

Palliative Medicines in Community Pharmacy (PMCP) Project - grant opportunity

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| Date Question Received | Question | Answer | Date published |
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| Monday 15 December 2025 | Is HCSD open to flexibility in how the \$140,000 is distributed across pharmacies? For example, different allocations depending on each pharmacies model, geography, or existing extended-hours capacity? | <p>Yes, within reason.</p> <p>The \$20,000 per pharmacy participating in the PMCP, is to cover costs associated with being involved in the project.</p> <p>These costs can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanently stocking core palliative care medicines. • Pharmacy participation in the PMCP Community of Practice. • Resourcing staff release for training, required to participate in the PMCP project. • Funding the cost of data entry and reporting. • Supporting out of pocket costs of palliative care medicines for patients experience financial hardship • Financial incentives to further extend opening hours or service delivery. <p>Note: Participation from pharmacies who already have</p> | December 2025 |

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| | | extended operating hours is desirable. | |
| Monday 15 December 2025 | <p>Is funding primarily intended to support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Genuine extension of trading hours where none currently exists; 2. An on call or call out model; or 3. A combination of both? | <p>This funding is not intended to be used solely to extend the hours of operation of pharmacies.</p> <p>To ensure geographical spread across the ACT, it may be required to provide some pharmacies with financial assistance to extend hours or operation, however, preference should be given to pharmacies who are able to financial support extended opening hours.</p> <p>This will also enable the grant funding to be used to cover the other costs of participating in the project.</p> <p>HCS D will not support on call or call out models.</p> | December 2025 |
| Monday 15 December 2025 | <p>Given that some pharmacies in the ACT already operate extended hours, is HCS D open to a model that prioritises those sites to minimise additional costs, and instead directs more of the funding towards capability, building, stock holding and backfilling?</p> | <p>Yes.</p> <p>The intent behind the PMCP project is to strengthen community pharmacy capability in palliative care through a range of initiatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved access to palliative medicines, • Enhanced collaboration with specialist palliative care providers, and • Targeted upskilling in the palliative approach. | December 2025 |
| Monday 15 December 2025 | <p>Can project funds be used for a coordinated ACT-wide consumer awareness and health-</p> | <p>Yes. It is anticipated that the successful applicant will manage any promotion of the</p> | December 2025 |

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| | professional communication campaign? | PMCP across the ACT, including costs. HCS D will provide support in promoting the project across existing government media platforms and existing stakeholder networks. | |
| Monday 15 December 2025 | The outcomes table in the Grant Requirements document includes example metrics such as patient-reported satisfaction. This may be inappropriate for community pharmacy to collect (for example surveying bereaved carers), would HCS D consider alternative or modified metrics? | Yes, within reason. HCS D is happy to consider alternative metrics if the applicant can show how they will collect relevant data and why it will be useful. HCS D is open to further discussions on final project metrics with the successful applicant. | December 2025 |
| Monday 15 December 2025 | For outcomes related to decreased avoidable ED presentations or hospital admissions, will these be measured using ACT-held health service data rather than data collected by pharmacies? | Yes. Pharmacies are not expected to collect avoidable ED data. HCS D will discuss this further with the successful applicant for this specific outcome. | December 2025 |
| Monday 15 December 2025 | Will this project require Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) approval? | It is not anticipated that HREC approval will be required. HCS D will further discuss this with the successful applicant if required. | December 2025 |
| Monday 15 December 2025 | To minimise burden and avoid intrusive data collection, would HCS D support an approach where the “underserved populations” objective is addressed by targeting pharmacies in areas with higher proportions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, CALD communities or | Yes, within reason. HCS D would consider all innovative data collection methods and would discuss this further with the successful applicant. | December 2025 |

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| | lower socioeconomic status? | | |
| Monday 15 December 2025 | How does HCSD propose to manage performance and reputational risk in scenarios where the service is delivered safely and effectively, but certain quantitative metrics cannot feasibly be achieved or demonstrated? | All project metrics requirements and collection methods will be discussed and agreed to, with the successful applicant before the commencement of the project. | December 2025 |
| Thursday 11 December 2025 | Is Secure Local Jobs Code (SLJC) Certification required to be eligible to apply for this grant? If it is required, what is needed to satisfy 'working towards certification'? | SLJC is not a requirement for the Grant. The successful Respondent is required to be compliant with ACT policy priorities, and where applicable Secure Local Jobs Code certification. Where SLJC certification is not applicable, it is highly recommended that the successful Respondent is SLJC certified or is working towards certification. | January 2026 |
| Tuesday 13 January 2026 | In relation to section 6.2 (1d) could you please provide a link or reference to the national and Territory quality and safety frameworks that this question is referring to? | The grant requirements do not mandate specific quality and safety frameworks. However, HCSD will assess the applicant's suitability based on the national and Territory quality and safety frameworks within which the applicant demonstrates compliance as part of their standard business operations. | January 2026 |

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