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## Q&A: TARGETED REGIONAL INITIATIVES for SUICIDE PREVENTION (TRISP) (PAC102)

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### 1. Question

Can you please confirm if the total budget available for the RFP is \$410,000 or if there is a maximum amount for each initiative is \$410,000? This is not clear in the tender documentation.

### Answer

The maximum amount available in total for this procurement activity is \$410,000. This may mean the successful proposal(s) could be one initiative budgeted at \$410,000, multiple initiatives from one tenderer budgeted at smaller amounts that add up to \$410,000 in total, or multiple initiatives from multiple tenderers that add up to \$410,000 in total. Our aim is to distribute these funds strategically to enable a whole-of-system approach to suicide prevention in the ACT. All proposals budgeted within the range (\$10,000 minimum - \$410,000 maximum) will be accepted, but action will be taken to ensure the full amount of funding can be distributed in the most impactful way.

### 2. Question

- Please could you elaborate on how an application might demonstrate sustainability beyond the funding period?
- When you say sustainable, are you expecting organisations fund their initiatives after the 2024/2025 funding period is over?

### Answer

- The reason for this is funding beyond after 30 June 2025 is uncertain so we encourage applicants to think creatively about how their initiative can have a lasting impact in a short period of time.
- Sustainability beyond the funding period relates to continued value and benefits to the local community post-funding. Examples of this could include – workplace training of staff in suicide prevention skills or awareness where these skills are utilised in the longer term – beyond the scope of the funding, or a community group has a suicide awareness campaign that filters down through the community group and is still referred to beyond the year.
- This may include programs that don't need funding once they're set up (self-sustaining/volunteer led) or programs that can have an impact after they're finished (e.g. training).

### 3. Question

Are there any risk models that we need to adhere to? Eg

- Risk Model - must call emergency services
- Risk Model - collect names of participants/clients

### Answer

No prescribed models.

This would depend on the service being applied for. Like all suicide prevention programs there would be a 'duty of care' element however we would need more information regarding the specific initiative. When dealing with people in community who are at risk we need risk mitigation policies and procedures.

Please also refer to the PHN standard terms and conditions in the RFP – what is needed to be adhered to in all contracts for PHN funding.

#### **4. Question**

If a service is already operational in the local area, however we are applying for an expansion of this service into other local areas would this be regarded as duplication?

#### **Answer**

No. This would be regarded as additional resourcing to extend your reach and support more individuals in the local community. This would not be duplication.

Duplication refers to unnecessary replacement of services that are already meeting the need of the local population. Expanding services to meet an unmet need in the local population is not duplication.

#### **5. Question**

When you say not a duplication of an existing service, I assume it would likely be ok to be an expansion of existing successful service?

#### **Answer**

Yes. Examples – a service with a limit number of operating hours, expansion of operating hours to support clients outside normal operating hours, expansion of services provided within an existing service.

#### **6. Question**

You note the vulnerability of certain populations (Veterans, LGBTQI etc). Do you know how many of each died by suicide in the ACT in preceding years? What about people discharged from mental health services? This is to help allocate resources across prevention efforts.

#### **Answer**

We do not have access to this data specifically for our local population. For local suicide data (suicidal attempts, hospitalisation etc) please use AIHW website. Unfortunately, due to the small population of the ACT it is not possible to de-aggregate this data to the level of many at-risk populations without risking re-identification, so numbers are not available.

#### **7. Question**

Is there a strong request for Peer workforce recruitment to roles?

#### **Answer**

Yes, we would consider the development of a peer workforce or upskilling of a peer-work force would fit into the criteria for this funding.

#### **8. Question**

Would you consider development or upskill of peer workforce to be part of a sustainability strategy?

#### **Answer**

Yes. This would contribute to workforce development during and after the funding period, which is an example of sustainability.

#### **9. Question**

Can an organisation submit more than one application to the scheme?

#### **Answer**

Yes, more than one application per organisation will be accepted, each application will need to be submitted separately.

#### **10. Question**

How will you send out the link to this recording?

#### **Answer**

The recording will be uploaded to CHN website tenders page and sent to those who registered for the briefing session.