



SWITCH  
grants

# WORLD HEPATITIS DAY 2021

Services With Innovation To Cure Hepatitis

## SWITCH DIGITAL GRANTS APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The SWITCH grants program is an extension of the important role organisations and community groups play in the global effort to achieve viral hepatitis elimination by 2030.

The program allows Hepatitis Queensland to support organisations during World Hepatitis Day that are making a difference in their local areas through projects, activities, or events that help their communities thrive.

You know what your communities need and how to reach out to them locally, and we encourage your organisations to be creative and keep in mind the safety of your community when you are submitting your applications.

In 2021, Hepatitis Queensland grants up to \$3000, \$500 & \$100\* are available to encourage innovative activities that reach many community members safely.

### What are the World Hepatitis Day SWITCH grants?

The WHD SWITCH grants support organisations in Queensland to implement digital and face-to-face community activities for World Hepatitis Day using the campaign theme "Get Liver Smart".

The grants aim to:

- educate the general population about the liver
- raise awareness of viral hepatitis prevention, and increase rates of testing, treatment vaccination and management
- reduce discrimination in the community
- support people living with viral hepatitis
- increase awareness of the work of Hepatitis Queensland (HQ)
- promote collaboration and partnerships between organisations.

### KEY DATES

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- Tues 6th April 2021**  
Applications open
  - Tues 4th May 2021**  
Closing date for applications
  - Mon 31st May 2021**  
Grant outcome notification
  - Wed 28th July 2021**  
World Hepatitis Day

### WHY WE URGENTLY NEED TO TEST & TREAT FOR HEP C IN QUEENSLAND

- The rate of hepatitis C testing in Queensland has rebounded to only 85% of 2019 levels
- There are 28 000 people still living with hepatitis C in Queensland, many remain undiagnosed and are missing out on life-saving treatments
- Stigma is preventing many who are aware of their infection from getting tested
- These people are at serious risk of cancer or liver disease caused by hepatitis C
- A 50% increase in testing is needed for Australia to achieve its WHO elimination targets



## WHO CAN APPLY?

Government and non-government organisations or groups operating within Queensland are eligible to apply.

Preferences will be given to:

- activities with clear outcomes and no ongoing expenses
- proposals from organisations or groups that work directly with people who are living with viral hepatitis
- proposals from organisations or groups who work with viral hepatitis priority populations, such as:
  - young people (15yrs-25yrs old)
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
  - culturally and linguistically diverse communities
  - people who inject drugs
  - people experiencing homelessness
  - people in custodial settings
  - people living in rural and remote areas



## WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

Examples of activities to promote awareness of viral hepatitis could include:

- online photo competitions with a prize
- online art gallery competition
- engaging a consultant to assist with a digital idea
- social media (producing an online blog, online video, comic/animation, media events or podcast)
- Food/Toiletry packs for clients

The following will **not** be funded:

- wages and other employment costs
- ongoing running costs for projects that are already being implemented
- financial support for an individual
- activities conducted or delivered outside Queensland.



## HOW WILL I KNOW IF I'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application no later than Monday 31st May 2021.

Please note that grant funds:

- can be paid only to the bank account of the applicant organisation
- will include GST
- can be paid only on receipt of an invoice from the applicant.

Successful applicants will be required to invoice Hepatitis Queensland (14 462 175 789) for the agreed grant amount inclusive of GST. On receipt of a Tax Invoice, funds will be deposited by EFT. All tax invoices should be marked for the attention of Jenny Davis at [admin@hepqld.asn.au](mailto:admin@hepqld.asn.au)



## HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- the activity contributes to one or more of the aims of the WHD SWITCH grants Program
- the activity will be conducted close to or on World Hepatitis Day
- the application clearly states the expected project outcomes
- how the activities will be evaluated
- how the activity is aimed at viral hepatitis priority populations
- the activity promotes collaborations between relevant organisations.

HQ reserves the right to award, or not award, a grant at its sole discretion, and no further correspondence on an application will be considered.



## Reporting Requirements

Successful organisations will be required to complete a brief evaluation report and proof of activity. All successful activities will provide a short article to be featured on a dedicated WHD webpage.

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the WHD SWITCH grants, please contact Winnie Nguyen - [winnie@hepqld.asn.au](mailto:winnie@hepqld.asn.au)