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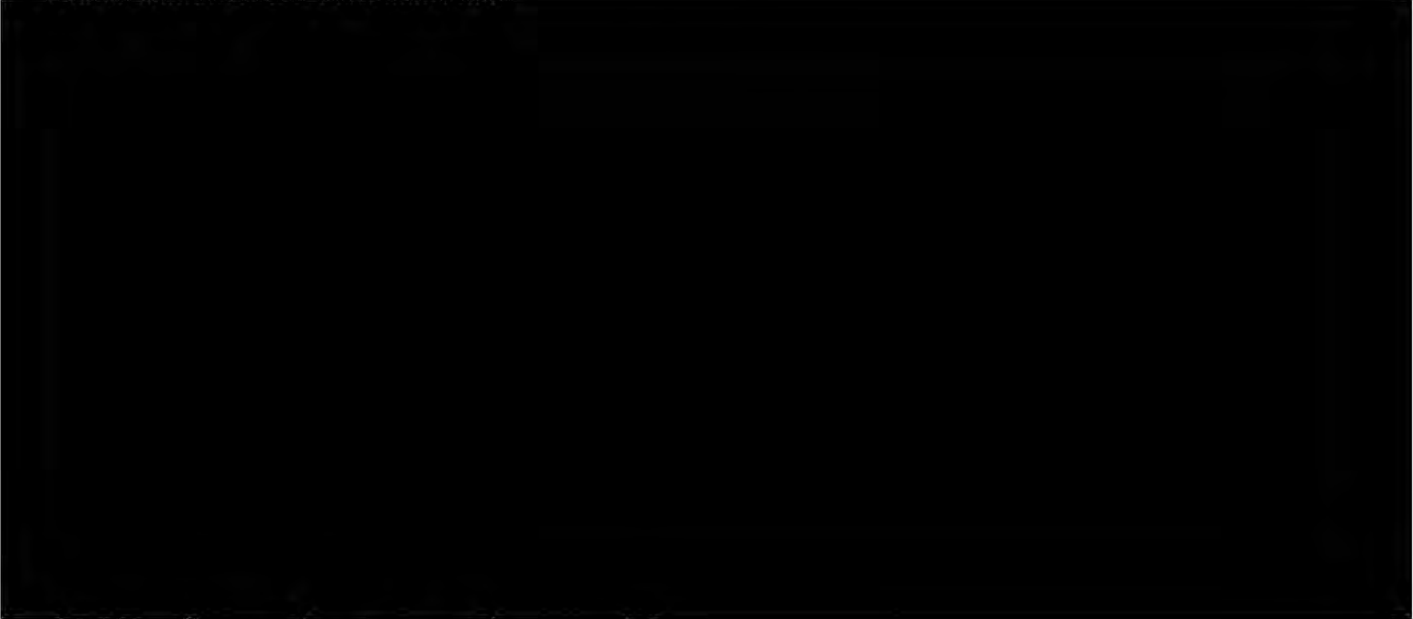
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Score for assessment criteria 7: (0-3) 0Comments: 

Total score and overall comments: 9/21

Total score for Selection Criteria 1-7: (total score out of 21)

Overall comments for this application:


Date of completion: 29.04.18

Application details.

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Rating Scale			
0	1	2	3
The proposal did not demonstrate commitment to bulk billing.	The proposal demonstrated limited commitment to bulk billing.	The proposal demonstrated sound commitment to bulk billing.	The proposal demonstrated significant commitment to bulk billing.

Score for assessment criteria 1: (0-3) 3

Comments: [REDACTED]

Assessment Criteria 2.

The proposal demonstrated efficient use of resources and value for money, and included a budget with detailed costings, and evidence of the capability to deliver to deadlines and on budget.

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Score for assessment criteria 2: (0-3)

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Comments:**Assessment Criteria 3.**

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Score for assessment criteria 3: (0-3)

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Comments:**Assessment Criteria 4.**

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Comments:

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Score for assessment criteria 5: (0-3)

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Comments:

Assessment Criteria 6

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Score for assessment criteria 6: (0-3) 2

Comments:

Assessment Criteria 7

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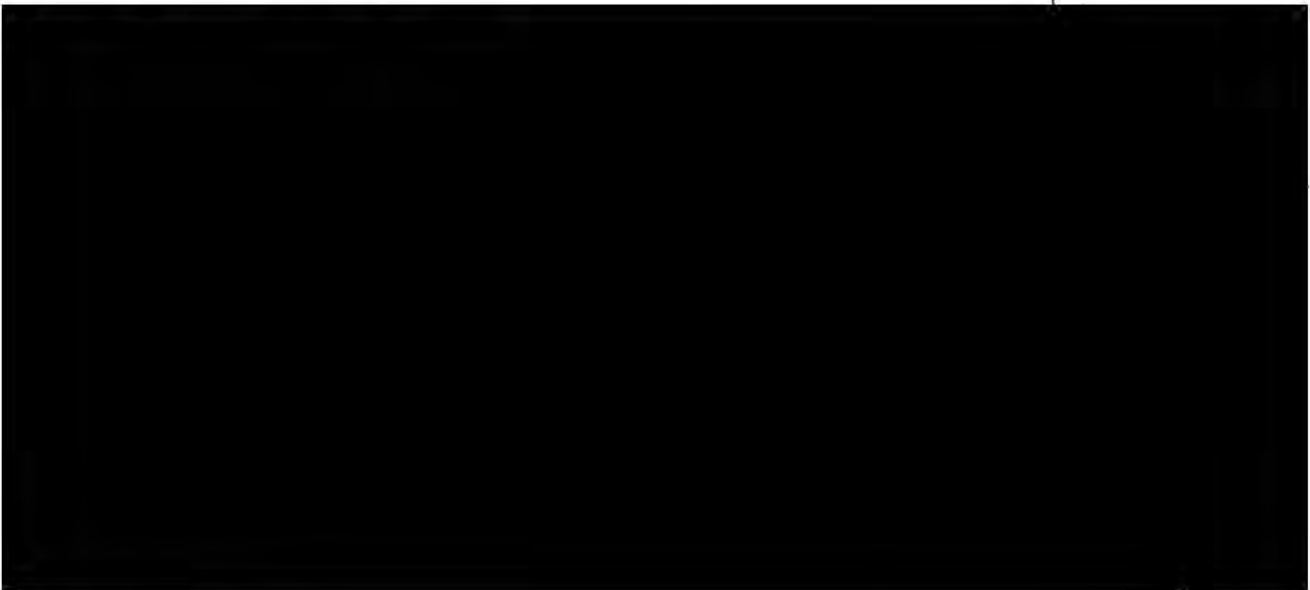
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Comments:



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Total score for Selection Criteria 1-7: (total score out of 21) 9/21

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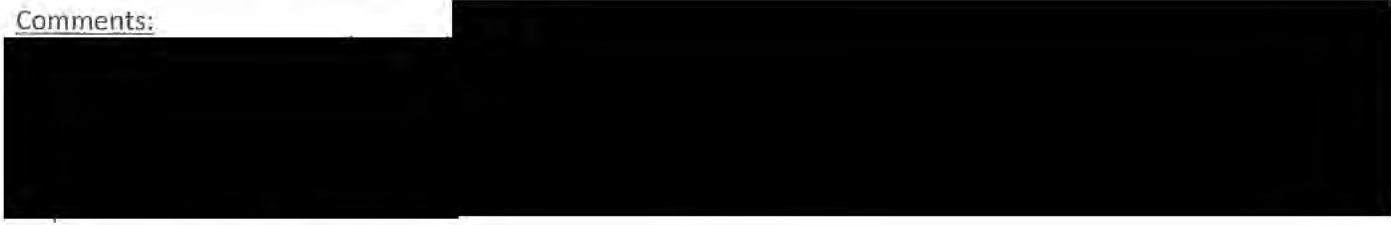
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Score for assessment criteria 7: (0-3) *4*

Comments:



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Comments:

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Total score and overall comments: 10/21



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Overall comments for this application:

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[Assessors name] – Panel assessment form

Application No:

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Score for assessment criteria 7: (0-3) 7

Comments:

Total score and overall comments: 15/21

Total score for Selection Criteria 1-7: (total score out of 21)

Overall comments for this application:

Date of completion: 29.04.18

BBGPGF 2018/19 Financial Summary Spreadsheet

Organisation	Project Name					Total	Requested \$\$	Correct \$\$	Panel Agreed funding	Running Tally
		17	15	20	18	21	91		500,000	500,000
		14	11	16	14.5	17	72.5		0	0
		12	12	16	14.5	17	71.5		0	0
		14	11	15	14.5	17	71.5		0	0
		10	11.5	19	14.5	15	70		122,368	122,368
		10	9	17	15.5	17	68.5		0	0
		8.5	12.5	19	16	11	67		0	0
		13	10.5	15	11.5	13	63		0	0
		8	10	10	17	12	57		0	0
		13	11.5	8	12	8	52.5		0	0
		10	10.5	9	9.5	9	48		0	0
		8	6	13	11.5	6	44.5		0	0
		7	7.5	9	9	5	37.5		0	0
Total	Applications								622,368	622,368

Bulk Billing General Practice Grant FundAssessment Panel Meeting Minutes

Date: 2 May 2018

Time: 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Panel members Present: Ms Toni Ashmore (Chair), Senior Manager, Health Policy Unit, ACT Health
 [REDACTED] Health Care Consumers' Association
 [REDACTED] Capital Health Network (CHN)
 Associate Professor Katrina Anderson, Academic Unit General Practice, ACT Health
 [REDACTED] Australian Medical Association (ACT)

Apologies: Nil

Other Attendees: Mr Antony Butler, ACT Health, Ms Catherine Eadie, ACT Health

Minute takers: Ms Casey Wotton, ACT Health, Ms Rachel Pickrell, ACT Health

Welcome:

The Chair welcomed Panel Members and introduced each Member, thanking them for their time in reviewing the applications and attending the evaluation panel meeting.

The Chair acknowledged that all Members of the Panel had signed a Deed of Confidentiality and that any Panel Member with a conflict of interest relating to any of the applications should declare it prior to the discussion and evaluation. A Conflict of Interest Declaration form was provided to the Panel Members.

The Chair confirmed that the total funding available under this project was \$1,050,000, however, the Panel was not obliged to approve funding for the full amount in this funding round as the funding can be rolled over for up to 3 years. The aim of the funding was to increase bulk billing practices in the Molonglo and Tuggeranong areas. Maps and guidelines were provided to the Panel for reference during the meeting.

Recommendations from the Bulk Billing General Practice Grant Fund Assessment Panel were as follows:

Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		
Comments:	<p>The application submitted by [REDACTED] requested grant funding [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>The Panel agreed the application submitted by [REDACTED] would have been enhanced with further information on the long term sustainability of [REDACTED]</p>		

<p>██████████; and a clearer demonstration of how ██████████ would measure and evaluate the utilisation of the funds and how this would improve the quality of consultations.</p>			
Organisation:	██████████	Application ID	██████████
Project Title:	██████████		
Amount Requested:	██████████		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		
<p>Comments:</p> <p>The application submitted by ██████████ requested funding to open a new practice in Denman Prospect in the Molonglo Valley. The application stated that the new practice was still in its early planning phase ██████████</p> <p>The Panel agreed that this is a very good practice, and noted that it is likely that ██████████. The Panel considered that while the application showed strengths in ██████████, it would have been improved by ██████████ that were outlined in the Grant Funding guidelines.</p> <p>Conflict of Interest: ██████████ declared the applicant ██████████</p>			
Organisation:	██████████	Application ID	██████████
Project Title:	██████████		
Amount Requested:	██████████		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		
<p>Comments:</p> <p>The application submitted by ██████████ proposed ██████████</p> <p>██████████. The application identified that the practice would ██████████</p> <p>██████████</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the application demonstrated that the practice has a commitment to bulk billing, however, the Panel felt that the application did not demonstrate how the practice would sustain the model that offers 100% bulk billing rates. The application would also have been improved by including methods of measurement and evaluation of bulk billing service provision, increases to services for patients with identified cultural sensitivities or vulnerabilities and sustainable long term workforce planning.</p>			

Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Recommended to fund \$500,000		
Comments:			
The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			
The Practice would offer bulk billing to: [REDACTED]			
The Panel agreed that the application demonstrated the most realistic increase to bulk billing rates and would provide services in the preferred area. The practice has a track record of providing quality services as it currently provides bulk billing at a rate of 85 per cent. The new practice would be providing bulk billing services to the vulnerable cohort with longer consultations. The application also demonstrated long term projections for staff retention and bulk billing that appeared sustainable and realistic. The Panel noted the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			
Conflict of Interest: Ms Porritt declared that [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			
Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Recommended to fund \$111,244		
Comments:			
The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			

[REDACTED]

The Panel agreed that the practice is a highly regarded and successful business in Canberra, the application demonstrated good value for money, and its proposed upgrades to the practice to allow for wheelchairs and disabled access for bulk billing patients was considered reasonable.

The Panel noted that the practice had a good record of providing outcomes and agreed the grant would likely assist the practice to increase its rates of the bulk billing, particularly for patients over 70 years of age. The Panel requested that performance measures be included in the terms and conditions of the contract.

Conflict of Interest: Dr Di Dio declared that [REDACTED]

Conflict of Interest: Ms Porritt declared that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		

Comments:

The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed to [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

The Panel agreed that the application was good quality, however, a demonstrated commitment to services for minority groups such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and CALD patients would have strengthened this application. The Panel noted that the practice currently has a high rate of bulk billing at around 80 per cent, [REDACTED]

The Panel noted the application could also have been strengthened by including long term workforce planning for the retention of doctors and further information on how [REDACTED] would lead to increases and improvements in bulk billing.

[REDACTED]

Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		

Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		
Comments:			
The [REDACTED] application proposed to [REDACTED]. The grant would be used to [REDACTED]			
The Panel agreed the focus of the application was to [REDACTED]. The application did not provide enough information on the organisation's commitment to increased bulking billing rates [REDACTED].			
The Panel discussion identified that the proposed business model may require further investigation in relation to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			
Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		
Comments:			
The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			
The Panel agreed that the application demonstrated a reasonable commitment to bulk billing and that [REDACTED]. It was noted, however, that this model had not been tested [REDACTED] and the long term sustainability remained questionable.			
The panel also noted that a significant proportion of the funding was for [REDACTED] which is outside the scope of this grant.			
Conflict of Interest: [REDACTED] declared [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			
Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		

Comments:			
The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			
The Panel agreed that the [REDACTED] is very experienced in the delivery of a [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The application could have been strengthened to include a sense of how the organisation would establish bulk billing in the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and address short term workforce issues [REDACTED].			
The Panel noted that it is likely that [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			
Organisation: [REDACTED] Application ID [REDACTED]			
Project Title: [REDACTED]			
Amount Requested: [REDACTED]			
Panel Recommendation Not Recommended			
Comments:			
The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed an [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			
The Panel agreed the application could have been strengthened by addressing the commitment that the [REDACTED] has to increasing its bulk billing rates [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. More information on the differentiation in service delivery, particularly for vulnerable and culturally diverse patients would also have strengthened this application. The panel also noted there that is little sustainability in funding [REDACTED]			
Organisation: [REDACTED] Application ID [REDACTED]			
Project Title: [REDACTED]			
Amount Requested: [REDACTED]			
Panel Recommendation Not Recommended			
Comments:			
The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed a [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			
The Panel noted that the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			

The Panel agreed that further information on value for money and a long term sustainable workforce plan would have further enhanced this application. The panel noted that it was common for General Practices who offer 100 per cent Bulk Billing to have a poor GP retention rate and staff turnovers. This is due to individual GPs not making a high enough profit per consultation. The panel agreed that the application did not provide enough evidence to suggest that GP turnover rates would be addressed and effort would be made to plan for sustainable workforce retention.

The Panel discussion identified that the practice provides a high quality comprehensive multidisciplinary service with a good level of care. The Panel [REDACTED]

The application indicated [REDACTED] was currently providing bulk billing at a rate of 100 per cent. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. The panel agreed that the funding available through this round would be of better use to other bulk billing initiatives.

Conflict of Interest: [REDACTED] declared that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Conflict of Interest [REDACTED] declared [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		

Comments:
The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Panel noted that the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		

Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended
<p>Comments:</p> <p>The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed a [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>The Panel noted that the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	

QUESTION TIME BRIEF

GBC18/408

Portfolio/s: Health & Wellbeing**ISSUE: SUPPORT FOR BULK BILLING GENERAL PRACTITIONERS****Talking points:**

- In 2016, the ACT Government made an election commitment to deliver a grant scheme to support the establishment of bulk billing general practices in the ACT. The 2017–18 ACT Budget announced \$1.05 million (GST exclusive) over three years for the ‘Better care when you need it—Support for bulk billing GPs’ initiative.
- The Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund is to encourage the expansion or establishment of new general practices with a demonstrated commitment to bulk billing in the Tuggeranong and Molonglo areas. The aim is to provide residents in those suburbs and surrounding areas with better access to affordable, connected, quality primary health care.
- Grant guidelines were developed in consultation with key stakeholders: Health Care Consumers’ Association (HCCA); Australian Medical Association (AMA) ACT; and Capital Health Network (CHN).
- Applications have been assessed by a panel including ACT Health, HCCA, AMA ACT, CHN, and a GP (ensuring no panel members were affiliated with practices applying for the grant).
- Recommendations for funding are currently being finalised.

Cleared as complete and accurate: 20/07/2018
Cleared by: Executive Director Ext: 79143
Information Officer name: Patrick Henry
Contact Officer name: Catherine Eadie Ext: 71541
Lead Directorate: Health

Noble, Maddison (Health)

From: Henry, Patrick (Health)
Sent: Friday, 17 August 2018 11:09 AM
To: Kefford, Nicole (Health)
Subject: Fwd: FW: VERY URGENT ADVICE: GP Grants - MIN18/1154 [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Cc: "Henry, Patrick (Health)" <Patrick.Henry@act.gov.au>, "McGregor, Leonie (Health)" <Leonie.McGregor@act.gov.au>

Hi Troy

Can you please arrange for a Caveat Brief to be prepared addressing the issues raised by the Minister below:

1. Why the panel didn't recommend the NHCoOP even though they ranked in the top 3?
2. Why the AMA didn't declare conflict of interest as an owner GP and excuse themselves from judging?
3. How can we get the panel back together without any conflicts of interest to judge the applications again as quickly as possible?

This will be on the agenda for the Minister's meeting on Monday.

Please note that the cleared Caveat Brief needs to be **submitted to MAGS by 3pm today** so your urgent action will be greatly appreciated.

Regards

Elizabeth Webster

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Subject: FW: VERY URGENT ADVICE: GP Grants [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

Hi Elizabeth

See below request regarding the GP Bulk Billing Grants. Can a Caveat Brief please be prepared and sent to me by no later than 3pm today.

Many thanks
Nic

From: Pearson, Karen (Health) **On Behalf Of** ACT Health DLO
Sent: Friday, 17 August 2018 10:48 AM
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Subject: VERY URGENT ADVICE: GP Grants [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

Hi Nic

Please see email below for urgent advice.

I will require this advice by COB today so the information can be discussed on Monday morning.

Thanks
K

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Subject: URGENT ADVICE: GP Grants
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We would like to add this as a point of discussion at Monday's Health briefing, so advice prior to that is necessary.

Please let me know of any issues.

Georgia

Regards

Georgia Phillips | Senior Adviser

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Kefford, Nicole (Health)

From: Kefford, Nicole (Health)
Sent: Friday, 17 August 2018 3:28 PM
To: Henry, Patrick (Health)
Subject: FW: VERY URGENT ADVICE: GP Grants [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Tracking:	Recipient	Read
	Henry, Patrick (Health)	Read: 17/08/2018 4:57 PM

Pat – fyi Katrina is currently out of the country.

DG has asked about files – they exist – but I told Nicole S that the files won't have every minute detail of conversation where a panel member didn't participate because they were conflicted and that the panel members did not leave the room, but rather it was left to them as professionals that they would not participate where they had a conflict. Nicole was going to try to weave some words around that,

Nicole

Ph 6205 9371

Mob [REDACTED]

From: Kefford, Nicole (Health)
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Subject: RE: VERY URGENT ADVICE: GP Grants [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Nicole

Further to our conversation just now, I note that the person who had carriage of this process and who provided the secretariat to the panel is not in the office today, but will be back on Monday. However, my understanding from our conversations (and I specifically asked Q1 myself) is:

1. In relation to the recommendations, the third rated provider was not recommended because the panel selected respondent so that they achieved the geographical allocation as per the election commitment, as well as a sharing of the funding across multiple providers. In addition, the lower rated provider was recommended by the advisory panel because they had a unique client mix meaning that the grant would meet unmet need for a target population. This is set out in the panel's report. Pat has asked me to note also that this was an advisory panel only and the Minister may, if she chooses, make a different decision.
2. I received assurances yesterday that all of the panel completed conflict of interest declarations and while they did not physically remove themselves from the room, they did self-identify their conflicts and did not participate where a conflict arose. I appreciate your offer to seek further advice on this from Katrina Anderson who was on the panel.
3. Based on 2 above, and subject to Dr Anderson's advice, we could act on this next week but I understood that most, if not all, panel members (including Dr Anderson) properly declared conflicts of interest which was expected given the smaller size of the medical profession in the ACT and was managed appropriately. If this is not the case then of course an urgent further process can be convened.

Nicole

Ph 6205 9371

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QUESTION TIME BRIEF

GBC18/554

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Kefford, Nicole (Health)

From: Kefford, Nicole (Health)
Sent: Wednesday, 3 October 2018 9:13 AM
To: Henry, Patrick (Health)
Cc: Eadie, Catherine (Health)
Subject: FW: MIN18/1154 further info [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Importance: High

Pat

The additional information that was requested was the financial information.

I suggest that maybe you could make a call to Karen Pearson and tell her that it was the financials which we reviewed and were comfortable with. I am not sure what is to be gained from providing this info to the Mins Office but we can if needed,

Nicole

From: Eadie, Catherine (Health)
Sent: Wednesday, 3 October 2018 9:10 AM
To: Kefford, Nicole (Health) <Nicole.Kefford@act.gov.au>
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Importance: High

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To: Eadie, Catherine (Health) <Catherine.Eadie@act.gov.au>
Cc: Kefford, Nicole (Health) <Nicole.Kefford@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: MIN18/1154 further info [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

Hi Catherine
 For action please.
 I have no due date but I am assuming ASAP.
 Thank you s

From: Bottrell, Troy (Health) **On Behalf Of** ACTHealthStrategicPolicy
Sent: Wednesday, 3 October 2018 9:04 AM
To: Health Policy <HealthPolicy@act.gov.au>; Kefford, Nicole (Health) <Nicole.Kefford@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: MIN18/1154 further info [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

Hi Team,

Please see below request for further info on the GP bulk billing grants brief,

Please provide the info in an email.

Thank you

From: DDGHSPR
Sent: Wednesday, 3 October 2018 8:59 AM
To: ACTHealthStrategicPolicy <ACTHealthStrategicPolicy@act.gov.au>
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Hi Troy

Can you please arrange for the additional information requested by the Minister's Office below to be provided to us in an email?

Regards

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Cc: Health Ministerial Liaison Officer <HealthMinisterialLiaisonOfficer@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: MIN18/1154 further info [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

Hi Elizabeth

Please see below request from the Minister's Office seeking the additional information that applicants provided as indicated in paragraph 12:

12. ACT Health has sought further information from some applicants to supplement information provided in the applications, and in line with the assessment panel's recommendations and initial ranking of the applications, it is recommended to fund the following:
- IGP to establish a practice in Tuggeranong at \$500,000 excluding GST (funding will cover the complete fit-out for the proposed new seven to eight room general practice).
 - NHC to establish a practice in Coombs at \$350,000 excluding GST (funding will cover part of the establishment and fit-out costs for the proposed new eleven room general practice).
 - Isabella Plains to extend their practice in Tuggeranong at \$111,244 excluding GST (funding will cover renovations and fitout to improve access for vulnerable and less able groups to two practice rooms; medical equipment; upgraded IT systems; and IT equipment to support outreach, home visits and visits to residential aged care facilities).

Happy for this information to be returned via email, and we will include it in TRIM container as being provided to the MO.

Many thanks

Naveen

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From: Pearson, Karen (Health) **On Behalf Of** ACT Health DLO
Sent: Tuesday, 2 October 2018 4:52 PM
To: Health Ministerial Liaison Officer <HealthMinisterialLiaisonOfficer@act.gov.au>
Cc: Wijemanne, Naveen (Health) <Naveen.Wijemanne@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: MIN18/1154 further info [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

Hi all

The Office has asked if they could see the addition information that was requested under Min18/1154 as mentioned para 12?

Many thanks
K

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Kefford, Nicole (Health)

From: Kefford, Nicole (Health)
Sent: Wednesday, 3 October 2018 3:26 PM
To: ACTHealthStrategicPolicy
Cc: Henry, Patrick (Health); Eadie, Catherine (Health)
Subject: RE: MIN18/1154 further info [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Troy

The additional information requested from the three applicants was:

- Financial statements;
- Confirmation of continued interest in the grant, and
- Confirmation that grant application (including proposed location and use of funds) remained unchanged.

All three applicants confirmed their continued interest and that their grant applications remained unchanged, and they provided their financial statements.

We understand that a separate brief is to be provided to the Minister's Office in relation to the remaining funds. This brief is yet to be prepared, and the Minister's Office will be followed up in relation to the preferred usage of the funding remaining.

Thanks
 Nicole

From: Bottrell, Troy (Health) **On Behalf Of** ACTHealthStrategicPolicy
Sent: Wednesday, 3 October 2018 9:04 AM
To: Health Policy <HealthPolicy@act.gov.au>; Kefford, Nicole (Health) <Nicole.Kefford@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: MIN18/1154 further info [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

Hi Team,

Please see below request for further info on the GP bulk billing grants brief,

Please provide the info in an email.

Thank you

From: DDGHSPR
Sent: Wednesday, 3 October 2018 8:59 AM
To: ACTHealthStrategicPolicy <ACTHealthStrategicPolicy@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: MIN18/1154 further info [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

Hi Troy

Can you please arrange for the additional information requested by the Minister's Office below to be provided to us in an email?

Regards

Elizabeth Webster

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From: Wijemanne, Naveen (Health)

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Cc: Health Ministerial Liaison Officer <HealthMinisterialLiaisonOfficer@act.gov.au>

Subject: FW: MIN18/1154 further info [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Importance: High

Hi Elizabeth

Please see below request from the Minister's Office seeking the additional information that applicants provided as indicated in paragraph 12:

12. ACT Health has sought further information from some applicants to supplement information provided in the applications, and in line with the assessment panel's recommendations and initial ranking of the applications, it is recommended to fund the following:

- IGP to establish a practice in Tuggeranong at \$500,000 excluding GST (funding will cover the complete fit-out for the proposed new seven to eight room general practice).
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- Isabella Plains to extend their practice in Tuggeranong at \$111,244 excluding GST (funding will cover renovations and fitout to improve access for vulnerable and less able groups to two practice rooms; medical equipment; upgraded IT systems; and IT equipment to support outreach, home visits and visits to residential aged care facilities).

Happy for this information to be returned via email, and we will include it in TRIM container as being provided to the MO.

Many thanks

Naveen

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MINISTERIAL BRIEF

Health Directorate

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To: Minister for Health and Wellbeing Tracking No.: MIN18/1154
2 OCT 2018

From: Michael De'Ath, Interim Director-General, ACT Health

Subject: Funding Recommendations for the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund

Critical Date: 28 September 2018

Critical Reason: To ensure contract negotiations with successful applicants can commence as soon as possible.

- DG .../.../...
- DDG .../.../...

Recommendations

That you:

1. Note the information contained in this brief;

Noted / Please Discuss

2. If you agree that three applicants be funded (Interchange General Practice, National Health Co-op, and Isabella Plains Medical Centre) then ACT Health will commence discussions with those applicants to establish Deeds of Grant.

Agreed / Not Agreed / Please Discuss

3. Sign the letters at Attachment A.

Signed / Not Signed / Please Discuss

Meegan Fitzharris MLA  5/10/18

Minister's Office Feedback

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Background

1. In 2016, the ACT Government made an election commitment to deliver a grant scheme to support the establishment of bulk billing general practices in the ACT. The 2017–18 ACT Budget announced \$1.05 million over three years for the 'Better care when you need it—support for bulk billing GPs' initiative.
2. Under MIN17/660, you agreed that:
 - ACT Health would manage a public tender process inviting general practice groups with a demonstrated commitment to bulk billing to submit applications for grant funding under this budget initiative.
 - Funding for the grant could all be awarded in one year, or that varied amounts could be awarded over more than one year, depending on the content and quality of the applications received.
 - Funding could be withheld from being awarded if applications were not deemed suitable.

Issues

3. The grant round opened on 12 February 2018, and closed on 6 April 2018, with 13 applications received, requesting a total of \$4,215,717.
4. Applications were of varying quality, with some applications providing more comprehensive information than others.

Grants Process

5. The process for the set up and running of the Grant Fund included: development of the grant guidelines in consultation with key stakeholders; advertising of the grant fund via print, web, email lists and key publications; and assessment of the applications by a panel including ACT Health and key stakeholders. Further details are at Attachment B.

Assessment panel process and recommendations

6. The assessment panel comprised five members: Ms Toni Ashmore, A/g Senior Manager (at the time), Policy and Stakeholder Relations Branch, ACT Health (Chair); Assoc Prof Katrina Anderson, Academic Unit of General Practice, ACT Health; Dr Antonio Di Dio, AMA ACT; Ms Kate Gorman, HCCA; and Ms Julie Porritt, CHN.
7. Assessment panel members individually assessed and scored the eligible applications, against the eight selection criteria which were detailed in the Grant Fund funding guidelines.
8. The assessment panel members' individual scores were used as an initial basis for ranking the applications, all of which were then further discussed at the assessment panel meeting. The final assessment panel meeting minutes are at Attachment C.
9. The assessment panel agreed to recommend two applications for funding as they both scored highly against the selection criteria and were of high quality and value. These were: Interchange General Practice (IGP)—\$500,000 excluding GST; and Isabella Plains Medical Centre (Isabella Plains)—\$1,112,444 excluding GST.

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ACT Health review of recommendations

10. The outcomes from the assessment panel are recommendations only, and may be accepted as is, or used to inform the final decision.
11. The ACT Government's election commitment was for three practices, two in Tuggeranong and one in the Molonglo Valley. In the initial ranking of the applications, based on the assessment panel's individual scoring at Attachment D, it can be seen that prior to the assessment panel's group discussion, the highest ranked applications, in order of merit, came from IGP (one application), National Health Co-op (NHC) (three applications), and Isabella Plains (one application). It is therefore recommended that the three most highly ranked applicants be funded (rather than just two) to meet the election commitment.
12. ACT Health has sought further information from some applicants to supplement information provided in the applications, and in line with the assessment panel's recommendations and initial ranking of the applications, it is recommended to fund the following:
 - IGP to establish a practice in Tuggeranong at \$500,000 excluding GST (funding will cover the complete fit-out for the proposed new seven to eight room general practice).
 - NHC to establish a practice in Coombs at \$350,000 excluding GST (funding will cover part of the establishment and fit-out costs for the proposed new eleven room general practice).
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13. Brief descriptions of all three proposals are at Attachment E, with more details available at Attachment F.

Financial Implications

14. Total funding available for the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund was announced as \$1.05 million over three years. If all three proposals are funded, a total of \$961,244 excluding GST will be committed. A separate briefing will be provided to you on the use of the remaining \$88,756 (excluding GST) to understand and support bulk billing arrangements across the ACT.

ConsultationInternal

15. Internal assessment panel members were: Ms Toni Ashmore, A/g Senior Manager (at the time), Policy and Stakeholder Relations, ACT Health; and Assoc Prof Katrina Anderson, Academic Unit of General Practice, ACT Health.

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16. Not applicable.

External

17. External assessment panel members were: Dr Antonio Di Dio, AMA ACT; Ms Kate Gorman, HCCA; and Ms Julie Porritt, CHN.
18. External consultation in relation to the development of the Grant Fund funding guidelines included: Ms Yolanda McKean and Ms Julie Porritt, CHN; Mr Peter Somerville, AMA ACT; and Dr Kathryn Dwan and Ms Sue Andrews, HCCA.

Work Health and Safety

19. Not applicable.

Benefits/Sensitivities

20. The Grant Fund closed in early April 2018, with assessment panel recommendations available in early May 2018. The administrative delays in providing you with recommendations for funding may result in negative commentary from applicants.
21. Unsuccessful applicants are likely to be disappointed not to receive funding. All unsuccessful applicants will be offered feedback on their application.

Communications, media and engagement Implications

22. A media release is at Attachment G.

Signatory Name: Patrick Henry Phone: 79143
Action Officer: Catherine Eadie Phone: 71541

Attachments

Attachment	Title
Attachment A	Successful applicant letters
Attachment B	Process to establish and run the grant fund
Attachment C	Minutes from the assessment panel
Attachment D	Initial rankings
Attachment E	Recommended funding proposals - in brief
Attachment F	Recommended funding proposals - full applications
Attachment G	Media release

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Minister for Vocational Education and Skills
Member for Yerrabi

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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ISABELLA PLAINS ACT 2905
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund 2018–19

Thank you for your application to the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund. Your organisation applied for funding to enhance the Isabella Plains Medical Centre and expand bulk billing services. I am pleased to inform you that funding of \$111,244 excluding GST has been approved for this project.

You will receive correspondence shortly from the ACT Health outlining the administrative requirements for this funding.

I congratulate your organisation on this successful application, and wish you every success in the delivery of your project.

Yours sincerely

Meegan Fitzharris MLA
Minister for Health and Wellbeing





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Dear [REDACTED]

Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund 2018–19

Thank you for your application to the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund. Your organisation applied for funding to establish a new general practice in Coombs. I am pleased to inform you that funding of \$350,000 excluding GST has been approved for this project.

You will receive correspondence shortly from ACT Health outlining the administrative requirements for this funding.

I congratulate your organisation on this successful application, and wish you every success in the delivery of your project.

Yours sincerely

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Interchange General Practice
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CANBERRA ACT 2601
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund 2018–19

Thank you for your application to the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund. Your organisation applied for funding to establish a new general practice in Tuggeranong or Molonglo. I am pleased to inform you that funding of \$500,000 excluding GST has been approved for you to establish a new practice in Tuggeranong.

You will receive correspondence shortly from ACT Health outlining the administrative requirements for this funding.

I congratulate your organisation on this successful application, and wish you every success in the delivery of your project.

Yours sincerely

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Process to establish and run the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund

1. The Health Policy Unit, Strategic Policy Branch, ACT Health, considered options and briefed you on a possible way forward for the implementation of the 2016 election commitment to establish a grant fund to secure three new bulk billing general practices in Molonglo and Tuggeranong. You approved that the grant would be flexible, to allow all funding to be expended at once if several strong proposals were received, or for the funding to be expended over three years (or not at all) if only a few or no strong applications were received (MIN17/660).
2. The grant guidelines were developed through two rounds of consultation with key stakeholders: the Health Care Consumers' Association (HCCA); the Australian Medical Association (AMA) ACT; and the Capital Health Network (CHN).
3. The grant fund was advertised in *The Canberra Times* and in key publications of the CHN and AMA ACT, and on the ACT Health website. The CHN and the ACT Health GP Liaison Unit (GPLU) also sent emails to all general practices in the ACT, via their email lists, alerting them to the grant fund (most practices should therefore have been alerted by email twice). Advertisements and alerts directed potential applicants to the ACT Health website which included information on how to apply and the grant guidelines.
4. The grant fund was opened on 12 February 2018, timed so that you could make the announcement.
5. Application was by emailed submission to an inbox set up solely for the purpose, in Strategic Policy Branch. The inbox was monitored and receipt of applications acknowledged.
6. The grant round closed on 6 April 2018, as stipulated in the guidelines.
7. Strategic Policy Branch assessed the eligibility of applications. Applications would only be deemed ineligible if, for example, the application was submitted after the closing date and time; or the application was for something clearly not eligible for funding under the grant guidelines. All applications were deemed eligible.
8. A panel was assembled to undertake the assessment of the applications. Panel members were from ACT Health and key stakeholder organisations: Ms Toni Ashmore, previous A/g Senior Manager, Policy and Stakeholder Relations Branch, ACT Health (Chair); Assoc Prof Katrina Anderson, Academic Unit of General Practice, ACT Health (as a GP); [REDACTED], AMA ACT; [REDACTED], HCCA; and [REDACTED], CHN. Panel members were not affiliated with any of the general practices that were applying for the grants. Confidentiality agreements were signed by members.
9. The panel assessed the applications against the criteria in the grant guidelines. Panel assessed and ranked the applications individually first, then there was a group meeting on 2 May 2018 to discuss and agree to final recommendations, which form the basis of the Options for funding, for your consideration.

Bulk Billing General Practice Grant Fund
Assessment Panel Meeting Minutes

Date: 2 May 2018

Time: 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Panel members Present: Ms Toni Ashmore (Chair), Senior Manager, Health Policy Unit, ACT Health
 [REDACTED], Health Care Consumers' Association
 [REDACTED], Capital Health Network (CHN)
 Associate Professor Katrina Anderson, Academic Unit General Practice, ACT Health
 [REDACTED], Australian Medical Association (ACT)

Apologies: Nil

Other Attendees: Mr Antony Butler, ACT Health, Ms Catherine Eadie, ACT Health

Minute takers: Ms Casey Wotton, ACT Health, Ms Rachel Pickrell, ACT Health

Welcome:

The Chair welcomed Panel Members and introduced each Member, thanking them for their time in reviewing the applications and attending the evaluation panel meeting.

The Chair acknowledged that all Members of the Panel had signed a Deed of Confidentiality and that any Panel Member with a conflict of interest relating to any of the applications should declare it prior to the discussion and evaluation. A Conflict of Interest Declaration form was provided to the Panel Members.

The Chair confirmed that the total funding available under this project was \$1,050,000, however, the Panel was not obliged to approve funding for the full amount in this funding round as the funding can be rolled over for up to 3 years.

The aim of the funding was to increase bulk billing practices in the Molonglo and Tuggeranong areas. Maps and guidelines were provided to the Panel for reference during the meeting.

Recommendations from the Bulk Billing General Practice Grant Fund Assessment Panel were as follows:

Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		
Comments:	<p>The application submitted by [REDACTED] requested grant funding for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>The Panel agreed the application submitted by [REDACTED] would have been enhanced with further information on the long term sustainability of [REDACTED]</p>		

<p>[REDACTED]; and a clearer demonstration of how HMC would measure and evaluate the utilisation of the funds and how this would improve the quality of consultations.</p>			
Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		
<p>Comments:</p> <p>The application submitted by [REDACTED] requested funding to open a new practice in Denman Prospect in the Molonglo Valley. The application stated that the new practice was still in its early planning phase [REDACTED]</p> <p>The Panel agreed that this is a very good practice, and noted that it is likely that [REDACTED]. The Panel considered that while the application showed strengths in [REDACTED] it would have been improved by [REDACTED] that were outlined in the Grant Funding guidelines.</p> <p>Conflict of Interest: [REDACTED] declared the applicant [REDACTED]</p>			
Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		
<p>Comments:</p> <p>The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed to [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] The application identified that the practice would [REDACTED]</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the application demonstrated that the practice has a commitment to bulk billing, however, the Panel felt that the application did not demonstrate how the practice would sustain the model that offers 100% bulk billing rates. The application would also have been improved by including methods of measurement and evaluation of bulk billing service provision, increases to services for patients with identified cultural sensitivities or vulnerabilities and sustainable long term workforce planning.</p>			

Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Recommended to fund \$500,000		
Comments:			
The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			
The Practice would offer bulk billing to:			
a. [REDACTED]			
b. [REDACTED]			
c. [REDACTED]			
d. [REDACTED]			
<p>The Panel agreed that the application demonstrated the most realistic increase to bulk billing rates and would provide services in the preferred area. The practice has a track record of providing quality services as it currently provides bulk billing at a rate of 85 per cent. The new practice would be providing bulk billing services to the vulnerable cohort with longer consultations. The application also demonstrated long term projections for staff retention and bulk billing that appeared sustainable and realistic. The Panel noted the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>			
Conflict of Interest: Ms Porritt declared that [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			

Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Recommended to fund \$111,244		
Comments:			
The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			
[REDACTED]			

The Panel agreed that the practice is a highly regarded and successful business in Canberra, the application demonstrated good value for money, and its proposed upgrades to the practice to allow for wheelchairs and disabled access for bulk billing patients was considered reasonable.

The Panel noted that the practice had a good record of providing outcomes and agreed the grant would likely assist the practice to increase its rates of the bulk billing, particularly for patients over 70 years of age. The Panel requested that performance measures be included in the terms and conditions of the contract.

Conflict of Interest: Dr Di Dio declared that [REDACTED]

Conflict of Interest: Ms Porritt declared that [REDACTED]

Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		
Comments:			
The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed to [REDACTED]			
[REDACTED]			
The Panel agreed that the application was good quality, however, a demonstrated commitment to services for minority groups such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and CALD patients would have strengthened this application. The Panel noted that the practice currently has a high rate of bulk billing at around 80 per cent, and [REDACTED]			
The Panel noted the application could also have been strengthened by including long term workforce planning for the retention of doctors and further information on how [REDACTED] would lead to increases and improvements in bulk billing.			
Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		

Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]	
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended	
Comments:		
<p>The [REDACTED] application proposed to [REDACTED]. The grant would be used to [REDACTED].</p> <p>The Panel agreed the focus of the application was to [REDACTED] application did not provide enough information on the organisation's commitment to increased bulking billing rates [REDACTED].</p> <p>The Panel discussion identified that the proposed business model may require further investigation in relation to [REDACTED].</p>		
Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID [REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]	
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]	
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended	
Comments:		
<p>The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed to [REDACTED].</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the application demonstrated a reasonable commitment to bulk billing and that [REDACTED]. It was noted, however, that this model had not been tested [REDACTED] and the long term sustainability remained questionable.</p> <p>The panel also noted that a significant proportion of the funding was for [REDACTED] which is outside the scope of this grant.</p> <p>Conflict of Interest: Ms Porritt declared [REDACTED].</p>		
Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID [REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]	
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]	
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended	

Comments:

The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Panel agreed that the [REDACTED] is very experienced in the delivery of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The application could have been strengthened to include a sense of how the organisation would establish bulk billing [REDACTED] Valley and address short term workforce issues [REDACTED]

The Panel noted that it is likely that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		

Comments:

The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Panel agreed the application could have been strengthened by addressing the commitment that [REDACTED] has to increasing its bulk billing rates [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] More information on the differentiation in service delivery, particularly for vulnerable and culturally diverse patients would also have strengthened this application. The panel also noted there that is little sustainability in funding [REDACTED]

Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		

Comments:

The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Panel noted that the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Panel agreed that further information on value for money and a long term sustainable workforce plan would have further enhanced this application. The panel noted that it was common for General Practices who offer 100 per cent Bulk Billing to have a poor GP retention rate and staff turnovers. This is due to individual GPs not making a high enough profit per consultation. The panel agreed that the application did not provide enough evidence to suggest that GP turnover rates would be addressed and effort would be made to plan for sustainable workforce retention.

The Panel discussion identified that the practice provides a high quality comprehensive multidisciplinary service with a good level of care. The Panel [REDACTED]

The application indicated [REDACTED] was currently providing bulk billing at a rate of 100 per cent. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The panel agreed that the funding available through this round would be of better use to other bulk billing initiatives.

Conflict of Interest: Ms Porritt declared that [REDACTED]

Conflict of Interest: [REDACTED]



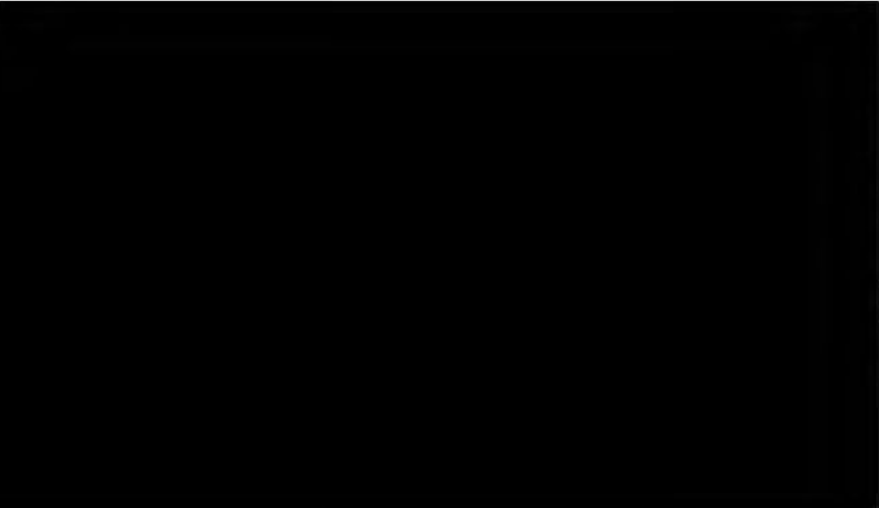
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Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended		
Comments:			
The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed [REDACTED]			
[REDACTED]			
The Panel noted that the [REDACTED]			
[REDACTED]			
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Organisation:	[REDACTED]	Application ID	[REDACTED]
Project Title:	[REDACTED]		
Amount Requested:	[REDACTED]		

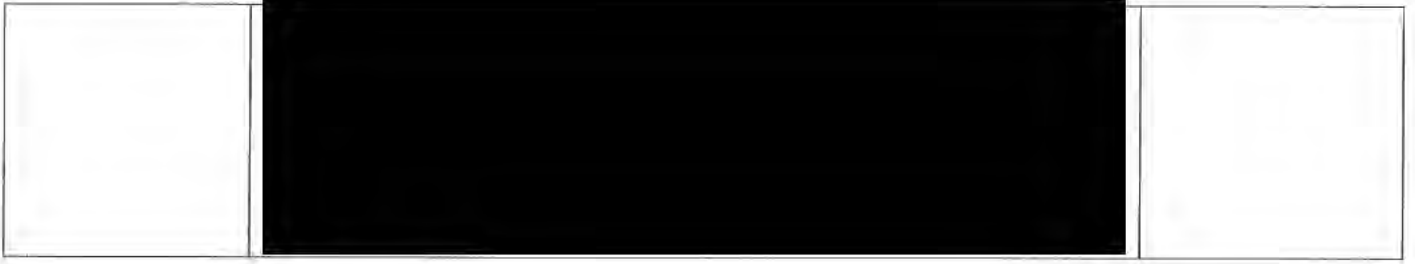
Panel Recommendation	Not Recommended
<p>Comments:</p> <p>The application submitted by [REDACTED] proposed [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>The Panel noted that [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	

BBGPGF 2018/19 Financial Summary Spreadsheet

#	Organisation	Project Name	panel member 1 Score	panel member 2 Score	panel member 3 Score	panel member 4 Score	panel member 5 Score	Total	Requested \$\$
			17	15	20	18	21	91	
			14	11	16	14.5	17	72.5	
			12	12	16	14.5	17	71.5	
			14	11	15	14.5	17	71.5	
			10	11.5	19	14.5	15	70	
			10	9	17	15.5	17	68.5	
			8.5	12.5	19	16	11	67	
			13	10.5	15	11.5	13	63	
			8	10	10	17	12	57	
			13	11.5	8	12	8	52.5	
			10	10.5	9	9.5	9	48	
			8	6	13	11.5	6	44.5	
			7	7.5	9	9	5	37.5	
		13 Applications							
	Total								

Bulk Billing General Practice Grant Fund Funding Recommendations

Organisation	Project description.	Funding Requested
Interchange General Practice		<p>\$500,000 (GST Exclusive)</p> <p>Funding will cover the complete fit-out for the proposed new seven to eight room general practice.</p>
Isabella Plains Medical Centre		<p>\$111,244 (GST Exclusive)</p> <p>Funding will cover: Renovations and fitout to improve access to two practice rooms; Medical equipment; upgraded IT systems and equipment.</p>
National Health Co-op		<p>\$350,000 (GST exclusive)</p> <p>Funding will cover part of the establishment and fit-out costs for the proposed new eleven room general practice.</p>





Media release

MEEGAN FITZHARRIS MLA

Minister for Health and Wellbeing

Minister for Transport and City Services

Minister for Higher Education, Training and Research

Member for Yerrabi

28 September 2018

New grants to bring more bulk billing to Canberra's south

The ACT Government is providing three general practices with grants that will enable them to expand services and invest in infrastructure to improve access to high quality, primary health care in the south of Canberra.

Minister for Health and Wellbeing Meegan Fitzharris today announced that more than \$961,000 in funding has been awarded to the Interchange General Practice, the Isabella Plains Medical Centre, and the National Health Co-op to make it easier for Canberrans to find a local bulk billing doctor on the Southside.

“The Interchange General Practice will use its grant to establish a new practice in Canberra’s south with a focus on providing bulk billed primary health care services to vulnerable people in our community,” Minister Fitzharris said.

“They are planning to build a seven to eight room practice that will deliver up to 35,000 consultations per year when fully staffed, making a significant contribution to primary healthcare in the ACT.

“The Isabella Plains Medical Centre will use its grant to upgrade its premises to improve access for clients with a disability and to expand its bulk billed offering.

“Two rooms near the front entrance of the practice will be refurbished to allow for ease of access and improve the privacy for patients. They will also purchase equipment for use at outreach clinics and home visits, extending the centre’s remote care capabilities.

“The National Health Co-op will use its grant to establish a bulk-billed, multidisciplinary general practice medical clinic in the Molonglo Valley. This will expand the number of not-for-profit, member owned National Health Co-op clinics to nine, increasing access to residents in south-west Canberra.

“These projects will make it easier for Canberrans to find a local doctor who provides high quality, bulk billed clinical care and a local practice for coordinated primary health care services when they need it, regardless of their personal circumstances,” Minister Fitzharris said.

The Bulk Billing General Practice Grant Fund was launched in February 2018, and committed \$1.05 million over three years from the 2017–18 budget to improve access to bulk billed primary health care services in Molonglo and Tuggeranong. There was a strong level of local interest and thirteen applications were received.

Statement ends

Date: 28 September 2018

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**SUBJECT: Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund
unsuccessful letters**

To: Patrick Henry, Executive Director, Policy, Partnerships and Programs Branch

Through: Jodie Brooks, Senior Manager, Branch Operations Unit

From: Casey Wotton, Contract Administrator, Branch Operations Unit

Date: 11 October 2018

Purpose

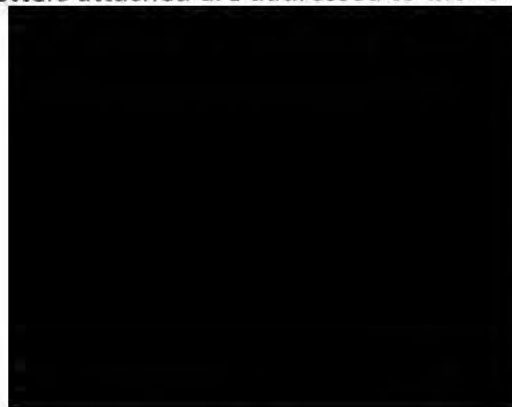
To seek your signature on the attached unsuccessful letters that are addressed to the applicants from the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund.

Background

The letters will officially notify the unsuccessful applicants of the outcome of the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Funding.

These letters will be emailed to the applicants on Monday 15 October 2018 using the PSR Contracts inbox.

Letters attached are addressed to the following applicants:



(Attachment A)

(Attachment B)

(Attachment C)

(Attachment D)

(Attachment E)

(Attachment F)

(Attachment G)

(Attachment H)

(Attachment I)

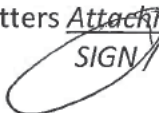
(Attachment J)

The Minister for Health and Wellbeing will be notifying the successful applicants by letter on Monday 15 October 2018.

Recommendations

That you:

- Sign the unsuccessful letters Attachments A to J.



SIGN / NOT SIGN / PLEASE DISCUSS

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Patrick Henry
Executive Director, Policy, Partnerships and Programs

12 October 2018



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for submitting an application in response to the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund for the establishment of a bulk billing medical clinic located at Conder.

I would like to inform you that on this occasion your application was unsuccessful.

If you wish to discuss the outcome of the application process, please contact PRScontracts@act.gov.au.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing commitment to providing health services in the ACT.

Yours sincerely

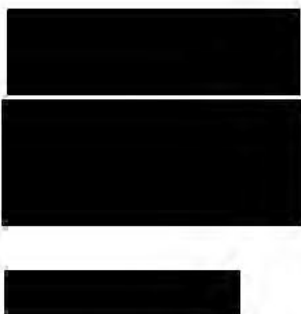
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Patrick Henry
Executive Director
Policy, Partnerships and Programs
ACT Health Directorate

15 October 2018



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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for submitting an application in response to the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund for the establishment of a bulk billing medical clinic located at Kambah.

I would like to inform you that on this occasion your application was unsuccessful.

If you wish to discuss the outcome of the application process, please contact PRScontracts@act.gov.au.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing commitment to providing health services in the ACT.

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15 October 2018



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for submitting the applications in response to the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund for the proposal to expand the bulk billing services offered at the [REDACTED]

I would like to inform you that on this occasion your application was unsuccessful.

If you wish to discuss the outcome of the application process, please contact PRScontracts@act.gov.au.

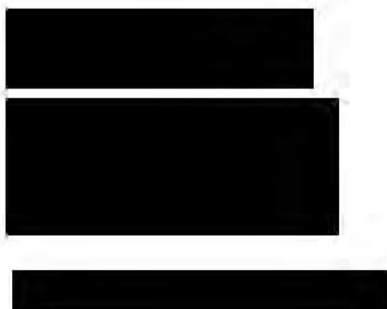
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Policy, Partnerships and Programs
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15 October 2018



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for submitting the application in response to the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund for the proposal to establish a new general practice in Denman Prospect, Molonglo.

I would like to inform you that on this occasion your application was unsuccessful.

If you wish to discuss the outcome of the application process, please contact PRScontracts@act.gov.au.

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Policy, Partnerships and Programs
ACT Health Directorate

15 October 2018



[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for submitting the application in response to the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund for the proposal to increase service provision of existing bulking billing in Kambah.

I would like to inform you that on this occasion your application was unsuccessful.

If you wish to discuss the outcome of the application process, please contact PRScontracts@act.gov.au.

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15 October 2018



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for submitting the application in response to the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund for the proposal to expand the [REDACTED]

I would like to inform you that on this occasion your application was unsuccessful.

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15 October 2018



[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for submitting the application in response to the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund to support expansion of the service offerings at the [REDACTED]

I would like to inform you that on this occasion your application was unsuccessful.

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15 October 2018



[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for submitting the application in response to the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund for the proposal to expand outreach primary care service based on clinical need.

I would like to inform you that on this occasion your application was unsuccessful.

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Policy, Partnerships and Programs
ACT Health Directorate

15 October 2018



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for submitting the application in response to the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund for the proposal to establish the [REDACTED]

I would like to inform you that on this occasion your application was unsuccessful.

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ACT Health Directorate

15 October 2018



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for submitting the application in response to the Bulk Billing General Practice Grant Fund on behalf of [REDACTED] to support expansion of bulk billed services in Canberra's south.

I would like to inform you that on this occasion your application was unsuccessful.

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ACT Health Directorate

15 October 2018



MINISTERIAL BRIEF

Health Directorate

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To:	Minister for Health and Wellbeing	Tracking No.: MIN18/1747
From:	Michael De'Ath, Director-General, ACT Health Directorate	
Subject:	Use of remaining funds from Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund	
Critical Date:	19 October 2018	
Critical Reason:	To allow time for this to be included in the announcement of the recipients of the Bulk Billing General Practices Bulk Billing Grant Fund	

- DG .../.../...

Purpose

To seek your approval on the use of the remaining funding from the Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund.

Recommendations

That you:

1. Note the information contained in this brief; and

Noted / Please Discuss

2. Agree to utilise remaining funds for a project to investigate options to improve the accessibility of primary health care for consumers, and to support bulk billing in the ACT.

Agreed / Not Agreed / Please Discuss

Meegan Fitzharris MLA *M. Fitzharris* 19/10/18

Minister's Office Feedback

Please update the scope & timeframes of the project asap. Thank you.

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Background

1. In 2016, the ACT Government made an election commitment to deliver a grant scheme to support the establishment of bulk billing general practices in the ACT. The 2017–18 ACT Budget announced \$1.05 million over three years for the 'Better care when you need it—support for bulk billing GPs' initiative.
2. The Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund was opened on 12 February 2018, and closed on 6 April 2018, with 13 applications received.
3. Under MIN18/1154, it was recommended that you support funding for three applications to the grant fund. Between the three applications, total funding of \$961,244 excluding GST was requested, leaving \$88,756 excluding GST unexpended.

Issues

4. The remaining \$88,756 excluding GST is not sufficient to run a second round of the grant fund. Additionally, the first round of the grant fund will deliver on the election commitment to provide more bulk billed general practice services in Tuggeranong and Molonglo.
5. It is proposed that the remaining grant funds be utilised to undertake a project to investigate options to improve the accessibility of primary health care for consumers, and to support bulk billing in the ACT.
6. The ACT Government has already undertaken a range of programs to boost bulk billing in the ACT by focusing on attempting to increase the GP-to-population ratio, and subsidising primary health care for the most vulnerable population groups. These programs have been successful, and according to Medicare statistics, GP bulk billing rates in the ACT have slowly climbed from 50.9 per cent in the March quarter of 2009, to 62.8 per cent in the June quarter of 2018. The national average, for the June quarter of 2018, was 85.6 per cent.
7. This new project will be informed by, and build on this previous activity. It is proposed that ACT Health fund the Capital Health Network to identify and investigate ways to continue to improve bulk billing and affordability of primary care health services in the ACT.

Financial Implications

8. Under MIN18/1154, it was recommended that you support funding for three applications to the grant fund. Between the three applications, total funding of \$961,244 excluding GST was requested, leaving \$88,756 excluding GST unexpended. This remaining funding must be used or returned to consolidated revenue.

ConsultationInternal

9. Not applicable.

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10. Not applicable.

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External

11. Not applicable.

Work Health and Safety

12. Not applicable.

Benefits/Sensitivities

13. Bulk billing is not well understood in the community, and is a contentious issue.

Communications, media and engagement implications

14. Communications and media material will be prepared in conjunction with the announcement on the successful grant applicants.

Signatory Name: Patrick Henry

Phone: 79143

Action Officer: Catherine Eadie

Phone: 71541

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