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Suicide Prevention  
Australia

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Expression of Interest (EOI) Guidelines  
2021 Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Program Grant

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## The Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Program Grant

The Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Program supports organisations to implement safe, high quality and effective suicide prevention programs in Australia.

Assuring the safety, quality and efficacy of Australia's suicide prevention programs is a focus of the suicide prevention sector, government, commissioning agents and the Australian community at large.

Providers of suicide prevention programs, at different stages of implementation or maturity, can now participate in a self-directed program that will drive consistent, high quality and a safe standard of care.

Suicide prevention programs and services are invited to seek a one-off grant (\$1,485.00 per program or service GST included) to implement the first cycle of certification against the Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Standards.

The Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Program certification is a three (3) year accreditation cycle. Accreditation is awarded based on a desktop audit (document review) inclusive of a Mid-cycle review of a Quality Improvement Plan submitted to accreditors Quality Innovation Performance Limited (QIP).

QIP is Australia's most comprehensive accreditation business, delivering accreditation and support services across the entire health and human service continuum from community services and primary health care, to secondary and tertiary health care organisations.

Suicide Prevention Australia has approved QIP to accredit against the Suicide Prevention Australia Standards for Quality Improvement.

The Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Program certification will consist of the following five steps:

1. Registration
2. Self-assessment
3. Application
4. Assessment
5. Decision

### The Process

Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Program Grant recipients register for certification through the acceptance of an ongoing/rolling contract and payment of an accreditation invoice.

The certification registration process via QIP involves:

- Establishment of a database profile of the organisation,
- Entering into a Client Service Agreement (Contract) with QIP for the provision of accreditation services, and
- Payment of an accreditation fee (a one-off grant of \$1,485.00 per program or service, GST included)

A program or service registered for certification receives a Registration Pack including:

- Registration letter that provides a username and password to access QIP's online self-assessment tool, AccreditationPro

- Access to QIP's accreditation hub and QbAY (online resource library)
- Accreditation Hub Guide
- Suicide Prevention Australia Standards for Quality Improvement Self-Assessment Evidence Summary
- A copy of the Suicide Prevention Australia Standards for Quality Improvement
- Access to a dedicated QIP Client Liaison Officer

Suicide prevention programs and services are recommended to complete the self-assessment (gap analysis) tool before commencing certification. Self-assessment is a resource that initially helps programs and services to determine gaps or areas for improvement against the Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Standards, and monitor progress towards full conformance. The registration fee \$462.00 (GST included) per program or service for self-assessment is not included in the grant and is at the expense of the program or service.

### Eligibility

The Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Program Grant is open to any suicide prevention or postvention program or service in Australia. A suicide prevention program is one that is implemented to address, prevent, or respond to suicidal behaviours and their impact on people, families, communities, and the Australian population.

### Selection Criteria

1. Demonstrated ability to implement the Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Standards in an existing suicide prevention program or service	50%
2. Demonstrated ability to register and complete self-assessment (gap analysis)	15%
3. Demonstrated ability to achieve certification within twelve (12) months from the time of registration	35%

### Review panel

Suicide Prevention Australia has invited those with lived experience and service provision expertise to assist at various stages of assessment of expression of interest.

### Application Process

Stage	Actions
1	Expression of interest addressing the three (3) selection criteria submitted to Suicide Prevention Australia by 11.59pm 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
2	Applications considered by reviewers using a standardised assessment process
3.	Expression of Interest Review Panel considers all applications and makes recommendations to the CEO, Suicide Prevention Australia
5.	Suicide Prevention Australia Board approves final grant recipients

## Key dates

<b>Applications</b>	<b>Open</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>	<b>Closes</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b>
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## How to apply

You can apply via [this link](#).

## Funding requirements

### Commencement

The funding commencement date (registration for certification) for the 2021 Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Program Grant recipients is no later than 30 June 2020.

### Award value

50 grants at \$1485.00 (GST included) per program or service are available. The grant only covers the first cycle of registration for certification with accreditors QIP. The grant is only able to be utilised for the cost of registration. Organisations are required to make multiple applications for each suicide prevention or postvention program or service.

## Grant conditions

Expression of interest for 2021 Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Program grant implies acceptance of the following conditions:

- Commence via registration for certification with QIP for the 2021 Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Program no later than 30 June 2021.
- Obtain certification within twelve (12) months from the time of registration.
- Grant recipients will be required to provide Suicide Prevention Australia with a copy of a certification certificate within twelve (12) months from the time of registration as a final report.
- The grant recipient must submit a financial statement demonstrating payment of registration for certification with QIP within the timeframe specified.

## Communication and promotion

By submitting an application, consent is being given for contact for (but not limited to) operational feedback, public relations opportunities (such as commentary and interviews) and for inclusion on Suicide Prevention Australia website, social media, media releases and mentions in Ministerial announcements.

Communication and promotion of certification in the Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Program through conferences, forums and communication with Suicide Prevention Australia members will be expected (as appropriate).

## **Enquiries**

If you have enquiries regarding the Suicide Prevention Quality Improvement Program Grant please contact Suicide Prevention Australia on +61 (2) 9262 1130 or email [qip@suicidepreventionaust.org](mailto:qip@suicidepreventionaust.org).