



Aged Care Outbreak Management Supports

CURRENT COVID-19 SUPPORTS – to 31 Dec 2023



Aged Care COVID-19 Support Grant

- Reimburses providers for eligible outbreak expenses
- Grant closes 3 April 2024 and for cost incurred up to 31 December 2023

Surge Workforce Support



- Support at-risk providers experiencing an emergency event
- Rapid deploy where resident safety is at risk



Infection prevention and control (IPC)

- Increased IPC uplift capabilities
- Surveillance and monitoring activities.
- Introduction of IPC lead nurse role



PPE and RAT kits

- Access to PPE via the NMS
- Deployment of PPE Packs over Summer and Winter
- Weekly on-going deployment of RAT kits



NEW OUTBREAK SUPPORTS - from 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2024

Aged Care Outbreak Management Supplement

- Replaces the COVID-19 grants from 1 Jan 2024 for all residential providers.
- Paid automatically to all residential providers, no need to apply
 - Support pro-active planning and outbreak preparedness
 - Contribution to outbreak management costs

Surge Workforce Support

- Continued support especially for rural and remote and First Nations services.
- Time limited, rapid deployment to homes with critical workforce shortages.
- Supports at-risk providers experiencing outbreak or other emergency

Infection prevention and control (IPC)

- Continued to access to IPC resources and online training
 - Continued surveillance and monitoring activities
- Undertake IPC research and evaluation, including of IPC lead Nurse role

PPE and RAT kits

- Final deployment of PPE packs ahead of Christmas.
- Access to PPE Packs on request and weekly deployment of RAT kits from the NMS to 30 April 2024.





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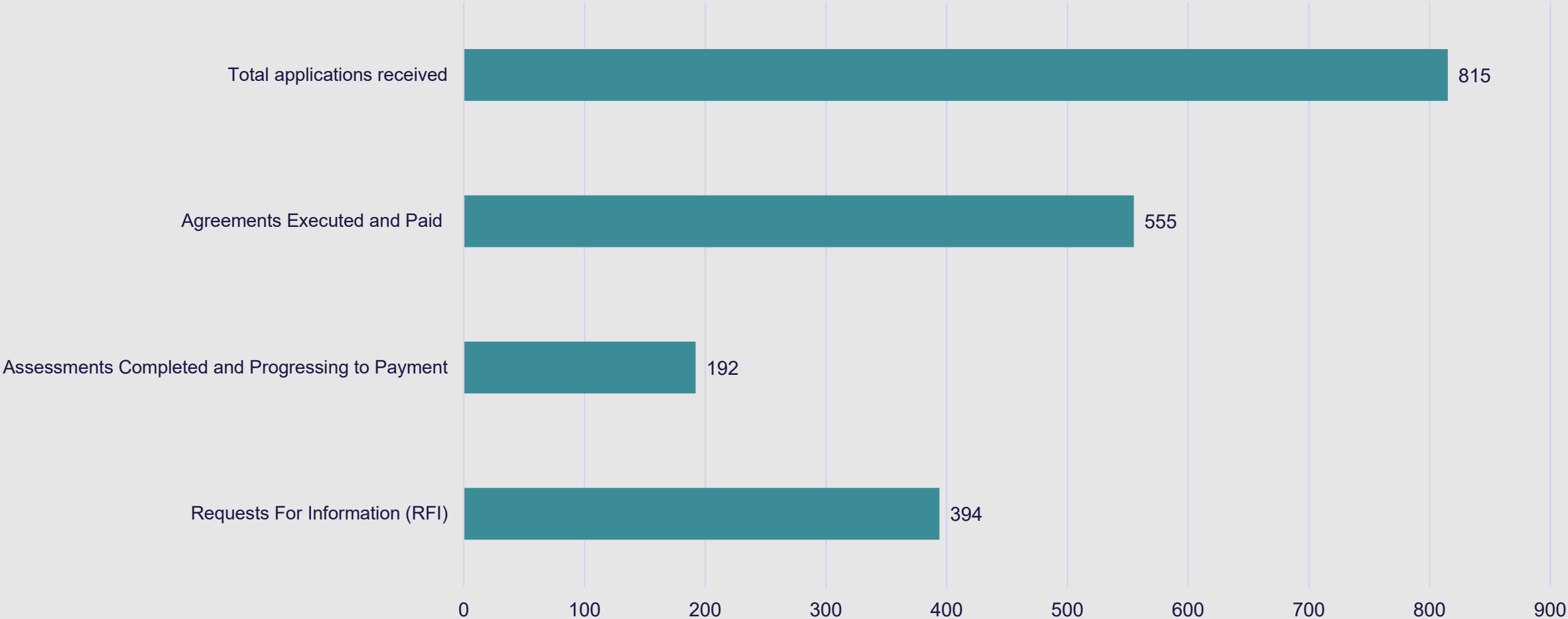
COVID-19 Aged Care Support Program – Extension Grant

- Grant reimburses approved aged care providers for eligible expenditure incurred in managing direct impacts of COVID-19 up to a maximum grant value per service.
- Grant opened 4 June 2021 and closed 31 March 2023.
- 11,383 applications were received.
- **All** applications have been assessed.

2023 COVID-19 Aged Care Support Program Grant

- Grant reimburses approved aged care providers to maintain preparedness for, and respond to, outbreaks between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023 for eligible expenses associated with managing a COVID-19 outbreak.
- Grant opened 26 April 2023 and closes 3 April 2024
- Grant will include:
 - capped funding per application based on the number of operational places or number of clients for home care services
 - targeted support through invitation only applications for significant and extended outbreaks, or where identified providers have participated in an outbreak prevention audit conducted by Aspen through the IPC In-reach Appraisal Project.

2023 COVID-19 Aged Care Support Program Application Status



Key improvements to application processing

- Resident isolation dates must be clear on the test register
- Avoid using acronyms.
- Ensure items claimed are eligible
- Where including additional information it should be succinct, of relevance and clear.

Aged Care Worker COVID-19 Leave Payment Grant

- Grant reimburses approved residential and home care providers for sick leave payments for directly employed permanent and casual workers, where the eligible employee is unable to attend work due to a COVID-19 infection and has insufficient sick leave

Reimbursement amounts	Leave Hour Bracket
\$450 per worker	Where the worker has lost at least 8 hours and up to and including 20 hours of work over a 7 calendar day period (or less)
\$750 per worker	Where the worker has lost more than 20 hours of work over a 7 calendar day period (or less)

Thank you for joining us today.

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