**2019** **palliative care service innovation and development grant – FAQs**

**What is the 2019 palliative care service innovation and development grant?**

This is a one off (non-recurrent) grant designed to provide funds for the development and testing of new models of care, workforce models, and support systems to enable more efficient service provision aimed at improving continuity of care across multiple care settings for Victorians with life-limiting illnesses. The grant will support services to improve how they deliver services that are person-centred and more broadly integrate with healthcare providers across the healthcare system.

**Which organisations are eligible to apply?**

The grant is open to Victorian designated specialist palliative care services.

**When do applications close?**

Applications for the 2019 palliative care service innovation and development grant close on **midnight Sunday 19 May 2019**.

**What areas of service innovation and development are being targeted?**

The department is seeking to fund the following categories of innovation and service development:

* enhancements to models of care, including proof of concept testing and evaluation
* business model innovation
* workforce model innovation.

Applicants will be asked to address one or more of the following key focus areas:

* joined up management of palliative care and care at the end of life
* continuity of care across multiple care settings
* enhancement of client, family and carer outcomes
* shared decision making
* a reduction of barriers to care at end of life and palliative care for underserved populations.

**How will applications be assessed?**

Each application will be assessed according to the following criteria:

* whether it complies with the 2019 service innovation and development grant guidelines;
* whether the proposed innovation or service enhancement aligns with the goals of *Victoria’s end of life and palliative care framework* (2016); and
* whether the key components proposed in the project are potentially transferable to other care at end of life and palliative care services.

**Who can I contact for more information?**

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