

Joint Commonwealth/Victorian Government Expansion Of Home and Community Care (HACC) Program Funding 2002/2003

Submissions are sought for the funding of new and additional services through the HACC Program from 2002/2003 growth funds

The Victorian Minister for Health invites submissions from organisations for the provision of new and additional services through the Commonwealth/State funded HACC Program.

The HACC Program aims to enhance the quality of life for frail older people, younger people with disabilities and their carers. The Program funds a range of services designed to enhance the independence and quality of life for people living in the community, thus preventing their inappropriate or premature admission to long-term residential care.

Priorities for funding of HACC services in 2002/2003 are:

Priority 1: Expansion of core HACC services to meet demand.

Priority 2: Improving access to services, and better meeting the needs of special needs groups in the community. The following groups of people have special needs regarding access to HACC services:

- People from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
- People from Aboriginal backgrounds.
- People who are homeless, including those living in insecure and unsuitable housing, or people on low incomes living in Supported Residential Services.
- People living in remote and isolated rural areas.

Service Development Grants will be available for one-off projects that will improve the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of HACC services and service systems.

Minor Capital Grants will be available for minor capital works, transport and equipment items to enhance delivery of recurrent HACC services.

For both Service Development and Minor Capital, priority will be given to projects which support the implementation of Priorities 1 and 2.

Application and Assessment Process

Applications can be made on a Regional, Cross Regional or Statewide basis.

Submissions should address at least one of the relevant Victorian and Regional, Cross Regional or Statewide Priorities to be considered for funding.

Information on priorities for funding is available in information kits obtainable from each Regional office and from the web site <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/agedcare/hacc/index.htm>.

Please contact your DHS Regional Office (as listed below) for further information including Funding Submission Forms and Funding Guidelines.

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Successful applicants will be required to sign a Service Agreement with defined output targets for all approved HACC funding.

All completed Funding Submissions are to be sent to the relevant DHS Regional Office. **Closing date for all submissions is 5.00pm, Friday, 27 September 2002.**

Late or facsimile submissions will not be accepted.

This advertisement and other related documentation will be available from Monday, 2/9/02 on the website address: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/agedcare/hacc/index.htm>