## **Innovative Models of Care Program (IMOC)**

A multidisciplinary team may be made up of a range of health workforce professions working to their full scope of practice, which may include, but are not limited to, medical practitioners, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners, nurses, nurse practitioners, midwives, allied health practitioners, non-dispensing pharmacists, and/or other health professionals.

The IMOC Program will help us find effective ways to deliver primary health care to people who live outside of major centres to address distance and access issues, as well as workforce shortages.

# What is the IMOC Program?

It supports organisations to trial and evaluate innovative multidisciplinary models of primary care in rural and remote areas of Australia (Modified Monash (MM) 3-7 locations).

Key outcome is to deliver proven and sustainable multidisciplinary primary care models that are evaluated and can be adapted and implemented in a range of rural and remote contexts, bespoke to a community.

# What funding is available?

The Government has committed \$24.7 million over four years for additional grant rounds This includes two open competitive grant rounds.

- Round 4 opens mid-2023: \$14.2 million available
- Round 5 opens late-2023.

Organisations may apply for grant funding of between \$0.8 million to \$1.6 million for a four-year trial.

The program funds management of the trials including governance, community engagement end evaluation activities. Service delivery activities including clinical salaries are not eligible for funding.

## Who is eligible?

All primary care organisations are eligible to apply for IMOC, State and Territory governments can only apply as part of a consortium (not as the lead agency). Further details on eligibility is outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, under Eligibility criteria.

# How do I apply?

GrantConnect is the central publication system of upcoming and current Government grant opportunities. You can register to receive alerts about relevant grant opportunities on GrantConnect (www.grants.gov.au). Applications are also submitted through GrantConnect. Any organisation or consortium that meets the eligibility criteria in the Guidelines is eligible to apply.

# **Key Points**

The below elements are important to consider when applying for funding through this opportunity.

"Innovation" implies that something hasn't been done before. We are looking to fund the trial of models in areas where traditional health care models don't always work.

Models must be trial ready to address specific healthcare needs in rural and remote areas of Australia.

A "Model of Care" broadly defines the way health services are delivered and aims to ensure people get the right care, at the right time, by the right team and in the right place.

"Multidisciplinary models of care" can consist of teams of GPs, nurse practitioners, nurses, midwives, allied health professionals, and/or other health professionals working together to deliver the care people need.



### **Current IMOC Trials**

#### **Outback Futures Limited**

Central and western Queensland: Blackall-Tambo, Barcaldine, Longreach, Winton and Cloncurry.

Work-In Work-Out model of care, which aims to improve access to allied health professionals in remote areas.

### **GP Down South Limited**

# Warren Blackwood region of Western Australia

Clinical Care Coordination (CCC) team. Provides support for GPs and improves patient access to integrated health care.

### **Beechworth Health Service**

#### **North-East Victoria**

Comprehensive care planning for older people across four multi-disciplinary areas of health care: What matters, medications, mobility, and mental health (4Ms).

### **NSW Rural Doctors Network**

# 4Ts – Tottenham, Tullamore, Trangie and Trundle

Local health district single employer across sub-region.

### Lachlan Valley: Parkes and Forbes

Co-design of a shared GP model of care across the region.

#### Canola Fields

GP-led multidisciplinary team care for chronic-disease management.

### Snowy Valleys: Tumut, Tumbarumba, Batlow and Adelong

Community-based shared medical appointment model for chronic disease management.

# Wentworth: Wentworth, Dareton, Buronga and Gol Gol

Sustainable shared GP model of care across the region (ACCHO-led) to address market failure.