

VicHealth Partnership Grants

Ideas Partnership Grant information sheet

About the grant:

This funding opportunity seeks ideas that will improve the health and wellbeing of Victorians but don't fit within the other VicHealth Partnership Grant opportunities advertised in November 2019.

Ideas must align with the priority areas outlined in the [VicHealth Action Agenda for Health Promotion 2019 – 23](#) including:

- encouraging regular physical activity
 - overcoming judgement experienced by women
 - social sport, active recreation and play
 - walking and active travel
- preventing tobacco use
 - preventing young people from smoking
 - supporting smokers to quit
 - reducing appeal of tobacco products
- improving mental wellbeing
 - positive social connections among young people
 - gender equality
- promoting healthy eating
 - food environments (including sports settings)
 - fruit and vegetable consumption
 - food cultures
 - childhood obesity prevention (more information [here](#))
- preventing harm from alcohol products
 - changing risky drinking cultures
 - supporting local communities to reduce harm
 - providing evidence-based advice to strengthen policy
- reducing health inequities
 - putting equity at the heart of our work
 - supporting action by the health promotion sector
 - influencing determinants through partnerships

We will consider all ideas, prioritising those that:

- impact health and wellbeing across multiple priorities (e.g. physical activity and mental wellbeing)
- put health equity at the heart of the idea, ensuring accessibility and inclusion of vulnerable groups
- are practical and easy to implement
- involve partnerships with other organisations to work towards shared health and wellbeing outcomes
- are impactful and offer value for money.

We encourage organisations to think laterally about forging new partnerships and collaborative ideas to improve the health and wellbeing of the Victorian community.

We are looking for ideas that we have not previously funded and have not been submitted in previous VicHealth grant rounds. Please be aware that applications for funding that have been submitted to VicHealth previously, or aim to continue or replicate a project that VicHealth has already funded, are unlikely to be successful.

NOTE: Whilst research institutions are eligible to apply, we are not looking to fund research under this funding stream. Instead, we strongly recommend submitting expressions of interest for research through the Research Partnership Grant stream.

What's on offer:

There is no set upper or lower limits on the funding that is available for the Ideas Partnership Grants, however, value for money will be a key consideration when we consider ideas.

Applicants should request a funding amount appropriate to the scale of the idea and that will enable the idea to be delivered in the specified timeframe.

VicHealth will identify the most promising ideas and may work with applicants to further develop the idea which may include refining the suggested budget.

Who can apply?

Any organisation passionate about achieving better health and wellbeing outcomes in Victoria is encouraged to apply. We encourage you to think big and laterally about forging new partnerships to really hit the mark with communities and help improve health and wellbeing in Victoria.

VicHealth encourages diverse organisations to apply, including those who work with disability communities, LGBTIQ communities, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Organisations that can apply include but are not limited to:

- Local councils
- Community organisations
- Health services and community health organisations
- Tertiary education institutions
- Organisations from the arts, creative, digital or youth sector
- Rural and remote organisations
- Organisations working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Organisations working with disability communities, LGBTIQ communities, culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- NGOs, peak bodies, charities
- Other relevant industries/sectors.

Who can't apply?

- Members of the general public are not eligible to apply alone and must instead apply through an organisation
- Organisations that accept any form of sponsorship, support or research funding from sources connected to the tobacco industry
- Organisations whose business or activities do not align with VicHealth's values of promoting good health and wellbeing for all Victorians.

Conflict of Interest

VicHealth takes its role as a leader in health promotion seriously which means we need to be mindful of who we partner with to ensure our values and purposes align.

Given our history in tobacco control, organisations that receive funding or support from the tobacco industry are ineligible to apply for VicHealth funding.

Beyond tobacco, we are mindful that there are other industries and businesses whose values and purposes do not align with VicHealth. Therefore, if your organisation or any individual or partner named on your application receives support or partners with another industry or business whose objectives may compromise VicHealth's aim of improving the health and wellbeing of all Victorians, we ask that you let us know by completing a Conflict of Interest Declaration and Management Form.

By declaring these interests, you are not excluded from applying for VicHealth funding; all declarations are assessed on a case-by-case basis considering the extent of the conflict and how it can be managed.

What can VicHealth funding be used for?

We will fund ideas that align with VicHealth's priority areas and have the strongest potential to improve health and wellbeing of the Victorian community.

We will not fund:

- applications to generate new research
- ideas that focus on early intervention, treatment, rehabilitation or prevention of specific diseases
- laboratory-based science or health service delivery, unless there is a strong rationale for its relevance to health promotion
- a continuation or replication of a project we've already funded or we've received an application for previously

Application

Applications open Tuesday 19 November 2019 and close at 12:00 midday on Monday 24 February 2020.

Questions

1. Brief project description*

Please provide a plain-language summary of your proposal, including the problem you are trying to address. 150 words.

2. Why is your idea needed?*

What is the health promotion priority or problem your idea will address and why is this important? Include how your idea will address issues of health inequities, disadvantage and/or vulnerable sectors of the community. Up to 200 words.

3. Why does your idea have merit and how will you measure its success?*

Why do you think your idea will be successful? Is there evidence to support your proposal? How will you evaluate your outcomes and what great impact do you expect your idea will achieve? Include how you will measure the impact on disadvantaged population groups compared to advantaged population groups. Up to 350 words.

4. What key activities and outputs do you expect to deliver, and when?

Can your idea be delivered any time, or only in a certain time period? Use dot points to summarise the 'what' and 'when' (or indicative timeframe) for your project. Up to 250 words

5. Who will you partner with to deliver the project?*

Provide a summary list of your partners (confirmed or proposed) and their main roles and responsibilities. Up to 100 words

Attachments and supporting documentation

- [Budget template](#) – this is mandatory and must be included in the application.
- [Conflict of interest declaration and management form](#) – only required if an organisation, individual or partner associated with the application has past or present arrangements with alcohol, junk food, sugar sweetened beverage industries, or organisations whose objectives may compromise VicHealth's aim of improving the health and wellbeing of all Victorians.
- [VicHealth Partnership Grant contract departure proposal form](#) – only required if your organisation is unable to comply with any clause detailed in the standard VicHealth Funding Agreement Terms and Conditions.

Assessment

Applications will go through a multi-stage assessment process involving VicHealth and external content experts.

Ideas Partnership Grant applications will be assessed according to the scale of idea and funding amount requested. The following criteria will form the basis of assessment:

1. Alignment to grant outcomes (30%)

- Is the application clear in its aims and outcomes?
- Do the proposed project outcomes align with the stated grant outcomes?
- How strong is the plan to measure the outcomes?

2. Viability (30%)

- Is the application well planned and achievable within the timeframe?
- Have the resources required to deliver the project been clearly identified?
- Does the application identify appropriate partners and demonstrate an ability to work with them in a collaborative way?
- Have other funding sources been identified?
- Does the budget accurately reflect the scope and scale of the application?
- Is the application financially viable and does it demonstrate sound management?

3. Community need (15%)

- Will the proposed project effectively address a clearly identified and demonstrated local need?
- Has the application appropriately engaged with the local community?

4. Potential impact (10%)

- If successful, what is the potential for impacts to be scaled through replication, embedding or informing policy change?

5. Access and equity (15%)

- Does the application address issues of disadvantage, social exclusion, barriers to participation, or vulnerable sectors of the community?

Grant recipients will be notified by 30 April 2020 if they are to receive funding in the 2019-20 financial year.

Given the nature of this grant opportunity, we anticipate that this will be very competitive. As a result of the high number of applications we are likely to receive, we will not be able to provide feedback on the outcome of individual applications.

If you are successful

Successful applicants are required to:

- Enter into a Funding Agreement with VicHealth and comply with its [Terms and Conditions](#)
- Comply with reporting requirements, including progress and final reports, financial acquittals and face-to-face meetings as determined in your Funding Agreement.
- Take part in VicHealth evaluation activity as requested – by assisting an external VicHealth appointed evaluator with design/collection/management/supply of minimum data set (data required to be confirmed in conjunction with VicHealth, external evaluator and funded partners, and where possible using already existing tools)
- Acknowledge VicHealth Partnership Grants in all communications
- Not be a recipient of financial support from tobacco companies
- Maintain appropriate insurances throughout the partnership period.

Indicative project and reporting schedule – Ideas Partnership Grant

VicHealth is unable to provide an indicative project schedule due to the unknown timing and scale of ideas submitted through this grant type.

VicHealth will work with applicants to further develop promising ideas. If successful, project and reporting periods will be tailored accordingly.

Recommended reading

Before applying, we recommend you read and understand the following documents:

Name	Why is it recommended?
VicHealth Action Agenda for Health Promotion	Summarises VicHealth’s approach to achieving its target of one million more Victorians with better health and wellbeing by 2023, and links through to relevant strategy documents.
Fair Foundations Framework	A conceptual and planning tool to guide action on the social determinants of health inequities.
Partnership Analysis Tool	VicHealth’s most-downloaded resource. This tool helps organisations understand different purposes for collaboration, reflect on established partnerships and focus on ways to strengthen new and existing partnerships.

Still have questions?

- If you’ve read the VicHealth Partnership Grant Funding Guidelines, including relevant documents under the ‘Getting started’ section, and still have questions, please submit an enquiry via the relevant funding page www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding/ or leave us a message on 9667 9050
- Please note: We are unable to provide advice or feedback on your specific idea, however, we can clarify the intention of this grant opportunity and the outcomes it is trying to achieve.



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