Introduction

The Tasmanian Government will offer $500,000 in the second round of the Healthy Tasmania Community Innovations Grants in 2018–19. Grants will fund activities that support innovative, sustainable, grassroots, community-driven programs that aim to improve health and reduce health inequities for Tasmanian communities.

The grants will focus on:
- reducing smoking
- improving healthy eating and physical activity
- building community connections.

Community groups can apply for funding up to $25,000 for a 12 month project.

Applications open on 20 August 2018 and close 5pm, 9 November 2018.

Who is eligible?

The grants are open to all Tasmanian communities.

To be eligible for funding your organisation must:
- be an incorporated not-for-profit legal entity or be sponsored by an incorporated organisation or a not-for-profit legal entity. This includes local government
- have an office or branch in Tasmania and be proposing to undertake the project in Tasmania.

What projects are eligible?

Funding is available for:

1. Brand new, innovative ideas or established initiatives that already exist elsewhere but may be new to your community.

2. Projects that expand community reach or new models of successful initiatives. For example, a successful student smoking cessation initiative that could be broadened to include young mothers, new migrants or isolated members of your community.

Projects can consider all ages in a community from early years, school years, young people and adolescence, working age and older age. Projects that bring different age groups together and build community connections are encouraged. Projects must be respectful and inclusive of diverse population groups.

Activities will need to be in line with the following national guidelines:

- Australian Dietary Guidelines.
- Australian Infant Feeding Guidelines.
- Australian Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines.

Smoking cessation resources and ideas can be found at:

- Quit Tasmania including their Community Service Workers Toolkit.

Preference will be given to projects that:

- promote healthy eating, physical activity, smoking cessation and/or community connections
- make healthier choices easier in homes, workplaces, schools and the community
- draw on existing community strengths, services and resources
- demonstrate innovation and forward thinking
- are inclusive and involve a diverse range of community members, for example, young people, Aboriginal people, migrants and refugees, older people, people with mental health issues or disabilities; and are respectful and inclusive of these groups
- are likely to improve access to health promoting activities and services for those who are most vulnerable to poor health
- have an integrated and collaborative approach. For example, they could include not-for-profit organisations, local government, health providers, volunteers, and local industries or businesses whose purpose, aims, values and principles are compatible with those of the Department of Health
- are supported by financial or in-kind contributions
- show the organisational capacity to deliver and evaluate the outcomes of the project.
What is not eligible?

Funding is not available for:

- projects that replicate services or programs that already exist within the community
- projects that produce a financial benefit to a specific business or person(s)
- items or services that the applicants are already contracted to provide. Salary or consulting costs may be considered for funding if they are explicitly linked to project delivery and fund resources that are not currently engaged by the organisation
- projects where an only outcome is a one-off event that does not provide long-term outcomes for participants and the community
- construction or refurbishment of areas that will be leased or sub-leased to individuals or businesses for commercial gain
- purchase of real estate or provision of scholarships
- insufficiently defined items, including contingency, sundry and miscellaneous items
- loans, sponsorship, donations, fundraising
- retrospective payments or deficit funding.

Monitoring and reporting

Monitoring and Reporting throughout the funding period will help us identify what works in a community so we can continue to improve.

All successful applicants will:

- be asked to attend an informal full-day networking forum in Campbell Town to share their project achievements, challenges and future plans. This event will be held about six months after the funding is provided
- be required to complete a formal reporting template at the end of the 12 month grant funding period.

In the grant application, we ask applicants to outline the outcomes of the program. You might be aiming to increase participants’ access to local physical activity opportunities, to increase daily fruit and/or vegetable consumption, or reduce smoking in your community. All projects must build connections in the community.

The key performance indicators measure these outcomes. Applicants are asked to choose and define their own measures of success by addressing the following questions:

- How much did we do? (e.g. how many participants; how many sessions?)
- How well did we do it? (e.g. how well did participants engage in and respond to sessions?)
- Is anyone better off? i.e. has there been any change in behaviour, skills or knowledge? Will this be sustained? (e.g. writing a case study, surveys and success stories from any stakeholders)

This framework follows the Results Based Accountability toolkit and method. Templates and guides will be available to help successful applicants with the reporting requirements.

You can also identify other supporting material you could use to tell us about the project and its results (e.g. media clippings, photographs, advertisements, programs, written responses to your project, etc.).
Submitting applications

Applications close 5pm Friday, 9 November 2018.
Late applications will not be accepted.

More information and resources, Frequently Asked Questions and the Application Form are available online at www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/innovationgrants

Email your application as an attachment in both Word and PDF formats to: ahealthytasmania@health.tas.gov.au with the subject line ‘Community Innovations Grants’.

In your covering message, please state your organisation, project name, and address. Scan and email the signed signature page and any hard-copy supporting documents.

Only submit a hard copy application if you are unable to email your application, please post to:

2018–19 Healthy Tasmania
Community Innovations Grants
Population Health Services
Department of Health
GPO Box 125
Hobart TAS 7001

Keep a copy of your application for your records and ensure you have proof that the application was mailed or emailed before the closing date.