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2025 GenQ Health and Wellbeing Community Accelerator Grants

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Acknowledgement of Country

Health and Wellbeing Queensland (HWQld) respectfully acknowledges and recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands, winds and waters where we live, learn and work.

We pay our respects and acknowledge the important role of Elders, past and present, for they hold the memories, the traditions, cultures and aspirations of Australia's First Nations peoples, and have taken on the responsibility to protect and promote their culture and leave a legacy for future Elders and leaders.

We acknowledge any Sorry Business that may be affecting individuals, families and communities.

We promise to be respectful, take lead from the community and walk together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities and organisations in our journey to better health.

We recognise that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is rich and diverse and that we, as an agency, have a responsibility to facilitate efforts that account for this to ensure equity for all.

We celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, in particular the strength, resilience and courage which has occurred over time and now inspires current and future generations to create a healthier Queensland.

Disclaimer

HWQld has taken reasonable steps to ensure the 2025 GenQ Health and Wellbeing Community Accelerator Grant Funding Guidelines ('Guidelines') are correct at the time of publication. Submission of an application does not guarantee funding, and any direct or consequential loss or damage suffered because of reliance on this publication is the user's sole responsibility.

The costs of preparing an application are borne by the applicant and successful funding does not indicate support for future applications to HWQld.

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1. Background

Health and Wellbeing Queensland (HWQld) is Queensland's dedicated Prevention Agency committed to creating a healthier and fairer future for Queensland. HWQld's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan aims to drive change to address the preventable burden of disease, with a focus to reduce the impacts of chronic disease especially for those who are experiencing poor health due to circumstances beyond their control. We do that by working with government, communities and other sectors to change the environments people live in to help create a healthier and fairer Queensland.

Generation Queensland (GenQ) is HWQld's vision that sees children born today experiencing better health outcomes than the generations of Queenslanders before them. **GenQ is for every child.**

In Queensland, currently 2 in 3 adults and 1 in 4 children live with overweight and obesity. Across Australia, children in lower socio-economic areas are facing rising obesity rates. Modelling shows that children born in the decade from 2023 could have a shorter life expectancy than their parents, with a projected reduction of up to 5 years off their life expectancy due to the impact of overweight and obesity.

The **GenQ Health and Wellbeing Community Accelerator Grants** (GenQ Accelerator Grants) form a part of **HWQld's Grants Program.** Community Grants provide a valuable opportunity to improve health and wellbeing outcomes and benefit communities across Queensland. Together, we have a chance to create lasting change for the next generation, where every Queenslander can live their best life, regardless of where they are in our State.

Grant opportunity	Purpose	Value of each grant (excl. GST)	Total funding (excl. GST)
GenQ Health and Wellbeing Community Accelerator Grants	Available exclusively to recipients of 2023 GenQ Health and Wellbeing Community Grants to expand or further develop their funded projects	**$5,000 to $50,000**	$200,000

Further information

For more information on other HWQld Grant Program opportunities, please visit the Health and Wellbeing Queensland website or contact the Grants Team at grants@hw.qld.gov.au.

2. About the GenQ Accelerator Grants

GenQ Accelerator Grants are only available to recipients of a completed 2023 GenQ Health and Wellbeing Community Grant (2023 GenQ Community Grants).

Aim

The aim of the GenQ Accelerator Grants is to further support the impact of the 2023 GenQ Community Grants through an opportunity to apply for additional funding to expand and/or scale-up their community-led projects.

Focus

The GenQ Accelerator Grants will continue to target one or more of the following priority or at-risk populations:

- Infants, Children and Young People
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- People experiencing social or economic disadvantage
- People living with disability
- People from culturally, linguistically and/or spiritually diverse backgrounds, including recent migrants and refugees
- People living in rural areas of Queensland
- People living in remote regions of Queensland.

Objectives

The objectives of the GenQ Accelerator Grants remain as per the 2023 GenQ Community Grants:

NUTRITION	Increase knowledge of nutrition and empower people and communities to increase consumption of vegetables and fruits, and support people to maintain a healthy weight to meet recommendations in the Australian Dietary Guidelines (2013) and Infant Feeding Guidelines (2012).
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY	Improve opportunities and access to increase levels of physical activity and support people to maintain a healthy weight to meet the relevant national Physical activity and exercise guidelines for their age group.
SLEEP	Promote better sleep to increase the proportion of Queenslanders meeting the sleep and sedentary recreational screentime recommendations in the Physical activity and exercise guidelines and the Australian Sleep Health Foundation recommendations.
WELLBEING	Facilitate projects and activities to support wellbeing, including emotional, social, psychological, mental, spiritual and cultural wellbeing, and create community connectedness to align with the Queensland Children's Wellbeing Framework and HWQld's Wellbeing Approach.
HEALTH EQUITY	Facilitate improved access to health services and resources when and where Queenslanders need them, with a focus on promoting health equity.

Expected Outcomes

GenQ Accelerator Grants focus on achieving specific, measurable outcomes and long-term impacts from the funded projects. This way we can track and report on the impact of the grant program and answer the question of 'did our grants make a difference?'.

Outcomes are the quantifiable results or changes that came from each project (such as 90% of attendees reported improved skills, greater knowledge, better access to food, better sleep when their screen time was reduced etc).

Key funding details

Total funding pool:	**Up to $200,000 (excluding GST)**
Individual grant value:	**$5,000 to $50,000 (excluding GST)**
	Funding is for one-off, time-limited projects and not intended for ongoing funding.
Project timeframe:	Up to **18 months**
Project delivery start date:	**1 January 2026**
Project delivery end date:	No later than **30 June 2027**
	Proposed projects must be completed within the grant delivery period unless an extension has been approved by HWQld.
How many applications:	Eligible applicants may submit only ONE grant application.

Free specialist support to develop your application

Free and independent support is available to each GenQ Accelerator Grant applicant through The University of Queensland's **Health and Wellbeing Centre for Research Innovation (HWCRI)**.

This opportunity, which is available through a partnership between HWQld and HWCRI, includes:
- access to a pre-recorded webinar by the HWCRI team
- access to one-on-one online development sessions with HWCRI's experts to help design the application and the project evaluation plan.

These sessions will be available until grant applications close as shown in the Key dates section below. For further information, please contact Dr Samantha Mulcahy, Research Program Manager via email at HWCRI (hwcri@uq.edu.au).

Key dates

Funding under the GenQ Accelerator Grants is awarded through an online application process. Timeframes are outlined below:

Stages of the GenQ Accelerator Grant process	Dates
Applications open Recorded webinar and Specialist Support made available to all eligible applicants.	**Tuesday 1 July 2025 at 9am AEST**

Applications close	Tuesday 23 September 2025 at 2pm AEST
Application assessment (i.e. eligibility check, assessment, moderation and approvals)	October-November 2025
Applicants notified of outcome	Late November-early December 2025
Contract executed with HWQld	Mid-December 2025
Delivery of funded projects	**1 January 2026** to **30 June 2027**
Progress Report	Mid-point of your Project
Final Report and Acquittal	30 days after your Project End Date

3. Eligibility

HWQld can only consider applications that meet all eligibility criteria listed below and in the application form.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must be previous recipients of a 2023 GenQ Community Grant who have completed their original funded grant project, and must continue to comply with the original 2023 GenQ Community Grant eligibility criteria, as follows:

- a not-for-profit or charitable organisation (as defined by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission)
- an incorporated association that is either based in Queensland or has a branch in Queensland
- an Indigenous Corporation (registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations)
- a Queensland local government authority
- a Queensland State School Parent and Citizens' Association (P&C) or a non-state school Parents and Friends Association (P&F).

AND

- have an active ABN
- have been operational in Queensland for at least 12 months, and deliver services or support to the Queensland community
- have (or agree to obtain) the appropriate type and level of insurance for the proposed activities
- not have any outstanding contractual or financial obligations (including reports, acquittals) for any HWQld or Queensland Government-funded projects/programs
- be willing to agree to the terms and conditions of the new grant agreement; and
- able to enter into a legally binding and enforceable agreement with the State of Queensland.

Eligible grant activities

The proposed project must expand or scale-up the original project funded through a 2023 GenQ Community Grant.

The proposed project must continue to demonstrate:

- a clear benefit to the community in alignment with one or more of the five objectives (see Objectives); AND
- the intended project outcomes (short-term and/or long-term) must:
  - address identified community needs, contributing to solutions that support and/or build momentum for more sustainable, long-term change in community health and wellbeing
  - identify and respond to a gap or emerging opportunity, demonstrating how the project will bridge this gap to enhance community outcomes.

Applicants are encouraged to collaborate or partner with other organisations, including local community groups, local councils and/or the not-for-profit sector, to enhance the project's design, reach and overall impact. This includes partnering with organisations in other regions for expansion of successfully delivered 2023 GenQ funded grant projects.

Ineligible grant activities

Grant funding cannot be used for:

- projects outside of Queensland
- product branding, advertising or promotion not related to the project
- projects that support or oppose a political organisation or involve political or lobbying activity
- primarily commercial or fundraising ventures
- projects requiring ongoing funding from the Queensland Government
- projects considered to be the core responsibility of other Commonwealth, State, Territory or Local Government bodies.

Please contact the HWQld Grants Team via grants@hw.qld.gov.au or (07) 3234 9904 if you have any questions about the eligibility of your proposed project. Please note we can only provide generic advice or guidance and cannot provide significant input or assessment of your application prior to submission.

Eligible expenditure

The applicant can only spend the grant on eligible expenditure according to the approved budget in the application.

- **Eligible** expenses
  - non-recurrent staff salaries, wages and on-costs that can be directly attributed to the provision of the project (i.e. are not considered business-as-usual)
  - training for paid and unpaid staff, including committee members and volunteers, that is relevant, appropriate and in line with the GenQ Accelerator Grant objectives
  - operating and administration expenses directly related to the project (must be project-specific and not part of business-as-usual expenses)
  - project-specific costs or activities
  - participant food and non-alcoholic-/non-sugar sweetened beverages for community engagement activities
  - awards/trophies (cannot be alcohol, fast food vouchers or unhealthy foods such as chocolates)
  - guest speaker fees, travel (within Australia only) and accommodation
  - consultant and contractor fees directly related to the project
  - equipment and materials directly related to the project
  - staff travel and transport assistance for project attendees (to reduce barriers); and
  - evaluation of the funded project and/or to explore options for future sustainability and ongoing viability.

If the application is successful, HWQld may ask the applicant to verify project costs provided in the application.

Ineligible expenditure

Grant funding cannot be used for:

- the purchase of real estate or vehicles
- equipment and materials not directly related to the proposed project
- infrastructure or major capital works expenditure

- funding of retrospective costs (i.e. items purchased before the project delivery start date or under the original 2023 grant)
- costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or associated documentation (i.e. grant writing fees)
- ongoing operating expenses or 'business as usual' expenses not specifically related to the project (e.g. outgoings such as utility costs or rent; general operational wage-related costs such as administrative support; online costs such as internet connectivity; accounting or legal advice) not directly related to the proposed project
- overseas travel
- public liability and other insurances
- gifts or donations (excluding awards/trophies as listed above in 'Eligible expenditure')
- tertiary level education qualifications (i.e. enrolment costs of a diploma or degree at a tertiary level)
- fundraising activities (Note: events that support the delivery of the proposed project are eligible, however, events delivered in isolation and without connection to the activities are not eligible for funding); and
- the purchase of alcohol, or purchases that will require a liquor or gaming licence.

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4. How to apply

1. Read and understand these Guidelines.
2. Consider accessing free specialist support for grant preparation through HWCRI during the application period (see Section 2). This support is available to assist the applicants in developing their project, implementation plan and evaluation approach.
3. Discuss ideas with potential partners, stakeholders and colleagues, and gather data and material to support your application.
4. Register and complete the online application form via the SmartyGrants online portal.
5. Contact the HWQld Grants Team on grants@hw.qld.gov.au or (07) 3234 9904 if you have any general questions before submitting your application.
6. Submit your application before the deadline, ensuring:
7. you have completed all sections of the online application and attached any required attachments.
8. the application is approved by an officer that is legally authorised to submit applications on behalf of your organisation or another relevant position (e.g. Chief Executive, President, Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary of your management committee/board).

Please note:

- Applications are due by 2pm (QLD time) on the closing date as outlined in the key dates section of these Guidelines. You will not be able to submit an application after the closing date and time.
- Applications cannot be changed after submission.
- Incomplete applications will not be assessed.
- We recommend you don't wait until the 'last minute' to submit your application in case of technical issues. If you do experience technical difficulties at any time, please contact the SmartyGrants Help Desk on (03) 6237 0456 or the HWQld Grants Team on (07) 3234 9904 as soon as possible.

Regulatory requirements

Before submitting your application, please consider all relevant regulatory requirements and ensure compliance, if applicable, including but not limited to:

- Working with children, and child and youth risk management strategy requirements as outlined by Blue Card Services;
- Disability worker screening and related requirements as outlined at https://www.workerscreening.qld.gov.au/
- The principles of the Human Rights Act 2019 to respect, protect and promote the human rights of participants. (Visit https://www.qld.gov.au/law/your-rights/human-rights for more information)
- National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2023*.
  - While the ethics laid out in these guidelines are specific to research, the ethical standpoint is applicable to other human interaction as well, including that of community-based activities.

It is your responsibility to ensure you meet all necessary/required approvals and insurance.

Proposed projects are not required to have received all necessary/required approvals prior to applying. Time to obtain relevant approvals must be factored into the project's timeline and, where required, approvals must be obtained prior to commencing the activity or project.

Other funding

HWQld encourages co-funding and collaboration with community partners, local councils, and/or the not-for-profit sector, where possible, to assist in project delivery.

Applicants must disclose whether any aspect of the proposal for this grant has either:
- received funding through another Queensland Government funding program or other funding body outside of Health and Wellbeing Queensland; or
- been included in an application for funding through another Queensland Government funding scheme or with another funding body that may currently be under consideration.

Where there is a potential funding overlap from other sources, applicants will need to demonstrate how the GenQ Accelerator Grant will either accelerate rapid roll-out of the project, and/or expand on the scope being funded through the other funding program and demonstrate strategic alignment with the objectives of this grant program.

Where an applicant has applied and is successful in securing funding under another Queensland Government scheme or other funding body, one grant will need to be relinquished if the project scope is the same or substantially similar.

Partnerships and letters of support

Applicants should consider partnering with other organisations to improve project design and delivery to strengthen outcomes. The contribution of partners could take several forms, including, but not limited to contributions of:
- in-kind (non-financial) support through expertise, skills, guidance, marketing, resources and/or venues
- cash to support the project
- management or assistance in the execution of the project.

Letters of support should be included in your application from your confirmed partners, including:
- details about partner organisations (if applicable), including key contacts
- how partner organisations (if applicable), including key contacts
- nature of co-contributions (cash or in-kind)
- how the proposed the community will benefit from the partnership.

If you are seeking an appropriate partner for your grant idea, you could consult with your local network, local council, or local not-for-profit organisations listed on the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission organisation list via the ACNC website.

5. Conflicts of interest

Any conflict of interest (actual, perceived or potential) must be declared and managed to ensure they do not impact grant delivery and/or the reputation of the Community Grants. Declarations should be made on the Conflict of Interest - Declaration and Management Form when they arise during the application or project delivery stages. Please contact the HWQld Grants Team on grants@hw.qld.gov.au or (07) 3234 9904 if you have any questions.

Please note that a declared conflict of interest does not automatically preclude the applicant from being eligible for funding. HWQld will assess all declared conflicts of interest on a case-by-case basis.

When a conflict-of-interest declaration and management form is submitted, HWQld will assess the declaration and management plan, and communicate the outcome of the assessment as soon as possible.

How applications will be assessed:

Assessment can take several weeks to ensure a thorough, fair and equitable decision.

Assessment stages	Detail
Preliminary eligibility check	A preliminary eligibility check to eliminate any applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria.
Panel assessment	Grants Assessment Panel members (the panel) will independently assess each eligible application against the *Assessment Criteria* (see Appendix A) and rank them in order of merit on a recommendations list. During assessment, Panel members may also note considerations to be discussed at the moderation meeting, including: • the clarity, feasibility, and overall quality of the project plan and budget justification • the demonstrated commitment of in-kind resources or other forms of support from the applicant, partners or other sources • similarities or duplication with other applications received from the same or nearby area • If applicable, considerations for activities engaging with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities as per Appendix B.
Moderation meeting	The merit of each application will be discussed at a Grants Moderation Meeting. Moderation will also consider a range of factors including: • previous service delivery or performance • geographical spread of applications across Queensland • distribution of applications across each funding Objective category (see section 2)

	- diversity of target audiences, with consideration of priority populations (see section 2) - the potential sustainability or longevity of the project beyond the funding period.
HWQld Chief Executive Officer approval	The Panel Chairperson will provide a final Recommended Funding List to HWQld's Chief Executive Officer for consideration and approval.
Application outcome	Successful, unsuccessful and ineligible applicants will be notified via email

Funding decisions

Applicants will be notified via email of the outcome. Please note:

- Applications may be recommended for full or part funding. Where part funding or a reduced project plan is recommended, the applicant will be contacted to ensure the project is still feasible.
- Funding decisions are final.

Successful applicants will then receive a Short Form Grant Agreement (Agreement) to be signed by the organisation's authorised representative and returned to HWQld by the due date.

Successful applications will also be published on the HWQld website.

Unsuccessful applicants may ask for feedback by emailing the HWQld Grants Team. HWQld will endeavour to provide feedback within one month of the request, however, the timeframes may vary depending on the volume of requests and other contracting priorities.

Evaluation process

HWQld is committed to continuous improvement across its Grants Program. Evaluation plays a key role in ensuring the Grants Program operates effectively and achieves its intended outcomes.

Evaluation will be embedded across both the grants process and funded project outcomes, with a focus on learning, accountability, and impact. Key elements include:

- **Applicant feedback**: Feedback will be collected from applicants at the completion of the Grants process. This information will help the Grants Team to enhance future grant application processes.
- **Project outcomes:** Expected outcomes and evaluation methods will be included in each applicant's Project Plan as part of the application form, and actual outcomes will be reported in the Final Report at the end of the project.
- **Reporting**: This process aims to assist HWQld reporting on the overall objectives and impact of HWQld's Grant Program.

6. Successful Grant Applications

Key actions relating to a successful application

ACTION	DETAILS
Before the start of the project	
Enter a Grant Agreement with HWQld	You will receive a Short Form Agreement, which includes the agreement particulars, your Application and the Short Form Terms and Conditions. You must comply with the requirements and conditions of the Agreement and return a signed copy to Us for countersigning.
Read the Terms and Conditions and Guidelines	It is important to familiarise yourself with the Short Form Agreement Terms and Conditions and to re-read the Guidelines to ensure you understand the funding and service delivery requirements. Questions are always welcome to grants@hw.qld.gov.au
Review the Communications Kit	You will receive a Communication Kit to support your project delivery. It will assist you and us in showcasing your project throughout the contracted period.
Confirm your insurances	You will receive a form in SmartyGrants to submit your current Public Liability insurance and any other relevant insurance.
Ensure any relevant approvals or regulatory requirements have been met	It is important to ensure you comply with all relevant requirements as mentioned in Section 4 – How to Apply.
Don't make any grant-related purchases until your Grant Agreement is signed	You must not pay for grant-funded activities before entering into the Agreement.
During the project	
Keep your project on-track	You must start your grant-funded activities as per the listed Project Start Date listed in your Agreement.
Only use funding in line with your Grant Agreement	You must only use the grant funding for eligible costs as detailed in your budget and Agreement.
Acknowledge your HWQld funding	A Communications Kit will be provided to ensure you include the HWQld logo on all promotional material, resources and products from your project.
Invite HWQld to any project-related events and activities	HWQld welcomes opportunities for our Chief Executive Officer or a HWQld representative to participate in, and support, any

	funded project activities or events. Invites can be sent to grants@hw.qld.gov.au.
Submit your Reports	Reporting templates for the Progress Report and Final Report and Acquittal will be uploaded to your SmartyGrants account. We encourage you to familiarise yourself with the templates, so you are aware of the required information. Let us know at any time if you have any questions about Reporting.
Notify HWQld of any changes to your details	Please send an email to grants@hw.qld.gov.au if there are any changes to your project personnel, address or contact details.
Submit any relevant Variation Requests	A Variation Request Form in SmartyGrants will be available should you wish to request a variation to your project (i.e. extending dates, changing project plan details, locations, budget allocations or other particulars). HWQld will review your request and provide approval, if appropriate. You must not change your project until approval is received. Not receiving approval or notifying HWQld is in breach of the Agreement and may require you to return part or all funding.
Provide material for our social channels	We welcome any submissions at any time to promote your project through our social media channels. Please send details, photos or videos to grants@hw.qld.gov.au or call us to discuss any opportunities.
Let us know if something unexpected happens	If something unexpected happens (such as a weather event, community matter or a major disruption to your services) please contact us to discuss. We are always here to support you.
Your feedback is important	If you have any concerns in relation to your grant, please let us know by email to grants@hw.qld.gov.au.
Grant Closeout and after the Grant ends	
Submit your Final Report and Acquittal	You must submit your Final Report and Acquittal via SmartyGrants by the Due Date in the Agreement. This will confirm how the funding was spent and detail all purchases relating to the original application. The template will be uploaded upon commencement of your project to ensure you are familiar with the type of information required. The report will also include evaluation of your project and its outcomes.
Keep in touch	We are always interested in hearing about your activities and other projects that support the health and wellbeing of Queenslanders. Please keep us informed, especially if you have future outcomes associated with the impact of your grant.

7. Communications

Project launch and promotion

It is a condition of grant funding that the applicant:

- notifies HWQld of any planned formal launch event (including commencement and completion ceremonies) two weeks prior to any event; and
- acknowledges the contribution of HWQld on all communications and media for the project

Successful applications may be advertised in HWQld publications and website. An applicant must inform HWQld if the organisation does not want their contact information made public at the time of notification of the award.

Communication kit

To assist the applicant in sharing any updates and news on their funded project with HWQld and through social media posts, the applicant will be provided with a Communication Kit that will offer ideas, hashtags and support materials to assist the applicant with spreading the message. This document will be provided to the applicant with the funding agreement.

Confidentiality, privacy and use of information

HWQld is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals through the protection of the personal information it holds. HWQld collects, stores, uses and discloses personal information responsibly and transparently to conduct business. HWQld is required to comply with the *Information Privacy Act 2009.*

HWQld collects the minimum personal information to enable it to contact an organisation and to assess the merits of an application.

Any application information will be stored on a database that will only be accessed by authorised personnel and is subject to privacy restrictions. The information will only be used for the purpose for which it was collected.

It is the applicant's responsibility to gain approval from individuals, organisations and partnering organisations before including any personal details within applications. You must ensure they are aware information is being supplied to HWQld.

During the application process on SmartyGrants, you will be asked if you consent to contact information in the Form being stored on the above-mentioned database to be used by HWQld to send information relating to initiatives or additional funding programs with objectives in line with the Community Grants Program and/or Health and Wellbeing Queensland objectives. We may share information with other State entities, the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services and their staff or Members of Parliament for other purposes including government administration, service delivery, or as otherwise authorised or required by law.

Complaints

Application **decisions** are final and cannot be appealed. However, if the applicant has any concerns in relation to the application and/or assessment **process**, they may raise them in writing by email to info@hw.qld.gov.au.

Contact Details

Any enquires can be directed to the HWQld Grants Team as follows:

Email: grants@hw.qld.gov.au

Phone: (07) 3234 9904

Post: Grants Team
         Health and Wellbeing Queensland
         PO Box 1419
         MILTON QLD 4064

APPENDIX A – Assessment Criteria

Criteria	Assessment Criteria	Weighting %
1. Alignment and fit	**Relevance** • Project aligns with HWQld's grant priorities, including GenQ objectives • Project appropriately identifies and engages with one or more of the priority populations **Need** • A clear and compelling community need is demonstrated, for example: It addresses an identified gap in services, support or opportunity; enhances or complements existing initiatives without duplication; adds unique value or innovation to the local context.	25%
2. Impact	**Project impact and outcomes** • Project is likely to generate meaningful short-term outcomes and potential medium- to long-term impact beyond the funding period **Reach and population focus** • The expected benefit to the target population is clearly stated • Project shows potential to build capability and/or capacity or individuals, organisations, or systems to support sustained impact for the priority population and/or community	25%
3. Project Expansion and/or Scaling	**Evidence of Continuity and Progression** • Project clearly builds on a previously funded 2023 GenQ Community Grant, with demonstrated alignment to original aims and outcomes • The proposal reflects a logical and informed next phase (expansion, scale-up, or adaptation), supported by evaluation, community feedback, or identified opportunity. **Project Design** • The expansion/scale-up approach is well-defined, outlining specific priorities, new or additional stakeholders, and delivery mechanisms. **Community and Stakeholder Engagement** • There is clear evidence that community voices and relevant stakeholders have been meaningfully engaged in shaping and endorsing this next phase	25%
4. Feasibility	**Capacity and capability** • Applicant organisation (and partners, if applicable) has demonstrated experience and capability to deliver the project • Relevant skills, resources, and infrastructure are in place or accessible, where required **Sustainability** • The application outlines how the project may be sustained, adapted, or transitioned beyond the funding period. **Feasibility and readiness** • Project objectives, outputs and outcomes are realistic and clearly defined • Approvals, governance, or compliance issues have been identified and considered **Value for money / effort** • Timelines and budget are feasible and proportional to the scope and scale of the project • Project budget and activities represent good value for money relative to expected outcomes	25%

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APPENDIX B – Assessment considerations for activities engaging with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities

Applicants proposing to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities or deliver activities which relate, specifically or partially, to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, will be assessed against the following additional criteria:

- **Community engagement and benefit**
  - The proposed project demonstrates needs/priorities identified by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community(ies) or be a continuation of existing activity, project or service provision or address a gap in support or service provision, such as targeting a region/community of unmet need.
  - The proposed project demonstrates how it will deliver meaningful outcomes for the target Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community(ies) and result in benefits to the community(ies), which may be direct and immediate or indirect and gradual.
  - The target Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community(ies) supports the proposed project, has or will be involved in project planning and design, and will play a role in the delivery of the proposed activity.

- **Sustainability and transferability**
  - The proposed project shows how it can be sustained into the future beyond the funding period and demonstrates potential to achieve long term benefits to the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
  - The proposed project shows potential for how the outcomes and learnings from the project have the potential to be adapted or applied in other contexts or settings specific to benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

- **Building capability**
  - The proposed project demonstrates how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities, and organisations will develop relevant skills and capabilities through active partnerships and participation in the project.

- **Cultural competence**
  - The proposed project demonstrates a culturally safe approach, outlining how the applicant has or will work with and engage the community, in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, to ensure respectful and inclusive engagement, co-design and implementation of the proposed activities.