

First Action Plan Priorities Fund National Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Workforce Education on Abuse of Older People

Feedback for Applicants

The Department of Social Services (the department) has provided the following general feedback for applicants of the National Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (FDSV) Workforce Education on Abuse of Older People grant opportunity.

Assessment of applications was in accordance to the procedure detailed in the grant opportunity guidelines and outlined in the selection process below.

Overview

The application submission period opened on 23 January 2024 and closed on 20 February 2024. The grant opportunity received 2 applications.

The grant opportunity sought to engage a specialist organisation to develop education and awareness raising materials targeted at workers delivering support to older people in their home. It is expected that materials developed would include information on what constitutes abuse, how to respond, and where to refer people for support. This will enable workers and professionals engaging with or likely to engage with older Australians to provide high quality support and intervention where there are instances of FDSV.

Selection Process

The department undertook the initial screening for organisation eligibility and compliance against the requirements outlined in the grant opportunity guidelines. This information was provided to the department's grant opportunity delegate for final decisions on whether an application met the eligibility and compliance criteria.

The department assessed and considered all or eligible and compliant applications through a targeted competitive grant process. The selection advisory panel (panel) established by the department, comprised of subject matter experts who assessed applications and provided advice to inform the funding recommendations to the Financial Delegate.

When assessing applications the panel took into consideration a number of factors incorporating the inclusion /exclusion of late applications, the volume of applications received, meeting the identified requirements outlined in the grant opportunity guidelines and the available funding envelope.

The panel's consideration of assessed applications was, based on:

- compliance with the grant opportunity guidelines
- suitability against the eligibility criteria in the grant opportunity guidelines
- how well the applications responses met the assessment criterion
- the extent applications compared against other applications
- alignment to the developmental plan outline and other requested attachments
- whether it provided value with relevant money
- how the proposed activities aligned with the objectives of the grant opportunity



- identified risks and the proposed mitigation strategies for the department and the Commonwealth.

Selection Results

Both applications received for this grant opportunity were of a high standard. The preferred applicant demonstrated their ability to meet the grant requirements outlined in the grant opportunity guidelines based on the strength of their responses to the assessment criterion.

The department notified applicants of the outcome in writing, where their applications did not meet the requirements outlined in the grant opportunity guidelines.

This feedback is provided to assist grant applicants to understand what comprised a strong application and the content of quality responses to the assessment criterion.

Criterion 1

Detail your organisation's experience, expertise and resources available to deliver the activity.

Strong applications:

- had working knowledge of the different types of FDSV: family violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, exploitation, neglect and emotional abuse, including forms of FDSV more targeted at older people such as economic abuse and control perpetrated by an adult child or another family member
- demonstrated their organisation's proven ability to effectively develop, implement, manage and monitor activities to achieve positive outcomes that are relevant to this grant
- detailed their ability to develop resources for distribution across the nation whilst still enabling enough guidance for specific tailoring for different contexts.

Criterion 2

Detail your national reach and how you will ensure that the appropriate workforce organisations are consulted in this grant opportunity.

Strong applications:

- detailed how governments and sector organisations will be included in the consultation process to develop the education and awareness raising materials
- detailed how different workforces will require different approaches.

Criterion 3

Detail how you will scope, consult and deliver on the objectives of this grant opportunity.

Strong applications:

- demonstrated how the education and awareness raising materials will be culturally appropriate, person centred and inclusive of lived experience
- clearly articulated how the objectives of their organisation/consortium align with those of the grant and of the National Plan.

Individual feedback

Individual feedback will not be provided for this grant opportunity.