

AOD Family, Carer and Friends Support Grants – Stream 1

Industry Briefing
Presentation

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Grants overview

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Background



As part of its final response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug Ice (Ice Inquiry), the NSW Government announced an investment of \$500 million to deliver targeted health and justice reforms

New annual funding of \$3 million (excluding GST) is being provided to address the significant unmet support needs for families, carers and friends of people who use AOD in risky or harmful ways:

- [Stream 1 - \\$2 million per annum for 3 years from 2024-25 to successful NGOs and ACCHOs \(this Grant Opportunity\)](#)
- Stream 2 - \$1 million per annum for 3 years from 2024/25 - to select ACCHOs based on Ministry of Health modelling. Further details, including Stream 2 grant release date, will be made available on the AOD Family, Carers and Friends Support webpage.

The initiative acknowledges the important work AOD services do engaging with families, carers and friends of service users and aims to build on this.

Quantum and purpose of the funding



Quantum

Total funding for Grants Stream 1 is \$2 million per annum for three years from 2024-25

- Applications are invited for grants of up to \$250,000 per annum (excluding GST) for three years from 2024-25
- Grants will be awarded for an initial three-year period from 2024-2025, with the possibility of extension
- Applications with budgets exceeding \$250,000 per annum (excluding GST) will not be considered.

Purpose

The funding aims to help families, carers and friends support their loved one using AOD as well as cope and manage their own health and wellbeing needs.

The purpose is to strengthen family-inclusive practice in AOD treatment settings to:

- improve the therapeutic outcomes of the person receiving AOD treatment
- improve health and wellbeing outcomes for families, carers and friends.

Eligible organisations – Stream 1

- Non-government organisations (NGOs) and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) are eligible to apply
 - They may apply as individual organisations, or as part of a consortium or partnership with one lead organisation (the Applicant)
- Local health districts (LHDs), Specialty Health Networks (SHNs) and networked Affiliated Health Organisations (AHOs) are not eligible to apply for this grant themselves, but may be in partnership with an Applicant
- In the case of consortium or partnership arrangements, an Agreement will be made with the lead NGO or ACCHO (i.e. the Applicant).

Key dates

Date and time	Milestone
2:00 PM Tuesday 29 October 2024	Applications open
11:00 AM Friday 8 November 2024	Industry briefing (online)
4.00 PM 1 December 2024	Last day to submit questions
12:00pm noon Monday 9 December 2024	Applications close
November 2024 - January 2025*	Assessment of grant applications
January 2025*	Approval and communication of grant application outcomes
February 2025*	Grant funding agreements commence
* Dates provided are indicative and may change as the grant progresses.	

Principal contacts



Email address for submitting AOD FCFS Grant applications	MOH-CAOD-SCI-FCF@health.nsw.gov.au
Email address for submitting questions about the AOD FCFS Grants*	MOH-CAOD-SCI-FCF@health.nsw.gov.au
NSW Health webpage for updates on AOD FCFS Grants	https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/Pages/aod-family-carer--friends-support.aspx
The principal contact officer for the AOD FCFS Grants	Tanya Bosch, Manager, AOD Strategic Projects Telephone; (02) 9391 9000 Email: tanya.bosch@health.nsw.gov.au Contact hours: Monday – Friday, 9:30am – 4:00pm
Contracted Probity Advisor	Anthony Lee Procure Group Pty Ltd Telephone: 0411 405 267 Email: alee@procuregroup.com.au
* Questions and answers of broad impact or significance will be made available to all potential applicants through regular Q&A documents posted on the grants webpage at https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/Pages/aod-family-carer--friends-support.aspx	

Service Specifications

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Objectives

The primary aim of the funding is to improve the therapeutic outcomes of the person receiving AOD treatment, and improve the health and wellbeing outcomes for families, carers and friends

The funding seeks to enhance the existing AOD service system's ability to deliver family-inclusive, culturally responsive and evidence-informed supports to individuals using AOD and their families, carers and friends

The grant objectives are:

- NSW AOD services are better able to engage families, carers and friends in their loved one's treatment, when consented to
- The families, carers and friends of people who use AOD in risky or harmful ways are better able to support their loved ones in treatment
- The families, carers and friends of people using AOD are supported in their caring role and linked with the supports they need.

- Expansion of existing AOD services to include specific supports for the family, carers and friends of those using AOD, including young people who are carers
- Successful applicants will be required to provide supports that are evidence-informed, appropriate and culturally safe. It is expected that organisations will demonstrate:
 - evidence base of the proposed service enhancement
 - experience in delivering similar models
 - capability and capacity to deliver the required supports
 - safe and appropriate service responses for Aboriginal people, culturally and linguistically diverse people and other priority population groups, as identified by the applicant
 - an approach to embedding the program principles (see below) and approaches to program delivery (see below) including online and face-to-face offerings
 - track record of strong corporate and clinical governance
 - value for money.
- It is also preferred that organisations can demonstrate:
 - partnerships with Aboriginal organisations
 - and/or partnerships with organisations supporting priority populations, with a specific focus on CALD families and communities.

Target groups

- The priority for these services is the family, carers and friends of people who are seeking or receiving AOD treatment
 - Those whose loved ones are not engaged in AOD treatment will still be eligible
- Self-referrals and referrals from service providers should be accepted
 - Partnerships and referral pathways with LHDs/SHNs will be mandatory to facilitate this.
- Along with meeting the needs of families, carers and friends in general, Stream 1 grant funded supports should also target specific groups whose needs are not being well met:
 - children and adolescents who have a caring role for a parent using AOD
 - families with complex needs where multiple services are involved as a result of a person's AOD use, such as child protection, OOHC providers, justice, corrections, police, mental health and education services
 - parents of children/adolescents using AOD
 - partners, siblings and ageing parents who provide support.

Range of supports

The funding is to be used to enhance the family-inclusive practice of existing AOD services (see reference material).

Applicants must provide some or all of the supports for families/carers/friends described below, avoiding duplication with existing services.

Individual supports	Clinician-led groups	Psychoeducation	Social support	Peer support
Case management	Counselling	Bereavement therapy	Brokerage	Supported referrals
Youth programs	Programs for children of AOD using parents	Advocacy	Family therapy	Other evidence based interventions

Application process

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Step 1

Confirm your organisation's/consortium's eligibility to apply (Check Schedule A)

Gateway eligibility requirements (mandatory)

- Non-government
- Not for profit
- Incorporated
- Accredited - at least one party to the application is accredited or working towards accreditation
- Has demonstrated experience as an AOD service provider currently and for at least 2 years
- Has demonstrated experience in delivery of culturally responsive services to Aboriginal families
- Proposed budget does not exceed \$250,000 per annum (excluding GST)

Organisations that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not progress to assessment

Step 2

Prepare your application (Complete Schedules A, B and C)

Suggestions:

- Read all available materials before submitting an application
- All grant related information will be posted to the AOD FCFS Grants website (see Slide 8 for the link)
- Questions and Answer Information
 - Email any grant-related questions to the CAOD principal contact within the open period (see Slide 8 for contact details) and check the website for answers. All questions and answers will be shared via the website so all organisations have access to the same information
 - Questions will be answered weekly. last date for question submission will be **1 December 2024** and answers will be posted on 2 December 2024.
- Check the website regularly for any materials uploaded following the briefing
- Seek any support needed (e.g. from peak bodies, partners, AH&MRC etc).

Evaluation criteria

Selection Criteria	Word Guide	Proportion of total score (%)
Established service provider with effective and sustainable operations (Schedule B, Criteria 1)	Up to 1,200	20%
Service delivery approach and partnerships (Schedule B, Criteria 2)	Up to 2,000	30%
Engagement and consultation in service design and delivery (Schedule B, Criteria 3)	Up to 400	15%
Culturally safe service delivery	Up to 400	15%
Price and value for money (Schedule B, Criteria 5, Schedule C)	Up to 400	10%
Implementation and workforce (Schedule B, Criteria 6)	Up to 750	10%
Total		100%

Evaluation details example

Selection	Schedule B and attachments
Criterion 2:	Describe your proposed evidence-based service delivery approach for using the Grant funding. Provide details on <u>what</u> new or expanded supports you (and partners/consortia members, if applicable) will provide for family, carers and friends of those using AOD <u>and how that support can improve the therapeutic outcomes of the person using AOD.</u>
Service delivery approach and partnerships	<p>Include details about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Operation and reach:<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Where you will provide the services – your physical location and the reach of service provision•If applying as a consortium, describe the service delivery roles of each entity•Describe how families, carers and friends will access these services•Describe how demand for the new services will be managed (referral, waiting lists, prioritisation)•Services and supports:<ul style="list-style-type: none">•What services and supports you will provide, how they will be delivered (e.g. online, face-to-face) and what target groups you will prioritise•How you chose those services and supports (e.g. what informed you of local need and service gaps)•Evidence base behind the proposed services and supports•How these services and supports will be flexible and tailored to individual client needs•How you will make sure your services and supports are culturally safe•How the services and supports will contribute towards improved therapeutic outcomes for the person using AOD

Step 3

Submit the application by 12 noon Monday 9 December 2024

- Applications must be submitted to the CAOD via email to MOH-CAOD-SCI-FCF@health.nsw.gov.au
- Please use subject heading in your application email: “Submission AOD Family, Carer and Friends Support Grants Stream 1 – *[your organisation’s name]*”
- Organisations may submit applications anytime from the opening date last week to the application closing date of noon 9 December 2024
- The Ministry of Health in rare cases may allow assessment of late responses if the lateness has a clear reason outside of the organisation’s control and if the Ministry judges the integrity and competitiveness of the grant application process has not been compromised
- The Ministry of Health will provide confirmation of each received application via return email to the applying organisation. Organisations that do not receive confirmation of receipt of application within 2 business days of the grant closing (i.e. 11 December 2024) can assume that the application has not been received and are responsible for contacting the Ministry of Health
- Attach required documents (see next slide - Slide 13)

Applications must be submitted in full inclusive of all completed required documents, in:

- Microsoft Word format (with file name ending in “.doc” or “.docx”)
- Microsoft Excel format (with file name ending in “.xls” or “.xlsx”) and/or
- Adobe Acrobat (*.pdf)

Required documents

- Schedule A. Organisation Applicant Details and Response to Standard Requirements
- Schedule B. Response to Specific Requirements
- Schedule C. Proposed Budget
- Optional attachments – Letters or emails showing in-principle support or formal documentation as relevant with consortium partners or partners

Reference materials

Detailed information about the needs of families, carers and friends and proposed services and supports needed across NSW is contained in the '**Rapid Review**', which is available on the Grants webpage (see Slide 8)

The '**Alcohol and Other Drugs Psychosocial Interventions Practice Guide**' available at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/resources/Pages/psychosocial-interventions.aspx>

- summarises the guiding principles, professional practice, psychological processes, and psychosocial interventions used within AOD treatment settings
- provides updated evidence on psychosocial interventions, guidance on responding to people with co-occurring concerns and resources for education on AOD service provision.