



Healthy Masculinities Trial and Evaluation

Feedback for Applicants

The Department of Social Services (the department) provides the following general feedback for applicants of the 2023–24 Healthy Masculinities Trial and Evaluation (Healthy MaTE) grant opportunity.

Assessment of applications was undertaken in accordance with the procedures detailed in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines and outlined in the selection process below.

Overview

The Healthy MaTE grant opportunity is a prevention project designed to support the development of healthy masculinities among school-aged boys. It aims to influence and change attitudes and behaviours that may lead to gender-based violence. The grant will do this through implementing and evaluating the activities selected to be trialled, to establish evidence about what interventions work in practice to inform future activities in this area.

The application submission period opened on 23 January 2024 and closed on 20 February 2024. The grant opportunity received 7 applications.

The department undertook initial screening of applications to confirm eligibility and compliance against the requirements outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. This information was provided to the grant opportunity's Delegate for decision on whether an application met the eligibility and compliance criteria.

Following this initial screening, the department considered and assessed all eligible and compliant applications. The selection advisory panel (panel) established by the department, comprised subject matter experts who assessed applications based on:

- suitability against the eligibility criteria set out in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines
- how well the application responses met the assessment criterion
- alignment to the project plan template, budget template and other requested attachments
- value for money
- identified risks and the proposed mitigation strategies for the department and the Commonwealth.

All applications were independently scored by members of the panel against the listed criteria to enable a fair and direct comparison to be made. The application scores were used to determine the final outcomes of the grant assessment process.

This analysis informed the funding recommendations provided to the Delegate.



Selection Results

There was strong interest in the grant opportunity and applications were of a high standard. The preferred applicants demonstrated a strong ability to meet the selection criteria and grant requirements outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

The department has notified all applicants of the status of their application in writing.

This feedback is provided to assist unsuccessful grant applicants to understand the elements that contributed to strong applications, including the content of responses to the assessment criteria.

Criterion 1

Describe how you will use the grant to provide evidence-based activities that encourage healthy expressions of masculinities among school aged boys and young men.

Strong applications in this round:

- Proposed activities which clearly aligned with the intent of the grant: to trial and evaluate activities designed to promote healthy masculinities, in order to establish evidence for what interventions work in practice.
- Demonstrated a thorough understanding of the concept of 'healthy masculinities' and the relationship between improving men's relationships with masculinity and the reduction of gender based violence.
- Clearly identified how the proposed activities met the specific requirements outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.
- Demonstrated a thorough understanding of the evidence base supporting key components of their proposed activity, often utilising examples from other initiatives where these components were proven effective and citing key pieces of relevant and reliable academic literature.
- Articulated a theory of change for their proposed activity, which clearly explained the link between the proposed activity and the desired outcomes.

Criterion 2

Describe why your organisation is an appropriate organisation for the delivery of the grant. Describe how your application represents a collaborative proposal, involving consultation with multiple organisations (or a consortium) and expertise from across the sector.

Strong applications in this round:

- Demonstrated relevant experience in delivering similar initiatives, and/or exceptional capacity to deliver their proposed activities.
- Proposed activities which represented a genuinely collaborative proposal utilising a breadth of experience and encompassing diverse viewpoints.
- Clearly articulated how the overall mission and objectives the organisation, as well as the mission of any consortia-partners, aligned with those of the grant and the National Plan.

Criterion 3

Describe how you intend to trial and evaluate your proposed activity.

Strong applications in this round:

- Clearly identified a robust evaluation methodology which represented an academically rigorous trial.



- Identified methods for data collection and analysis, specified why these methods were selected over others, and described how they planned to obtain the data.
- Acknowledged any weaknesses in their methodology/data collection methods and identified areas for further discussion with the department's external evaluator.
- Clearly explained how they plan to engage with the external evaluator.

Individual feedback

Although the Grant Opportunity Guidelines have stated individual feedback will not be provided for this grant opportunity, the department is willing to provide individual feedback for unsuccessful applicants.