



Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing grant funding

We are building an aged care system that offers older people choice and control, with more support to help people to stay in their own homes for as long as possible.

Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grants (ACSIHAG) provide flexible funding to deliver new and innovative, generally time-limited projects that address aged care priority areas and help strengthen the aged care system.

ACSIHAG projects are delivered under the Ageing and Service Improvement Programme. This programme enables better support for activities that promote healthy and active ageing, build the capacity of aged care services to deliver high quality care, better respond to existing and emerging challenges including dementia care, and better support services targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.

What has been offered?

Around \$34.3 million will fund the delivery of 64 time-limited, innovative activities to help strengthen the capacity of Australia's aged care system, until 30 June 2017.

Examples of projects receiving funding include:

- developing innovative models of care to assist people with dementia and their carers
- upgrading the security and functionality of aged care facilities in remote Indigenous communities
- supporting and preparing service providers to deliver high quality care that is centred around the care recipient, including one project that focuses on care for people in regional and rural communities

What will be delivered?

ACSIHAG funds projects in each state and territory, as well as national projects. ACSIHAG is intended to be broad in scope, and flexible enough to support a wide range of activities for the purpose of strengthening the capacity of the aged care sector to deliver high quality aged care, and promote healthy ageing.

The new way of working for grants

The Department's new grant arrangements provide greater certainty for social service providers to improve service delivery for the community.

As part of this new way of working for grants, service providers have the scope and flexibility to be responsive, innovative and creative in meeting the needs of, and achieving better outcomes for the Australian community.

These improvements will create a more efficient and effective way of delivering government funds to the community by reducing red tape and duplication for service providers and creating more streamlined, simplified and consistent reporting processes.

For more information on the new way of working for grants visit www.dss.gov.au/grants.