

- 1. *If I have 2 practices, should I apply one grant or two separate grants?***  
Separate grant applications are required if there are two different projects, however if it is the same project across two locations one application only is required.
- 2. *If we have system in place, we started few months back and similar to current model. can we apply funding as we already invest?***  
Funding can be sought for systems already in place, especially if there's scope for expansion or significant enhancement.
- 3. *What is the internet coverage like throughout the PHN?***  
Internet coverage across our region varies, with certain locations experiencing limited connectivity. It is advisable for applicants to independently verify local network coverage to ensure feasibility for project delivery.
- 4. *Are you interested in research as well? i.e. can the grant include allocation for research?***  
The grant is open to research components if they aid in advancing digital health initiatives that support increasing equity of access to primary care.
- 5. *Can we do one application with different funding options, which may push us into different tiers?***  
A separate grant application is required for each tier; therefore, multiple funding options that fall into different tiers cannot be included within a single application.
- 6. *You may have already answered this but are you able to share this presentation?***  
Yes, the presentation will be uploaded to <https://thephn.com.au/support/grants-programs>.
- 7. *If we are successful, will we have access to your PHN care data. Data like Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), Residential Aged Care services data.***  
Access to certain PHN care data for successful applicants would be subject to confidentiality agreements and relevant legislation.
- 8. *Does it need to be applied to a specific project or can it be used to accelerate an existing business model?***  
Grants can be utilised for both new projects and the acceleration of existing models.
- 9. *Does the size of the organisation influence funding (for example, if it is a startup)?***  
The size of an organisation does not impact the likelihood of funding; startups are welcome.

10. ***Where the technology is part of a change of models of care (proactive care versus reactive care) is there the opportunity to co-design and work on funding models together to support such an initiative?***

Innovative care models, including proactive care, are considered, with potential co-design opportunities for sustainable funding mechanisms.
11. ***What are the IP requirements attached to the grant?***

IP agreements and arrangements will be negotiated with successful applicants.
12. ***What is the ideal outcome of a project for the PHN?***

The ideal project outcome would increase access to primary care services, ideally integrating innovative technology into care delivery for our priority populations.
13. ***What is the PHN's definition of equity?***

Equity; Quality care availability irrespective of personal demographics.
14. ***Can we apply for multiple tiers?***

Yes, however a separate grant application is required for each tier.
15. ***When you ask about sustainable financial models, please give an example.***

Sustainable financial models refer to projects that demonstrate a clear path to continuity post-funding.
16. ***How will PHN monitor and evaluate equity of access to primary care?***

PHN will employ a mix of quantitative and qualitative measures to evaluate equitable access.
17. ***Can you please provide some further guidance on how the funds can be used?***

Please refer to the guidelines supplied. If required, the PHN will seek further clarification from applicants.
18. ***What expenses are specifically excluded from funding?***

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19. ***Are there regions of priority for your PHN (area)?***

Hunter, New England and Central Coast of NSW.
20. ***Would you take on ideas that don't have an organisation attached yet, but have targets 2 priority groups, and the Hunter/rural? Are we able to speak with the PHN/about our ideas?***

Proposals targeting priority groups are encouraged. Due to the competitive nature of these grants the PHN is unable to provide detailed individual advice to potential applicants.

21. ***Can you please give us examples of what types of projects?***

Project examples can be found here:

<https://hneccphn.imgix.net/assets/src/uploads/images/Thought-Provoking-Digital-Health-Ideas.pdf>

22. ***What is the last date for submission of applications if I may ask?***

Submissions close April, 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024.