

THE ACT HEALTH PROMOTION GRANTS PROGRAM STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC INTENT

WHAT WE DO

The ACT Health Promotion Grants Program (ACTHPGP) contributes to improving health outcomes and minimising the risk of developing chronic disease in the ACT population.

HOW WE DO IT

We provide grants through Healthy Canberra Grants and the Health Promotion Innovation Fund to community-based organisations. This enables these organisations to provide programs which:

- improve population health outcomes around overweight and obesity;
- improve children's health with a particular focus on overweight and obesity, including improving eating habits and increasing physical activity;
- support smoking prevention, reduction and cessation;
- support reductions in hazardous and harmful consumption of alcohol; and
- support healthy active ageing.

HOW WE MEASURE OUR EFFECTIVENESS

Activities funded by the ACTHPGP support the ACT's commitment to address the rising prevalence of lifestyle related chronic diseases by:

- halting the increase in the proportion of the population of children and adults who are overweight and obese;
- increasing physical activity levels among children and adults at a population level;
- increasing vegetable and fruit consumption amongst children and adults at a population level;
- reducing the baseline for proportion of adults smoking daily; and
- reducing harmful and hazardous alcohol consumption

ACTHPGP funded programs are expected to contribute to these outcomes; this is expressed in grants assessment criteria. Evaluation of the ACTHPGP at a program level will assess progress or contribution to these measures.

OUR OPERATING FRAMEWORK

The ACTHPGP's strategic priorities are in line with the ACT Government's commitment to a 'zero growth' policy, which is to make the current recorded rates of people who are overweight and obese the peak of the obesity epidemic in the ACT. The ACTHPGP operates in accordance with ACT Health's Vision, which is *Your Health - Our Priority*, and ACT Health's Values, which are *Care, Excellence, Collaboration and Integrity*. The ACTHPGP also operates according to the core principles of ACT Health's Population Health Division. These are to:

- Maintain a population preventive health focus;
- Maintain a focus on partnerships;
- Target health priorities;
- Employ evidence-based decision making;
- Provide quality population health services;
- Maintain strong accountability and governance.

The majority of the ACTHPGP's day-to-day work is in the area of grants management and administration. Our grants management practices adhere to the ACT Government's *Administration of Government Grants in the ACT* and the Australian National Audit Office's *Implementing Better Practice Grants Administration Better Practice Guide 2010*.

Outcomes and value for money are key considerations in our grants decision-making processes; the ACTHPGP is provided in the context of our overarching obligation to make proper use of ACT Government resources.

For further information, visit our webpage: www.health.act.gov.au/hpgrants