



Health

Grant Opportunity Question and Answer Guide #1

AOD FCFS Grants - Stream 1

Q and A response 1:	11 November 2024
Applications close:	12pm 9 December 2024
Submit applications:	MOH-CAOD-SCI-FCF@health.nsw.gov.au
Administered by:	Centre for Alcohol and Other Drugs, NSW Ministry of Health
Type of grant	Open competitive

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AOD FCFS Grant - Questions taken at the Industry Briefing on 8th November

Briefing	
1.1	Can an unincorporated entity apply under an incorporated parent organisation, that can enter into a legally binding agreement on its behalf?
	<p>Yes, an incorporated parent organisation (that meets other eligibility requirements) could be the lead applicant in this grant.</p> <p>It should be clarified in the submission what the relationship is between the unincorporated entity and the incorporated parent organisation, and which entity is responsible for service delivery.</p>
1.2	<p>With the timing of the EOI likely to lead to contracts being signed in Q3 of FY 24/25 (e.g. Feb 2025), can you please clarify</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) when funding will start for the successful applicants b) whether a full year of funding will be provided in year 1 c) when the funding will end (e.g. exactly 3 years from the start of the contract, or end of 2026/27) d) how the proposed budget should be presented in the EOI, e.g financial year or calendar year?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Funding will commence upon execution of the contract, anticipated to be March 2025. The funding will be contingent on meeting the agreed milestones as set out in the contract and agreements. b) Up to \$250,000 will be provided in year 1 based on the applicant's establishment and service delivery needs as set out in their proposed budget. Any unspent funds will returned or rolled over per the provisions in the standard contract. c) Funding will be until the end of 2026/27, with a possibility of extension. d) Please use financial years for your budget.
1.3	Can we carry the first year's funds over from FYE25 to FYE26
	No, our standard contract does not allow us to approve rollover in advance. However, the contract allows for service providers to request up to 20% to be rolled over each year into the next financial year.
1.4	Is it \$750k over 3 years or a hard \$250k per year?
	It is a maximum of \$250,000 per financial year. However please see question 1.3 regarding rollover.
1.5	Can your partner be an unaccredited agency?
	Yes, as long as the lead applicant is accredited.

Week 1 Q&A	
1.6	<p>Please can you expand on the two-year AOD experience eligibility?</p> <p>Are organisations eligible if they have been providing non-AOD-specific services to clients with AOD comorbidities?</p>
<p>NGOs and/or Aboriginal Community Controlled Health organisations that do not have a history of two years' delivering AOD-specific services may be eligible for this grant if they can demonstrate (for example, using data) that a large proportion of their clients experience harms from AOD, they have at least two years' experience delivering care to clients with harms for AOD and their staff have AOD skills and qualifications.</p> <p>The Panel will determine if the organisation is eligible as part of its consideration of the applications.</p> <p>Organisations may seek an early opinion from the Secretariat about their likely eligibility by submitting a written question by confidential email to the AOD FCFS Grants inbox: MOH-CAOD-SCI-FCF@health.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>The written question should refer to the Grant Guideline and provide data and information to make the case that they are eligible. Note: The Secretariat can provide an opinion about whether it is likely that they are eligible or not, however only the Panel can determine eligibility.</p>	