

## Policy position: Religious organisations/events

### Purpose

This policy outlines Healthway's approach to providing funding to religious organisations or for events/activities that are of a religious nature.

### Background

In seeking to maintain a non-discriminatory approach to its grants funding, Healthway believes it is important to remain independent of religious agendas of any type, and will support programs and events that promote good health, and which are accessible to all.

### Policy approach

Applications from a religious organisation or a group seeking funding for a project, event or activity that is considered religious in nature will not be eligible for consideration if any of the following applies:

- Funding is sought for a project, event or activity considered to be unsuitable for the promotion of a health message or will not clearly achieve Healthway's health promotion objectives.
- The project, event or activity for which funding is sought is considered to be aimed at recruiting people to a religion or is evangelical in nature, such as involving the advancement or promotion of a particular religion or religious outlook.
- The project, event or activity does not comply with all other standard eligibility requirements of Healthway funding.

A project exclusive to one religion or religious outlook may be considered eligible for Healthway funding if there are strong reasons, supported by sound health promotion evidence, why the health promotion activity will be more effective if it is exclusive to that group.

### Definitions

Religion: A particular system of faith or worship.

Religious event: An event supporting or promoting a particular system of faith or worship.

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