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Office for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

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Webinar Agenda



1. Welcome and Acknowledgement – Nikki Kozulin
2. 50 new Frontline Workers – Stacey Collins
3. Primary Prevention Grants – Stacey Collins
4. \$72.6 million FDV investment – Emma Roscoe
 - Flexible Support Packages
 - Aboriginal Family Safety Grants
5. Q & A

50 new Frontline FDSV Workers - update



- Funding of \$16.1 million provided through an extension to the National Partnership Agreement Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-27 for 50 new frontline workers between 2022-23 and 2025-26.
- The initiative was developed on the basis that half the workers will be trainees and half fully qualified. The funding is to support new workers and not existing workers.
- The procurement of the 50 workers has been through a targeted investment (for known gaps in the delivery system) service and through an open expression of interest process.
- The contracts for the targeted investment are currently being negotiated with announcements imminent.
- EOI applications have been assessed and the Evaluation Report is being finalised.

Primary Prevention Grants



- In November 2023, during the 16 Days in WA Campaign, the Cook Government announced \$72.6 million investment to help stop family and domestic violence in Western Australia
- This funding was informed by discussions of the Family and Domestic Violence Taskforce.
- The aim of this grants program is to fund projects that contribute to:
 - Building Western Australia's primary prevention capability.
 - Improving the skills and knowledge required to undertake activities and initiatives that work towards prevention of violence against women.
 - Building partnerships across sectors for a more planned and integrated approach to activities aimed at preventing violence against women.
 - Building the evidence-base around effective prevention of violence against women.

Primary Prevention Grants - cont



- Eligible applicants can choose to apply from two different tiers of funding:
 - Tier 1 = funding from \$251,000 (exc. GST) up to a maximum of \$500,000 (exc. GST) per initiative.
 - Tier 2 = funding from \$150,000 (exc. GST) up to a maximum of \$250,000 (exc. GST) per initiative.
- Funding is available for one-off projects that run for up to a maximum of two years (24 months), for organisations to deliver a range of activities/initiatives.
- Previous successful applicants through the Primary Prevention Grants Program 2022/23 are welcome to submit new applications through this Grants Program and/or applications to seek funding to extend their existing project where the organisation can demonstrate that the original initiatives were innovative, successful and sustainable, meet the aims of the current grants program and are achieving the grants program objectives.
- Organisations can submit multiple applications for different projects and different applications for each funding tier, however, a separate application form must be submitted for each different application.
- Each application form must also be submitted separately through Tenders WA.
- It is anticipated the Grants Program will be published on Tenders WA at the end of March

FDV Investment Update



- A \$72.6 million funding package was announced by the Cook Government on 28 November 2023 to strengthen responses to FDV in Western Australia which was informed by the FDV Taskforce.
- Fourteen submissions were presented as part of the \$72.6 million and were either fully or partially successful.
- The funding package comprises:
 - \$13.34 million to boost efforts around primary prevention and early intervention.
 - \$6.04 million to expand perpetrator interventions into regional Western Australia (WA).
 - \$45 million to maintain and expand crisis responses for victim survivors which includes a commitment to build a new refuge in Perth's northern suburbs.
 - \$2.15 million for workforce development including to support the identification of and responses to coercive control.
 - \$6 million for Aboriginal-led, place-based initiatives to promote Aboriginal family safety.
- To assist with the implementation of the \$72.6 million investment a new stream 'Strategic Design and Investment' was established in the Office for Prevention of FDV on 1 February 2024

Flexible Support Packages



- The Flexible Support Funding packages were established in June 2022, and have been operating as part of the Western Australia's administration of the National Partnership Agreement for Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-2027. Women with or without accompanying children experiencing FDV are the primary recipients.
- In recognition of the diverse experiences of family violence, service providers consider each package based on individual risk and the circumstances of the women and children. There are no restrictions to the package amount provided and funding is determined by the case management plan.
- As part of the \$72.6 million funding package, \$7 million has been allocated for Flexible Support Package. Two evaluation workshops took place with the sector last week to reflect on the last two years of funding.
- Following on from the two workshops the OPFDV will be focusing on streamlining reporting requirements and reviewing funding allocations which will inform service variations commencing 1 July 2024 for a two-year period.

Aboriginal Family Safety Grants



- The Aboriginal Family Safety Grants are one-off, two-year grants, to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and Registered Aboriginal Businesses, to deliver Aboriginal-led, place-based responses to family violence, per the Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy 2022-2032, a key action in the WA Closing the Gap Implementation Plan.
- Procurement for the Aboriginal Family Safety Grant will occur, through an open grant process, which will be released on Tenders WA mid-May 2024.
- The State Government has allocated \$6 million over a two-year period for this initiative, with a portion of this funding quarantined for a program evaluation-to support alignment to and inform ongoing implementation of the Strategy and the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.
- Detailed information on the Aboriginal Family Safety Grants will be presented in April's OPFDV webinar.

Q&A

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