

Questions and Answers

Partners in Culturally Appropriate Care (PICAC) open competitive grants process

The following questions and answers are specific to this funding round. Please also refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions webpage](#) for general questions about applying for DSS grants.

1. What funding is available for this grant?

\$551,412 (GST excl) has been allocated for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years.

2. If my organisation is part of a group of organisations, can we submit a joint application?

Yes, a consortium application can be submitted if the work or project benefits or involves more than one organisation. However, in order to manage the funds appropriately, if a consortium Application is successful, the Department will enter into a Grant Agreement with the nominated lead organisation. Additionally, the Application must include a letter of support from each organisation that is part of the Application.

3. What is a lead organisation?

A lead organisation must be an incorporated body which is able to enter into the Grant Agreement. The other partner organisations do not have to be incorporated.

If you submit a consortium Application with one or more other organisations, you must nominate a lead organisation for the Application. The lead organisation for the project will, if your Application is successful, sign the Grant Agreement, receive the funding and assume legal responsibility for performing the activities and meeting the outcomes under the Grant Agreement.

4. Would the Department prefer a consortia (joint) approach?

Applications submitted from individual organisations will be neither preferred nor disadvantaged over applications from consortia.

5. If my application is successful, what will be the contract period?

The contract period will be from the date of the execution of the Grant Agreement until 30 June 2017.

6. If my application is successful, when will we receive funding?

Funding commences from the date of the execution of the Grant Agreement.

7. Will my organisation have to spend the funding by a particular date?

Yes. Funding for PICAC organisations will be for the period to 30 June 2017. Based on that timeframe and outcomes of negotiations with the successful applicant, a schedule of payment of funds will be listed in the Grant Agreement with the Department.

8. If successful, can I specify multiple bank accounts in which to receive funding?

No, only one bank account may be used over the funding period. If your organisation changes bank accounts, consideration may be given to also change the account into which funding is paid.

9. Can you let me know if my application is likely to be successful or provide guidance on how to complete the application?

Due to probity reasons, it is not possible to provide guidance on the eligibility or likelihood of success of any application. The [DSS website](#) has a range of information and support is available for organisations who wish to submit an application for funding.

10. Is there an expectation that a specific budget or spread sheet outlining costs associated with the proposal be provided? If so, what level of detail is required?

The application does not include a section to outline costs associated with the proposal. Due to probity reasons, it is not possible to provide guidance on the level of detail required for any application. The [DSS website](#) has a range of information and support is available for organisations who wish to submit an application for funding.

However, clause 2.7 of the Programme Guidelines outlines the eligible and ineligible activities for which grant funding can be used and, in line with the guidelines, grant activities will be managed to ensure the efficient and effective use of public monies. This will be consistent with best value in social services principles, the DSS grant agreement, and will aim to maintain viable services and act to prevent fraud upon the Commonwealth. Acquittal documents will need to be provided to the Department as outlined in the Grant Agreement.

11. Where should I go for further information?

Contact: grants@dss.gov.au