

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016, 10 February 2016

Ref No: SQ16-000030

OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: AIVL Funding - Scope Within Funding

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Is there scope within any current funding program for AIVL to apply to undertake education, policy, community engagement or advocacy work?

Answer:

The Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users Leagues Inc (AIVL) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health for up to \$118,580 (GST exclusive) in 2015-16 under the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Programme (NGOTGP) to deliver the Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy (CAHMA) Peer Treatment Support Project. This project is funded to provide peer support, education, advocacy, outreach, representation and referrals.

The organisation is also receiving funding of up to \$85,070 (GST exclusive) in 2015-16 under the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund (SMSDGF) to deliver the CAHMA Consumer Focused Comorbidity Project.

Funding for both of these projects will continue until 30 June 2017, in line with extensions to alcohol and other drug treatment organisations funded under the NGOTGP and SMSDGF.

There are currently no opportunities for further funding under these programmes.

Through the Communicable Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Grant Fund (CDPSIG Fund), AIVL has been provided \$370,000 (GST exclusive) (from 25 June 2015 until 31 December 2016) to undertake the community arm of Hepatitis C Awareness Activities (the Activities). The aim of the Activities is to target information to priority populations to 'prime' them for new hepatitis C treatments by encouraging them to know their hepatitis C status, to establish a link into care so they are ready to access treatment when it becomes available and to encourage usage of Needle and Syringe Program services for prevention, safe injecting practices and as a source of information on hepatitis C testing, treatment and care. The CDPSIG Fund it is not designed to provide core funding to community organisations or peak bodies.