

The Aged Care in Victoria Grants Program

Equity Trustees Ageing Innovation Challenge Guidelines



Program Goal

Increased capacity and quality of formal and informal care for older people in Victoria (i.e. 60yrs+)

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The key objective for Equity Trustees' Ageing Innovation Challenge is to shift the capacity and quality of the formal and informal care available to Victorians as they age. The significant increase in the number of people in our ageing population means we need to shift both the amount and standard of care in order to assist people to age well and die well.

Identifying and developing innovative solutions takes a good understanding of customers' and users' needs, a clear logic for change, a sustainable model for growth and a committed team skilled to run a rigorous process to test and refine the assumptions behind their ideas.

What We Know

Australia's population is ageing and the number of Australians over the age of 65 is expected to more than double by 2055*. We are now faced with a challenge to create a society that fully understands the economic and social impacts of ageing and embraces the opportunity presented by this demographic shift.

Rationale

The ageing and aged care environment in Australia is large and complex and in a current state of flux due to changing demographics and the Federal Government's ambitious reform agenda. Equity Trustees' Aged Care in Victoria Grants program will focus on both systemic responses to improve the system for all and supporting innovative care programs aimed at improving the lives of older Australians.

The Innovation Challenge Methodology will enable us to fund ideas with strong innovation potential and build the capability of organisations in the aged care sector in Victoria to innovate and sustain solutions. Part of the rationale for the Innovation Challenge approach is to contribute to improving understanding of how innovation can be used to respond to complex social challenges.

*2015 Intergenerational Report, Australia in 2055

Priority outcomes

Equity Trustees considers the following three outcomes key to achieving the program goal:

1. Increased innovation capacity among Not For Profit aged care providers
2. New approaches to aged care services (formal and informal) are developed and trialed
3. Increase in the number and range of innovative approaches to aged care that are ready for translation into practice.

Promising Approaches

Equity Trustees considers these three approaches key to achieving the A&AC program goal:

- Address the particular needs of older people in regional, rural and remote areas
- Respond to the needs of particular population groups such as CALD, ATSI and other excluded or disadvantaged groups
- Support and build independence of older people, including enablement or re-ablement.

Eligibility for the Program

For grants in the A&AC program, Equity Trustees can only consider applications from organisation that:

1. Are existing charitable, not for profit, organisations, institutions or bodies, providing care, comfort and accommodation to aged persons within Victoria with a particular idea they want to develop and test
2. Organisations with an idea looking at the possibility of impact in the aged care sector and who have (or are willing to establish) a partner in the aged care sector (the aged care sector partner must meet the eligibility requirements stated in point 1).

Granting Support

Grantees will receive both funding and innovation support through capability building. The first phase of fund distribution will occur before the end of the 2016-2017 financial year at approximately \$30,000 per team, focused over 12 months of activity. At the end of the first year of funding a review will be conducted. This is the decision point to consider funding for a further 12 months to progress the grantees' innovation.

The A&AC program will distribute approximately \$150,000 in the first year.

Equity Trustees is running the Ageing Innovation Challenge with the assistance of The Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI). Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend Power-up – a capability building workshop where participants will be introduced to TACSI's innovation approach and training in using co-design tools.

Organisations awarded funding through the Ageing Innovation Challenge will be provided with a series of workshops and one to one mentoring support through a structured accelerator program through-out the 12 month period after funds are awarded.

Application Process

1. Expression of interest opens 15 March
2. Expression of interest closes 12 April 2017 – prepare your expression of interest providing all requested information and submit via SmartyGrants by midnight on 12 April 2017
3. If your expression of interest is successful, you will be invited to attend the Power-up session mid-May (date to be confirmed to shortlisted applicants)
4. Final application will be due by 2 June 2017
5. The announcement of the successful applicants will be announced on 23 June 2017 with funds distributed by 30 June 2017.