

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Mental Health Reform

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Senator: O'Neill, Deborah

Question:

\$47 million Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program:

Can the Department provide details regarding when this funding program went to tender and the date the Minister signed off on the successful recipients? Can the Department also provide a list of successful recipients by state and territory, the individual funding amounts received by each of the successful recipients and a description of what initiative(s) the funding will be used for each of the successful recipients?

Answer:

The invitation to apply for grant funding under the National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program (the Program) opened on 2 August 2016 and closed on 13 September 2016. On 20 December 2016, the First Assistant Secretary, Health Services Division, as the delegate, approved the outcome of the grant funding round.

The Department of Health has entered into funding agreements with all successful grant recipients under the Program. Grant funding of \$43,063,058 (GST Exclusive) has been awarded to 16 projects from 1 April 2017 to 30 June 2019 for the delivery of suicide prevention activities that are applicable on a national scale. As such, successful grant recipients or funding is unable to be broken down by state or territory.

A list of successful grant recipients under the Program is provided below.

National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program Projects

Organisation	Project	Grant Funding (GST exclusive) 1 April 2017 to 30 June 2019
Suicide Prevention Australia Ltd	Suicide Prevention Australia will provide a national leadership role for the suicide prevention sector in Australia with a strong focus on building partnerships, including with people with a lived experience of suicide, to change behaviours and attitudes to suicide prevention.	\$1,500,000
The University of Melbourne	The University of Melbourne with their consortium partners will be funded to ensure knowledge and research on evidence based suicide prevention activity is shared and translated into best practice across the suicide prevention sector.	\$1,500,000
The University of Western Australia	The University of Western Australia will establish a Centre of Best Practice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention.	\$1,750,000
R U OK? Ltd	This grant will support campaign activity designed to build the confidence and capacity of Australians to connect and have conversations.	\$937,440
Reach Out Australia Pty Ltd	ReachOut Australia Ltd will develop a youth suicide prevention national media campaign and promote digital support for Australians aged 14-25 years.	\$624,715
Community Broadcasting Association of Australia Ltd	Community Broadcasting Association of Australia Ltd will deliver mental health and suicide prevention messaging over radio stations nationally and develop other communications materials for groups that may be high risk.	\$961,312
Orygen – The National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health	The Chat safe project will develop guidelines regarding safe ways for peer-peer communication about suicide online, develop a suite of evidence-based messages and educational resources and disseminate messaging and resources via a national social media campaign targeting young people.	\$1,000,000
Hunter Institute of Mental Health	The Mindframe National Media Initiative works to reduce stigma around suicide and raise awareness through encouraging responsible, accurate and safe representation of suicide and mental illness in the media.	\$3,105,085
Hunter Institute of Mental Health	This grant will support the development of a universally available online communication, professional development and messaging strategy to ensure Australia is communicating for change around suicide prevention.	\$1,500,000
United Synergies Ltd	Grant funding to United Synergies for the StandBy Response Service will deliver nationally coordinated on the ground support to individuals and communities bereaved by suicide as well as training front-line emergency response services.	\$11,487,586
Mental Health First Aid International	This project will have a large national reach delivering Mental Health First Aid Training for human services, medical and nursing students.	\$2,457,005
MATES in Construction Australia Ltd	Grant funding will support the national delivery of the MATES in Construction suicide prevention program targeted at male dominated building and construction industries.	\$4,201,222
OzHelp Foundation Ltd	The OzHelp project will deliver a suite of evidence-based mental health and suicide awareness, prevention and intervention programs to support ‘hard to reach’ men in male dominated workplaces.	\$3,047,608
Wesley Community Services Ltd	Funding will support a large number of suicide prevention networks in communities throughout Australia to build community capacity to engage in suicide prevention activity, support those at risk of suicide and bereaved by suicide and improve access to appropriate services.	\$5,639,911
Wesley Community Services Ltd	Wesley Community Services Ltd will deliver LifeForce suicide prevention training to communities and health care providers nationally.	\$2,140,444
National LGBTI Health Alliance	Through MindOUT! the National LGBTI Health Alliance works with LGBTI organisations and mainstream mental health organisations to improve mental health and suicide prevention outcomes for LGBTI people.	\$1,210,729