

# WORLD HEPATITIS DAY LOCAL GRANTS APPLICATION GUIDELINES

#### In 2024, Hepatitis Queensland (HQ) is offering World Hepatitis Day Local 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 2024 is 'Hep Can't Wait'

You know how to engage your community and what your local needs are. The WHD Local 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 Local Grants Program?

The WHD Local 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 '**Hep Can't Wait'** message with your community? We encourage you to be creative in your approach.

HOW TO APPLY Please go to hepqld.asn.au/grants

# **KEY DATES**

**Tues 2nd April 2024** Applications open

**Tues 30th April 2024** Closing date for applications

Fri 24th May 2024 Grant winners announced

Sun 28th July 2024 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 Australia
- 22 400 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 peoples
  - 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, 24th May 2024.

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 exclusive of GST
- Tax invoices must be emailed to Jenny Davis at admin@hepqld.asn.au by Friday 31/05/24
- 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 Local 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 Hepatitis Queensland's WHD webpage.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

For more information please contact Alex Morales - alex@hepqld.asn.au