

GICS Grants Program 2020/21

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What is the closing time and date for expressions of interest in the GICS 2020/21 Grants Program?

Expressions of Interest in the 2020/21 GICS Grants program close at 5pm on Friday 13th November 2020.

Who can apply for the grants?

Healthcare providers and other stakeholders delivering services across the cancer care sector in the Grampians Region are invited to apply.

If my project does not fit with the priority areas listed can I still apply for funding?

Other applications improving the cancer experience for patients and their carer's in the Grampians region will be considered, however priority will be given to projects whose focus involves one or more of the below aspects.

- those in rural communities
- those who are older (aged 70 and over)
- those who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- improving access to community support and social connection
- improving access to exercise or physical activity
- earlier and appropriate referrals to Palliative care
- services that enable care outside hospital walls
- services for those living with or beyond cancer

How do the Scoping and Service Improvement Grants differ?

Scoping grants are of a lesser value (up to \$10 000) are aimed at further exploring the nature of problem or issue impacting on patient's experiences of care.

Service Improvement Grants (up to \$50 000) provide an opportunity to implement possible solutions resulting in improved access or care

Can I submit an expression of interest for more than one project?

Yes. More expressions of interest for more than one project can be submitted.

How do I link my project with the Victorian Policy Context?

- The **Victorian Cancer Action Plan 2020-24** aims to achieve health equity across the cancer system so people are not disadvantaged by who they are, where they live, or what resources they have, and in doing so support improved cancer outcomes for all Victorians. This is a significant aim and should be referenced within the context of successful projects. A further key aspect of the Cancer Plan is in acknowledging the impact of COVID 19.
- Projects should demonstrate a **Supportive Care Focus** referring to one or more areas of patient needs and the and subsequent range of services, information and resources that they may require in order to adhere to cancer treatment.
- **Optimal Care Pathways (OCPs)** map the patient journey and describe optimal cancer care including timeframes, resources and recommended care at each point of the pathway and can be further drawn on in submissions.

Will I need to submit both an expression of interest and a full application?

The GICS Grants program has been divided into two stages. If successful with an initial expression of interest applicants will then be requested to submit a full application by the 29 January 2021.

What is the difference between an expression of interest and a full application?

Expressions of interest are brief summaries that focus largely on the nature and magnitude of an existing problem and how the solution may benefit patients / carers.

Full applications additionally focus on how you plan to solve the problem, stay on track in terms of time and budget, evaluate, plan for sustainable outcomes and engage consumers throughout the project.

Who will be involved in approving the expressions of interest / applications?

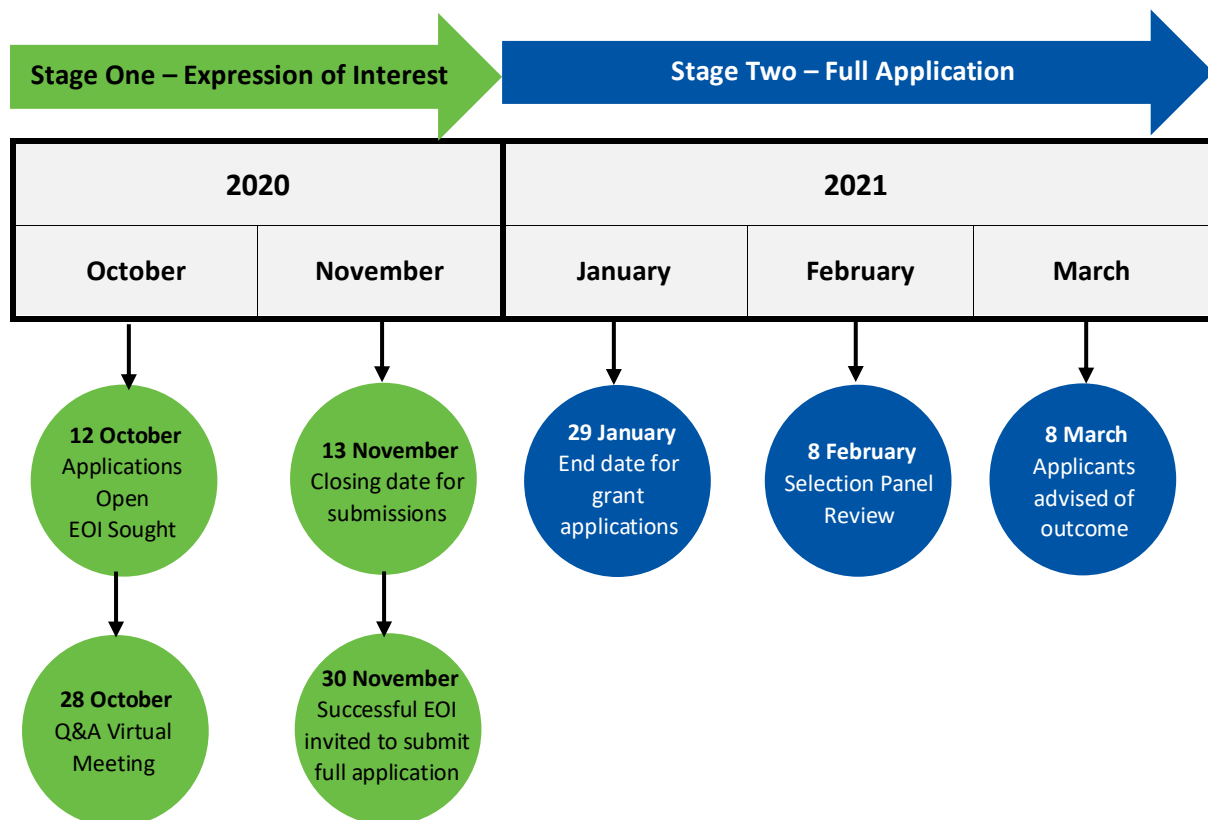
A panel constituting two members of the GICS team and two representatives from the GICS Consumer Advisory Group will be involved in reviewing expressions of interest and determining which applicants will be requested to submit a full application for grant funding.

An independent panel will review grant applications and take associated recommendations to the GICS Governance Group. GICS team members will support the administrative components of the panel process but not otherwise be involved in decision making.

Can someone from the GICS team help me with my application?

The GICS team can provide general information and advice on completing your expression of interest / application. To maintain integrity and fairness in the application process individual help or support cannot be offered.

Key Dates



Further Information

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