



The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Aged Care

Dear General Practice

Invitation to participate: Strengthening Medicare – General Practice Grants Program

I am writing to invite you to participate in the Australian Government's \$220 million Strengthening Medicare – General Practice Grants Program (Program). The Program aims to help general practices and eligible Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) to expand patient access and improve general practice services.

The Program is the first step to delivering on the Government's commitment towards strengthening Medicare and boosting general practice. The grants will support general practices and eligible ACCHOs to make investments in innovation, training, equipment, and minor capital works in one or more of the three investment streams below:

- enhance digital health capability
- upgrade infection prevention and control arrangements
- maintain or achieve accreditation against the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Standards for General Practices (5th edition).

A one-off grant of either \$25,000, \$35,000 or \$50,000 (based on practice size and accreditation status) will be available to each participating general practice and eligible ACCHO. The enclosed Application and Grant Agreement includes the eligible grant amount specific to your practice.

To participate in the Program, please:

1. read the Quick Reference Guide – to understand Program eligibility and requirements
2. complete the Application and Grant Agreement – and submit to your local Primary Health Network (PHN) by **5.00pm local time, 15 June 2023**.

If you require further information or assistance with your application, please contact your local PHN. For more information about the Program, please refer to the Department of Health and Aged Care's website at www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/strengthening-medicare-general-practice-grants-program.

I look forward to your participation in the Program.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Mark Butler'.

Mark Butler

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