

# THE AGED CARE IN VICTORIA GRANTS PROGRAM

## Program Goal

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

Equity Trustees is seeking to deepen community impact in the ageing and aged care sector by contributing to systemic change that enables all Australians to make informed choices about where and how they age and die, and to access high quality formal and informal aged care that is affordable and responsive to individual needs.

We will know we are making a difference when older Australians feel valued and have positive experiences of ageing, and there are more older Australians enabled to live and die well.

## EQUITY TRUSTEES' INNOVATION IN AGEING CHALLENGE

In 2019 Equity Trustees seeks to shift the capacity and quality of the formal and informal care available to Victorians as they age through the Equity Trustees' Innovation in Ageing Challenge. 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.

Equity Trustees' Innovation in Ageing Challenge uses theory of change methodology as a framework for establishing an (impact led) grants program. Those awarded grants through the Innovation in Ageing Challenge will receive bespoke, one-on-one mentoring and group coaching sessions in addition to philanthropic funding. Through this funding and support we seek to facilitate shared learning and convene collaborations to unlock sector potential and build capacity in the aged care sector.

## WHAT WE KNOW

It's no secret that Australia's population is ageing. The number of Australians over the age of 65 is expected to more than double by 2055\*. This population growth means now is the time to create a community that fully appreciates the economic and social impacts of ageing and is well prepared to harness the opportunities this demographic shift presents.

There is undoubtedly a lot of good work already happening to support people to age well, however we see a clear need for innovation when considering the care and accommodation of older people in Victoria.

\*2015 Intergenerational Report, Australia in 2055

## 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 activities such as The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. Equity Trustees' Aged Care in Victoria Grants program focuses 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.

The 2019 Challenge is informed by the experience of our inaugural Challenge in 2017 & 2018.



## PRIORITY OUTCOMES

The key objective for the Innovation in Ageing Challenge is to build capability and partnerships that help older Victorians live, age and die well in the place they choose.

Specifically, the priority outcomes of the program are:

1. Grantees build capability to develop and implement solutions that improve the lives of older Victorians.
2. Initiatives sustain and grow outcomes beyond the grants program.
3. Initiatives funded can demonstrate impact in alignment with the Equity Trustees Theory of Change for the Ageing and Aged Care Focus Area
4. Increased innovation capacity among Not for Profit aged care providers
5. New approaches to aged care services (formal and informal) are developed and trialled
6. Increase in the number and range of innovative approaches to aged care that are ready for translation into practice

## ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM

Equity Trustees' Innovation in Ageing Challenge 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 in August 2019 at approximately \$40,000 per team (dependant on the number of successful teams), 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' solution.

The Equity Trustees' Innovation in Ageing Challenge program will distribute approximately \$200k in the first year.

Equity Trustees is running the Innovation in Ageing 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.

### Application Process:

Information Session: Friday 14 June 2019

Expression of interest opens: Monday 17 June 2019 (open in SmartyGrants)

Expression of interest closes: Friday 5 July 2019 – prepare your expression of interest providing all requested information and submit via SmartyGrants by midnight on 5 July 2019.

If your expression of interest is successful, you will be invited to attend the Power-up session mid July 2019 (date to be confirmed to shortlisted applicants).

Final applications will be submitted in August 2019 with grants awarded to the successful applicants by 31 August 2019.