

# Update on Occupational Violence Prevention Fund 2008-2011

## Round 3 Summary

In October 2009, public health services were invited to apply for funds in round 3 of the Occupational Violence Prevention Fund. A risk assessment was required to identify the highest priority risks in the organisation and access to the fund was dependent on successful completion (or progressing) of works funded under previous rounds.

A total of \$1 Million was available in this round and as with previous rounds, round 3 was over subscribed. \$600,000 was allocated to the submission process for highest priority risk rectification and the remainder was for the Building Better Partnerships initiative for public health services to develop, pilot and evaluate initiatives aimed at building and enhancing relationships with their local police and other key agencies.

Successful metropolitan and large rural health services received their funds for Round 3 in January 2010 and small rural health services received their funds for round 3 initiatives in March 2010.

In round 3, 24 projects or initiatives were funded and a combined report of all three rounds by health service demonstrates the success of the fund with over 75% of the public health services successfully accessing the fund to remediate highest priority risks within their organisation.

### OVPF Round 3 projects by health service (2009-10)

Organisation	OVPF initiative or works	Main area
<b>Barwon South Western</b>		
Timboon & District Healthcare Service	Training/Education for occupational violence prevention	Organisation wide
<b>Gippsland</b>		
Gippsland Health Services consortium	Training/Education for occupational violence prevention	Organisation wide
<b>Grampians</b>		
Ballarat Health Service	Training/Education for occupational violence prevention	Organisation wide
Ballarat Health Service	Enhanced security for high risk areas. Additional training for dealing with challenging behaviours	Woman & Children's Dep't
East Grampians Health Service	Enhanced security for high risk areas	ED
West Wimmera Health Service	Alert system for entrances at 5 campuses	Entrance all campuses
West Wimmera Health Service	Duress alarms for hostel (dementia patients) staff	Organisation wide
West Wimmera Health Service	Enhanced security for high risk areas	Organisation wide
Wimmera Health Care Group	Enhanced security for high risk areas	ED
<b>Hume</b>		
Albury Wodonga Health - Wodonga Campus	Review and enhancement of OV policy and procedure, integrating better weapons management	Organisation wide
Albury Wodonga Health	Development of an E-learning package that will support new proposed OV train the trainer model.	Organisation wide
Albury Wodonga Health	Organisation wide occupational violence management strategy(including ED, obstetrics MH, home-based)	Organisation wide
Upper Murray Health & Community Services	Training/Education for occupational violence prevention	Organisation wide
Yarrawonga District Health Service	Crime prevention Through Environmental Design	Organisation wide
Yarrawonga/Nathalia/Cobram/Numurkah collaboration	Training/Education for occupational violence prevention (ED [40%] & dementia [60] related OV)	Organisation wide
<b>Loddon Mallee</b>		
Boort District Health	Enhanced security for high risk areas	Aged care
Cohuna District Hospital	Enhanced security for high risk areas	Organisation wide
Inglewood & Districts Health service	Enhanced security for high risk areas	Organisation wide
<b>Metropolitan</b>		
Alfred Health	Improving staff safety using a multi-faceted approach to reduce the risk of aggression in the Emergency Department at the Alfred and in general medical wards across the organisation	ED/aged care/Organisation wide
Austin Health	Staff Education program for occupational violence prevention and a weapon safety program (gun safes for ED & Adult Mental health )	ED/mental health/Organisation wide
Austin Health	Train the trainer' model for advanced physical OVP skills, Review & update E-Learning packages	Organisation wide
Royal Women's Hospital	Occupational violence prevention	Organisation wide
Mercy Health	Enhance interface between WMH ED, WMMHP, local police & ambulance services, plus targeted training	ED & WMMHP setting
Western Health	Enhanced security for high risk areas	Radiology