvement Toolkit ➤ Events – ongoing education opportunities that can contribute to continuous quality improvement for the practice and Health Professionals continuing professional development (CPD).

Once you have completed the General Practice Grant Program application process, contact your [Health Coordination Consultant \(HCC\)](#) if you require guidance to implement your project.

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