



SWITCH  
grants

# WORLD HEPATITIS DAY 2022

Services With Innovation To Cure Hepatitis

## WHD SWITCH GRANTS APPLICATION GUIDELINES

In 2022, Hepatitis Queensland (HQ) is offering WHD SWITCH grants of up to \$500 & \$1000 or a \$50 voucher\* to host a morning tea. We aim to support innovative activities that engage communities in the fight to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030. The campaign theme for 2022 is *'Better liver health, let's do this!'*

You know how to engage your community and what your local needs are. The WHD SWITCH grants program allows HQ to support you this World Hepatitis Day to make a difference in your local area. Do you have an idea for a project, activity, or event that supports eliminating viral hepatitis in your community? Then we want to hear from you.

### What is the WHD SWITCH grants program?

The WHD SWITCH grants program supports organisations in Queensland to implement community activities for World Hepatitis Day.

The program aims 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
- promote collaboration and partnerships between organisations

How will you share the *'Better liver health, let's do this!'* message with your community? We encourage you to be creative in your approach.

### HOW TO APPLY

Please go to [hepqld.asn.au/switch-grants/](http://hepqld.asn.au/switch-grants/)

Please include how your activity will be COVID safe in your application.

### KEY DATES

**Tues 5th April 2022**

Applications open

**Tues 3rd May 2022**

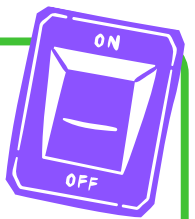
Closing date for applications

**Fri 27th May 2022**

Grant outcome notification

**Wed 28th July 2022**

World Hepatitis Day



### QUEENSLAND CAN'T WAIT TO END HEPATITIS B AND HEPATITIS C

- Chronic hepatitis B is now the most prevalent blood borne virus in Queensland
- 28 000 people live with hepatitis C in Queensland. Many are undiagnosed and are missing out on life-saving treatments.
- Stigma is preventing many who know they have hepatitis B and C from getting tested or accessing regular monitoring and care
- These people are at serious risk of cancer or liver disease caused by hepatitis B and C



## WHO CAN APPLY?

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

We will give preference to proposals from groups or organisations who work:

- directly with people who are living with viral hepatitis
- with viral hepatitis priority populations, such as:
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
  - culturally and linguistically diverse communities
  - older people (aged 55 years and over)
  - people who inject drugs
  - people experiencing homelessness
  - people in custodial settings
  - young people (15yrs-25yrs old)
  - people living in rural and remote areas



## WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

Eligible activities must have clear outcomes and no ongoing expenses. Examples of eligible activities include:

- BBQ or catering for hep C point-of-care testing blitz events
- Hepatitis B testing blitz
- Lunch and learn sessions
- Community outreach events
- Community colouring-in competition

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 WE KNOW IF WE'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

We will let you know the outcome of your application by email no later than Friday, 27th May 2022.

Please note that grant funds:

- can only be paid to the bank account of the applicant organisation
- will be paid once you have provided a Tax Invoice to Hepatitis Queensland (14 462 175 789) for the agreed grant amount inclusive of GST. Tax Invoices must be emailed to Jenny Davis at [admin@hepqld.asn.au](mailto:admin@hepqld.asn.au) by 13/06/22
- will be deposited by EFT



## HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

HQ will assess applications using the following criteria:

- your activity contributes to one or more of the WHD SWITCH grants program aims
- you will deliver your activity close to or on World Hepatitis Day
- your application clearly states the expected project outcomes
- your application demonstrates how you will evaluate activities
- your activity targets viral hepatitis priority populations
- your activity promotes collaboration 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. You will also be required to provide a short article that we will feature on our HQ WHD webpage.

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information please contact Rachael Bryett - [rachael@hepqld.asn.au](mailto:rachael@hepqld.asn.au)