

CMHDARN RESEARCH MH & AOD GRANT 2018/2019 - Round 3 GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

The Community Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Research Network (CMHDARN) invites member organisations from the Mental Health Coordinating Council (MHCC) and the Network of Alcohol and Other Drugs Agencies (NADA) to apply for the CMHDARN Research MH & AOD Seeding Grant.

The Seeding Grant program aims to:

- Enhance research capacity in the community based mental health and AOD sectors.
- Foster research collaboration and partnerships.
- Encourage research that focuses on both mental health AND alcohol and other drugs.

The grants are intended to support community managed mental health and AOD organisations to build cross sector capacity to undertake research.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

There are two (2) seeding grants available at \$9,000 each (excluding GST).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted using the Application form [here](#) and emailed to info@cmhdaresearchnetwork.com.au. All criteria must be addressed.

Applications close **COB WEDNESDAY 15th of MAY, 2019**.

Please note: organisations may submit multiple applications; however, they can only receive one grant.

Successful grant recipients will be announced at the CMHDARN Symposium and confirmed in writing by June 6th.

SELECTION PROCESS

Each application will be assessed by a panel against the eligibility and selection criteria outlined below. The panel will include representation from MHCC and NADA senior staff as well as the Mental Health Commission of NSW, two member organisations from each sector, including at least one consumer/client led organisation.

Furthermore, the research proposed should address the topic of how knowledge is gathered and translated from experience and outcome measures into practice and service delivery models. Potential projects looking at; how we determine which measures tell us what we need to know; what approaches utilise client experience most effectively; how we address questions of bias in gathering information; how we translate findings into practice; and how we embed reflective practice in service delivery, will be considered.

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Eligibility criteria

- 1) To foster research collaboration, the research project proposed must involve a collaboration between two organisations, a NADA member and a MHCC member. One organisation is expected to take the lead in terms of the application and managing the grant.
 - CMHDARN can assist applicants with finding a suitable collaborative organisation, if necessary. Please contact info@cmhdaresearchnetwork.com.au
- 2) Applicants must have the organisational support and capacity to conduct this project.
- 3) Applicants must provide confirmation that they will adhere to funding provisions should their application be successful, namely that:
 - a) funding will be quarantined for the research project only
 - b) the project will be completed by **31st of December 2019**
 - c) Accountability reports, as documented in the Funding Agreement, will be submitted by the project completion date
 - d) the project will be conducted in NSW

Selection Criteria

- 1) **Project design:** The strength of the research proposal in articulating:
 - a) clear purpose, aims and objectives
 - b) methodology required to undertake the project
 - c) mechanisms for consumer involvementⁱ
 - d) project risks and ethical considerationsⁱⁱ and how they will be addressed
 - e) a clear evaluation framework/plan.
- 2) **Relevance / Impact:** The extent to which the project is important and how it will contribute to an understanding of how knowledge is gathered and translated from experience and outcome measures into practice and service delivery models.
- 3) **MH/AOD:** The focus of the research will incorporate mental health AND alcohol and other drugs elements and identify how these two areas are integrated.
- 4) **Collaboration:** The extent to which the project involves collaboration with academic partners and/or other organisations.
 - Lived experienced researchers working across the mental health / alcohol and other drugs fields are encouraged to apply.

Ethics review

Successful grant recipients will be expected to lodge a request with the CMHDARN Research Ethics Consultation Committee (RECC). Further information on the RECC is available on the [CMHDARN website](#).

ⁱ For guidance and tips, refer to the CMHDARN (2015) *Ask the experts: A CMHDARN best practice guide to enabling consumer and carer leadership in research and evaluation*. Available: <http://cmhdaresearchnetwork.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/BPG-CCPIR-FINAL-201512011.pdf>

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