

2017-18 Health Service Violence Prevention Fund – Round 3

Frequently asked questions

1. Why has the government established the Health Service Violence Prevention Fund?

The government has established the \$20 million Health Service Violence Prevention Fund (HSVPF) as part of its commitment to address violence in health care settings and reducing violence against hospital staff.

2. How much will be available for Round 3 in 2017-18?

\$7 million will be available in 2017-18.

3. Who will be eligible to apply for funding?

The following Victorian public health services will be able to apply to the HSVPF Round 3

- Acute health services
- Sub-acute services auspiced by a health service
- Community health services auspiced by a health service
- Local health services including small rural health services
- Acute mental health facilities
- Ambulance Victoria

Only facilities listed in Appendix 2 of the guidelines are eligible to apply for funding.

4. What types of projects are considered under Round 3 of the HSVPF?

Minor capital works / equipment targeted at improving safety of staff, patients and visitors from violence. Examples include portable duress alarms, reconfiguration of entrances in Emergency Departments, alternative egress in waiting / assessment rooms, CCTV cameras.

5. Should different proposals be combined in the same submission.

No. Each project will require a separate submission of the HSVPF. Health services / agencies are required to rank the relative priority of each application on the 'CEO Priority Summary Sheet.'

6. Can an agency submit more than one submission to Round 3 of the HSVPF.

Yes. A maximum of **3** submissions for:

- Acute/Sub-acute/Community Health Services
- Ambulance Services
- Mental Health Facilities.

Note: A health service can put forward for both mental health and Acute/Sub-acute/Community Health Services (up to a total of 6 applications).

7. Can I apply for projects that may be eligible under other funding sources?

Yes. Agencies can apply but it is suggested that they identify in their applications that they have submitted proposals to other funding sources. Note that under the conditions of funding, funding is not available for projects previously funded or already approved for funding from another source.

8. When will the applications close?

Completed applications to be submitted by 5pm 28 July 2017.

9. Where should the applications be submitted to?

Completed applications and supporting information electronically to hsvpf@dhhs.vic.gov.au

10. Will successful applicants be required to provide a report?

Yes, successful applicants will be required to report back by the end of June 2018 on the status of the works and evidence of improvements in staff safety.

11. Where can I find out more about Health 2040?

Information on Health 2040: Advancing health, access and care can be found at:

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/policiesandguidelines/Health-2040-advancing-health-access-and-care>

12. Where can I find out more about 10 Year Mental Health Plan?

Victoria/s 10-year mental health plan can be found at:

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/mental-health/priorities-and-transformation/mental-health-plan>

13. Where can I find out more about the Occupational Violence and Aggression Framework?

The Framework for preventing and managing occupational violence and aggression and other useful resources can be found at:

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/health-workforce/worker-health-wellbeing>

14. Where can I find out more about the Australasian Health Facility guidelines?

The Australasian Health Facility Guidelines can be found at:

<https://healthfacilityguidelines.com.au/>

15. Where can I find out more about guidelines for behavioural assessment rooms?

Guidelines for behavioural assessment rooms in emergency departments can be found at:

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/patient-care/acute-care/emergency-care>

Further information

Where can I get further information or assistance?

Assistance could be sought from:

- Manager, Worker Health and Wellbeing (03) 9096 8325
- Mental Health Branch (03) 9096 8349
- Ambulance Services (03) 9096 1871
- WorkSafe Advisory Service 1800 136 089
- Infrastructure Planning & Delivery Branch (03) 9096 2119 (general enquiries)

or

Email: hsvpf@dhhs.vic.gov.au

Website: <http://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hsvpf>