

HACC GROWTH FUNDING ROUND 2002-2003

PRIORITIES FOR CROSS REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE PROJECTS

1. INTRODUCTION

This document identifies the priorities for statewide and cross regional projects for the 2002-2003 HACC Growth Funding Round. It describes how the Victorian priorities are to be implemented through the development of statewide and cross regional projects. Priorities are identified for each of the funding types: Recurrent and Fixed Term Recurrent, Service Development and Minor Capital.

The statewide and cross regional priorities are indicative. They will be used in the assessment of submissions. Their implementation will depend on submissions received.

2. DEFINITION OF CROSS REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE PROJECTS

2.1 Definition of a Cross-Regional Project

A cross regional project is an activity with a service model which operates across a service delivery catchment of all or part of two or more DHS regions, based on the needs of a sub-group of the HACC target population.

The most likely rationale for a project being considered as cross regional rather than regional is:

- the geographic spread of the special needs group the service targets such as people from a culturally and linguistically diverse background, Aboriginal people and people in insecure housing;
- a service system resourcing project where the viability of the model requires a greater catchment than just one Region.

2.2 Definition of a Statewide Project

A statewide project focuses on enhancing the HACC service system at a statewide level and does not involve direct service delivery. Any service provider can apply for a statewide project, but the most relevant service providers are those whose key role is as umbrella organisations providing input into policy and service development at a statewide level. Projects need to demonstrate statewide coverage, statewide impact and target the total relevant HACC population.

3. STATEWIDE AND CROSS REGIONAL PROJECTS: FUNDING PROCESS

A central funding pool is available in 2002-2003 for cross-regional and statewide projects. This allocation will be managed by the Co-ordinated and Home Care Unit in the Central Office of the Department of Human Services. The Unit will be responsible for ensuring that there is a co-ordinated response to the assessment of cross regional and statewide proposals.

All cross regional and statewide proposals should be forwarded through an agency's lead region with any other region specific proposals. The lead region will then ensure cross regional and statewide projects are forwarded to Central Office.

A statewide/cross regional assessment working group will be established with representation from all metro regions, at least one rural region and relevant Central Office Aged Care Branch staff. The working group will ensure projects meet eligibility criteria and Victorian priorities, and that recommendations for funding are coordinated with broader regional recommendations.

4. PRIORITIES FOR STATEWIDE AND CROSS REGIONAL PROJECTS: RECURRENT FUNDING

4.1 Statewide Projects

The priorities for recurrent and fixed term recurrent statewide projects are both Victorian priorities:

Priority 1: Expansion of HACC services to meet demand;

Priority 2: Improving access to services for, and better meeting the needs of special needs groups

4.2 Cross Regional Projects

Cross regional projects are to focus on meeting Victorian Priority 2: *Increasing access to services and better meeting the needs of Special Needs Groups.* Agencies should refer to Information Sheets 1-3 that have been prepared to assist agencies developing applications targeted at special needs groups. These are available from Regional offices and from the website address:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/agedcare/hacc/index.htm>

PRIORITIES FOR STATEWIDE AND CROSS REGIONAL PROJECTS – RECURRENT FUNDING

a) People from Aboriginal Backgrounds

Priority
Support Aboriginal agencies to implement the HACC Minimum Data Set through the establishment of a Statewide support position for 12 months. <i>(Agencies seeking to submit for this priority should refer to the Project Brief)</i>
To consolidate existing Koori HACC service providers. All activity types will be considered for funding to expand services and enhance access but applicants should pay particular attention to demonstrating the effectiveness of the service models to the needs of indigenous people.

b) People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

Priority
The primary focus is to consolidate existing ethno-specific/multicultural HACC service providers and support emerging communities. All activity types will be considered for funding to expand services and enhance access but applicants should pay particular attention to demonstrating the effectiveness of the service models to the needs of this target group.

c) People who are homeless, including those living in unsuitable or insecure housing, or people on low incomes living in pension level Supported Residential Services

Priority
SRS Service Co-ordination and Support Programs Funding is available to establish three SRS Service Co-ordination and Support Programs to provide a co-ordinated approach to assessment, referral and service co-ordination for residents of pension level SRS with unmet service needs. <i>(Agencies seeking to submit for this priority should refer to the Project Brief)</i>

5. PRIORITIES FOR STATEWIDE AND CROSS REGIONAL PROJECTS – NON-RECURRENT FUNDING

5.1 Service Development Priorities

There are limited resources being targeted at service development proposals for 2002 - 2003 pending the outcome of the review of HACC Planning and Funds Allocation processes. Agencies that are interested in seeking to develop specific proposals for service development projects that are cross regional or statewide should firstly discuss these with their lead Regional HACC Adviser.

5.2 Minor Capital Projects

Priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor capital projects to support recurrent projects funded through the 2002-2003 cross regional/statewide funding pool.• Minor capital projects that build the capacity of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Aboriginal HACC funded agencies- agencies which work with culturally and linguistically diverse communities, in particular newly funded HACC providers working with small/emerging communities and;- agencies which work with people who are homeless or who are on a low income living in Supported Residential Services.