

Health Promotion Research 2025 Open Exploratory & Intervention Research Round

Guidelines





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Our Health Promotion Research program funds collaborative research, focused on knowledge translation, that has the potential and intent to impact policy, programs and/or practice in WA and ultimately lead to improved health outcomes for the community.

What is the **Open Exploratory Research** category?

Our Open Exploratory Research category provides funding for exploratory or formative studies. These studies should aim to address gaps in health promotion research and show potential and intent to impact policy, programs and/or practice in WA.



Funding available: **up to \$100,000 total** (excluding GST) for a timeline of up to two years (for salary support, project and support costs).

What is the **Open Intervention Research** category?

Our Open Intervention Research category provides funding for research projects that will develop, implement, evaluate and translate a new health promotion program or policy intervention.



Funding available: **up to \$200,000 per year** (excluding GST) for up to three years (for salary support, project and support costs).

Before applying



1. Please contact us to discuss your proposal before submitting your Expression of Interest (Eol) on 133 777 or email research@healthway.wa.gov.au.

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2. Review the eligibility criteria on page 5 of these guidelines and ensure you can submit by the due date.

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3. Research proposals submitted to us must address one of our priority health areas, or Aboriginal health. So applicants are strongly advised to read our [Strategic Plan 2024-2029: Creating a healthier Western Australia together](#) and our [Health Promotion Research FAQs](#) to familiarise yourself with the assessment process, assessment criteria and funding conditions.

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4. Please make sure you adhere to the stated space and word limitations in the Eol, as exceeding the word limits may render your Eol ineligible.

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What's the application process?

Applicants must first submit an Eol. Once we have assessed your Eol, we will advise your Research Grants Office of the outcome. If you have been successful, you will be invited to submit a full application. You will have approximately six weeks to prepare the full application.

I'm ready to submit

- ✓ The Research Grants Office must submit your Eol via the [Lotterywest Healthway Grants Portal](#) (Grants Portal) by the closing date.
- ✓ Applications submitted via email directly from researchers or the research institution will not be accepted. Please contact your institution's Research Grants Office as they may have an earlier closing date.

Timeline

Key steps	Key dates
Open Exploratory & Intervention Research Round opens	Friday 20 June 2025
Eols due	5pm, Friday 15 August 2025
Announcement of successful Eols for Stage 2	Friday 19 September 2025
Stage 2 (full applications) due	5pm, Friday 31 October 2025
Announcement of successful grant applicants	April/May 2026*

**Please note that this date is an estimate and subject to change.*

Grants Portal registration and validation process

- ✓ Applications must be submitted online via the **Grants Portal** by the responsible officer of the administering institution, generally the Research Grants Office, on behalf of the research team.
- ✓ Members of the research team do not have access to the Grants Portal and applications submitted directly from individual researchers will not be accepted.
- ✓ All organisations will need to be registered prior to submitting a grant request through the Grants Portal.
- ✓ For further guidance on the Grants Portal please request your Research Grants Office to contact us on 133 777 or healthway@healthway.wa.gov.au.

As the registration and validation process may take some time, we strongly encourage organisations to register and update their organisation details as early as possible to avoid the risk of not being able to submit a grant request by the deadline.

Research funding eligibility

The following criteria must be met to be eligible for research funding:

WA based research

- At least one Chief Investigator must be based and reside in WA for the duration of the grant.
- The first named Chief Investigator and the administering organisation may be based outside of WA (but within Australia) as long as the central focus of the research is on WA.
- The majority of grant funds should be spent in WA.

Aboriginal health research

- At least one Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person must be named as a Chief Investigator.
- The proposed research must align with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Ethical Conduct in Research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and Communities: Guidelines for Researchers and Stakeholders 2018.
- Aboriginal community members must be engaged in the development, implementation and translation of the research.
- A culturally secure research design and methodology must be demonstrated.

Other criteria

- Incorporated organisations based within Australia (including not for profit, companies, and statutory bodies) are able to apply for Healthway research funding.
- Applying organisations must have access to an Institutional Ethics Committee to ensure that any project involving research with humans is reviewed and approved by the Committee in accordance with the relevant National Health and Medical Research Council Ethics Program.
- Research groups, organisations or individuals who are receiving any support either directly or indirectly from funding bodies associated with the following harmful industries- tobacco, e-cigarette or other novel tobacco product companies or their related foundations, commercial gambling, unhealthy food and drink and alcohol- are not eligible to apply.

Four-grant rule (Intervention Research Grants only)

- A Chief Investigator may not receive funding for more than four of our Intervention Research Grants in any one year.
- The four-grant total includes Eols that are in the process of being assessed.
- A Healthway grant remains current until all milestone requirements and acquittals have been received and acknowledged.
- The four-grant rule applies to Chief Investigators only. Associate Investigators are excluded.

Eols must demonstrate the following:

- Show a clear connection to health promotion.
- Show how the research will contribute to new evidence that can shape health promotion practice and/or policy in WA.
- Address a current gap in health promotion research.
- Provide a clear plan leading to a health promotion program or policy.
- Illustrate how the proposed research will improve community health outcomes in WA.
- Provide an outline of a knowledge translation plan which describes how the research will inform policy or practice for practical implementation.
- Form partnerships with organisations that will support the research and help translate the findings into policy or practice. Partnerships do not need to be confirmed at Eol stage but must be confirmed at the time of submitting the full application.
- Demonstrate that the research team has the relevant expertise and is multidisciplinary.

What we won't fund

- Similar research that is being funded elsewhere.
- Clinical or laboratory studies, or trials of treatments and therapies for existing conditions or diseases.
- Research proposals that primarily focus on evaluating existing services or policies will not be funded unless it can be demonstrated that the outcomes will have broader health promotion applicability and will influence the practices of partner agencies that are outside the scope of the existing investment being evaluated.
- Research proposals limited to adapting or extending existing programs in a simplistic manner will not be given priority.
- Research projects that build on existing Healthway-funded initiatives and fail to demonstrate a need through preliminary findings will not be prioritised.

How will my application be assessed?

Eols will be assessed in consultation with relevant research experts and external agencies at the discretion of Healthway.

Full applications will be assessed against criteria focused on the rationale, strength of end-user partnerships, knowledge translation plan, research design, rigour of the methodology, and value for money.

Please read the [Health Promotion Research FAQs](#) for the specific assessment criterion and weighting.

Board and Ministerial approval

All funding decisions will be made by the Healthway Board. The Board reserves the right to contact any person or organisation when seeking information on which to base its decisions. Decisions made by the Board also require approval by the Minister for Preventative Health.



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