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## **Building health research capacity in Aboriginal communities**

Healthway has awarded an Early Career Research Fellowship worth \$376,711 over the next three years to Dr Emma Haynes from The University of Western Australia.

Dr Haynes' Fellowship will support her to work with Aboriginal health services staff and local Aboriginal communities to co-design, deliver and evaluate programs that address locally identified health issues.

Through the Fellowship, Dr Haynes will collaborate with Aboriginal medical services in the South-West and Goldfields regions of WA to co-design locally relevant action research projects.

At the end of her Fellowship, the research methods will be evaluated to determine their impact in delivering effective Aboriginal-led health promotion projects that support implementing Priority Reform Four (data sovereignty) of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

Healthway's Health Promotion Research Fellowship Program is designed to increase the number of experienced and trained researchers working in health promotion in WA. The program supports innovative and evidence-based projects that can influence health promotion policy and/or practice in WA. To find out more visit [www.healthway.wa.gov.au](http://www.healthway.wa.gov.au)

### **Comments attributed to Healthway Lotterywest CEO Ralph Addis:**

"Dr Haynes has the knowledge and skills to deliver health promotion research and programs in the Aboriginal way of knowing, being and doing.

"She has already established strong partnerships, and we look forward to the outcomes of this project.

"We want Aboriginal communities to receive equitable access to health programs no matter where they live in WA," Mr Addis said.

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