

Quality Use of Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Pathology (QUDTP) Program

**Consumer Health Literacy
and
Health Professional Education
Grant Opportunity Forum**



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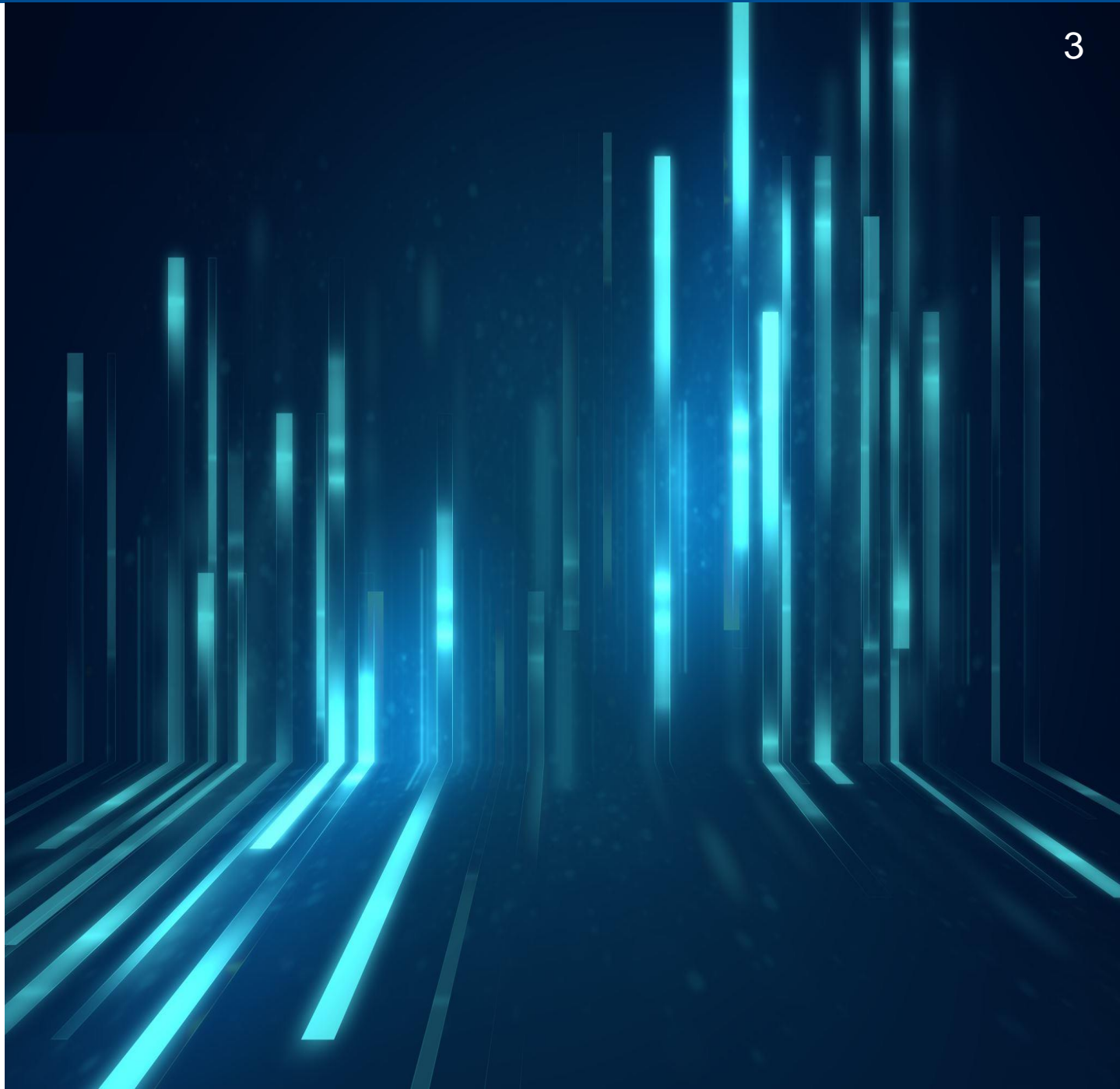


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About the QUDTP Program



QUDTP Program

- Aims to improve the way medicines are prescribed and used
- Facilitates the quality use of medicines and medical tests supported by:
 - Collaboration and partnerships
 - Data collection and information sharing
 - Education for prescribers, dispensers and consumers
- Contributes to the implementation of Australia's National Medicines Policy (NMP) and the National Strategy for Quality Use of Medicines (NSQUM)



QUDTP Program Objectives



1

To improve the quality use of
therapeutics, diagnostics and pathology
for Australian consumers

2

To improve the quality use of
therapeutics, diagnostics and pathology
for Australian health professionals

3

To facilitate free access to information to
support appropriate use of therapeutics,
diagnostics and pathology

4

To support the effectiveness and
efficiency of the health system

Objectives of the QUDTP Program

About the Grant Opportunities



Grant Opportunities

- Consumer Health Literacy
- Health Professional Education



Consumer Health Literacy Grant

- Objectives
- Intended Outcomes



Objectives Consumer Health Literacy



Improve Australians' health literacy in relation to Quality Use of Medicines (QUM) and diagnostics



Empower consumers to be active participants in their health care and health outcomes



Promote and develop consumer behaviours that support QUM, such as:

- Medication adherence
- Non-drug options and the importance of a healthy lifestyle
- Support effective transition of care and whole-of-healthcare system approaches

Objectives Consumer Health Literacy cont.



National delivery of QUM targeting areas of high need and Government priorities (National Health Priority Areas or other identified priority areas)



Leverage funding and capabilities of the sector, strengthening collaboration and partnerships to promote program objectives



Enable timely distribution and access to information, tools and resources for health consumers

1

Evidence-based initiatives supporting QUM outcomes delivered on a national scale

2

Awareness activities targeting highest priority areas

3

Improved health literacy of Australians through collaboration

4

Coordinated system wide approaches addressing QUM issues

5

Evidence-based resources and tools supporting consumers managing their medications

Intended Outcomes of the Consumer Health Literacy Grant Opportunity

Health Professional Education Grant

- Objectives
- Intended Outcomes



Objectives Health Professional Education



Promote behaviour changes amongst prescribers, dispensers and health workforce, that are consistent with the quality use of medicines and diagnostics in an Australian health system



Deliver consumer-centred QUDTP initiatives for health professionals, including Specialists, General Practitioners, Pharmacists, Nurses, aged care and disability workers and other health professionals



Develop, promote, distribute timely, evidence-based information, tools and resources to support health professionals to deliver best-practice care to achieve Quality Use of Medicines

Objectives Health Professional Education cont.



National delivery of Quality Use of Medicines (QUM) interventions targeting areas of high need and Government priorities (National Health Priority Areas or other identified areas)



Address the QUM needs for all Australians and/or for high-priority groups and settings



Leverage grant funds through cross-sector collaboration and partnerships that support and promote QUDTP

1

Evidence-based behaviour change initiatives and education services that support QUM outcomes for identified and demonstrated needs and are delivered nationally

2

Educational and awareness activities that target the highest priority areas for QUM issues and supports consumer focused care

3

Coordinated system wide approaches are implemented to address QUM issues that support appropriate use of therapeutics, diagnostics and pathology

4

Provide free education support to health professionals to deliver evidenced-based, best practice and clinically appropriate care

Intended Outcomes of the Health Professional Education Grant Opportunity

5

Reduce unnecessary use of clinical interventions and encourages appropriate use of medicines and other health technologies

6

Reduce medicine-related hospital admissions

7

Effective coordination and collaboration across the health sector, including Primary Care, Specialists, Hospitals, and other key delivery partners

8

QUM initiatives which enable and support health professionals to:

- diagnose and manage chronic and complex conditions
- deliver improved transition of care, appropriate referrals, and team care arrangements
- deliver care that is consumer-focused, achieves shared decision-making and self-management

Intended Outcomes of the Health Professional Education Grant Opportunity – cont.

Identified Priorities & Areas of Need

National Health Priority Areas:

1. Cancer control (1996)
2. Cardiovascular health (1996)
3. Injury prevention and control (1996)
4. Mental health (1996)
5. Diabetes mellitus (1997)
6. Asthma (1999)
7. Arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions (2002)
8. Obesity (2008)
9. Dementia (2012)
10. Quality Use of Medicines (2019)

Targeted population cohorts:

- Aged Care:
 - Polypharmacy
 - Inappropriate use of antipsychotics and benzodiazepines (chemical restraints)
 - Antimicrobial resistance
- First Nations Peoples
- Rural and remote populations
- Trans and gender diverse people
- Culturally and linguistically diverse groups
- People with disability
- Justice health (transitioning from correctional facilities)



Identified Priorities & Areas of Need – cont.

Specialised Topics

Include the appropriate use of:

- Analgesics, specifically opioids and pain management
- Osteoporosis medications
- Antidepressants in adolescents and young adults
- Medications to treat Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Medicines to treat diabetes mellitus
- Women's health (including endometriosis and menopause)

In addition to Antimicrobial resistance (Health Professional Education Only)

General medication related themes

- Reducing polypharmacy
- Education & access to information for newly registered medicines or indications – deprescribing & maximising patient outcomes
- Improving specialist prescribing in persons with multimorbidity
- Navigating shortages and medicine choices



Timeframes and Funding

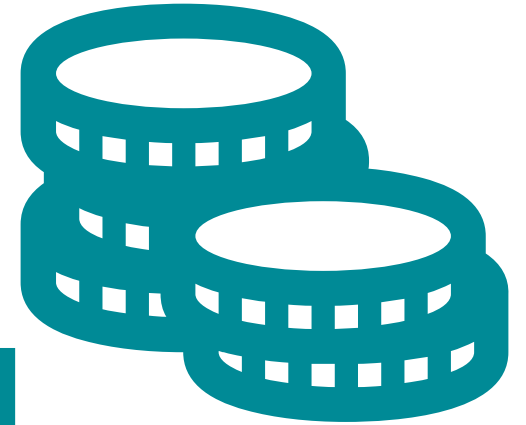




Timeframes

Anticipated timing	Activity
Present	The Department is working to finalise the grant design
July/August 2024	Grant opportunity is anticipated to open (contingent on a whole-of-government approval process)
October/November 2024	Successful applicants will be notified
By January 2025	Grants Funding Agreements signed (dependent on the Community Grants Hub)
January 2025 – December 2027	Grant Implementation

Funding



QUDTP PROGRAM – GRANT OPPORTUNITY	2024-25 (GST exclusive)	2025-26 (GST exclusive)	2026-27 (GST exclusive)	2027-28 (GST exclusive)	TOTAL
Consumer Health Literacy Grant Opportunity	\$1.031 m	\$2.062 m	\$2.062 m	\$1.031 m	\$6.186 m
Health Professional Education Grant Opportunity	\$5.457 m	\$10.914 m	\$10.914 m	\$5.457 m	\$32.742 m

The Application Process





How to apply



- The grant opportunity will be advertised on the GrantConnect website
- All grant applications must be submitted online on the websites.
- The Department will advise stakeholders when the grant opportunity is posted.
 - All attendees of this forum will be notified via email.

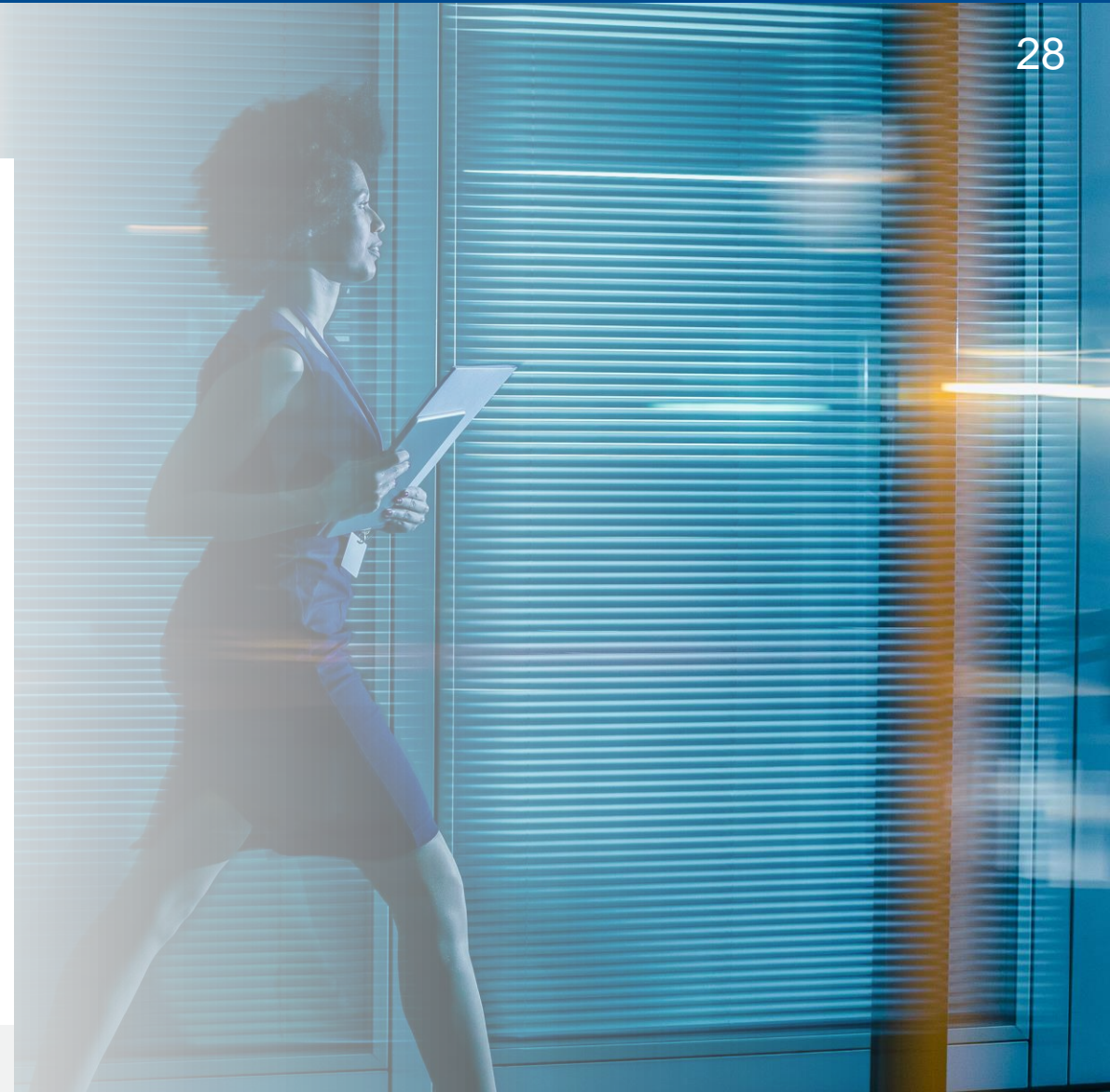
Current Projects



Anticipated timing	Activity
Consumer Health Literacy Stream	For a summary of current projects visit the Consumer Health Literacy Stream on our webpage
Health Professional Education Stream	For a summary of current projects visit the Health Professional Education Stream on our webpage
Pathology Stream	<p>For a summary of current projects visit the current funded projects of the Pathology Stream on our webpage.</p> <p>You can also find reports of completed projects of the Pathology Stream on our webpage.</p>

Questions

If you would like to network with those in attendance, please email QUM@health.gov.au with your name, position/organisation, area of interest and contact details.



If you have any further
questions, please contact
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Session Close and Thank You

