

Community Wellbeing Grants

Communities Recovering from Western NSW 2022 Flood Disaster

Empowering our communities

Application Guidance Document



1. Program Overview

Under the Australian Government's *Empowering our Communities* Program, Western NSW Primary Health Network (WNSW PHN) is offering “Community Wellbeing Grants – Communities Recovering from Western NSW 2022 Flood Disaster” to support rural communities that were affected by recent natural disasters.

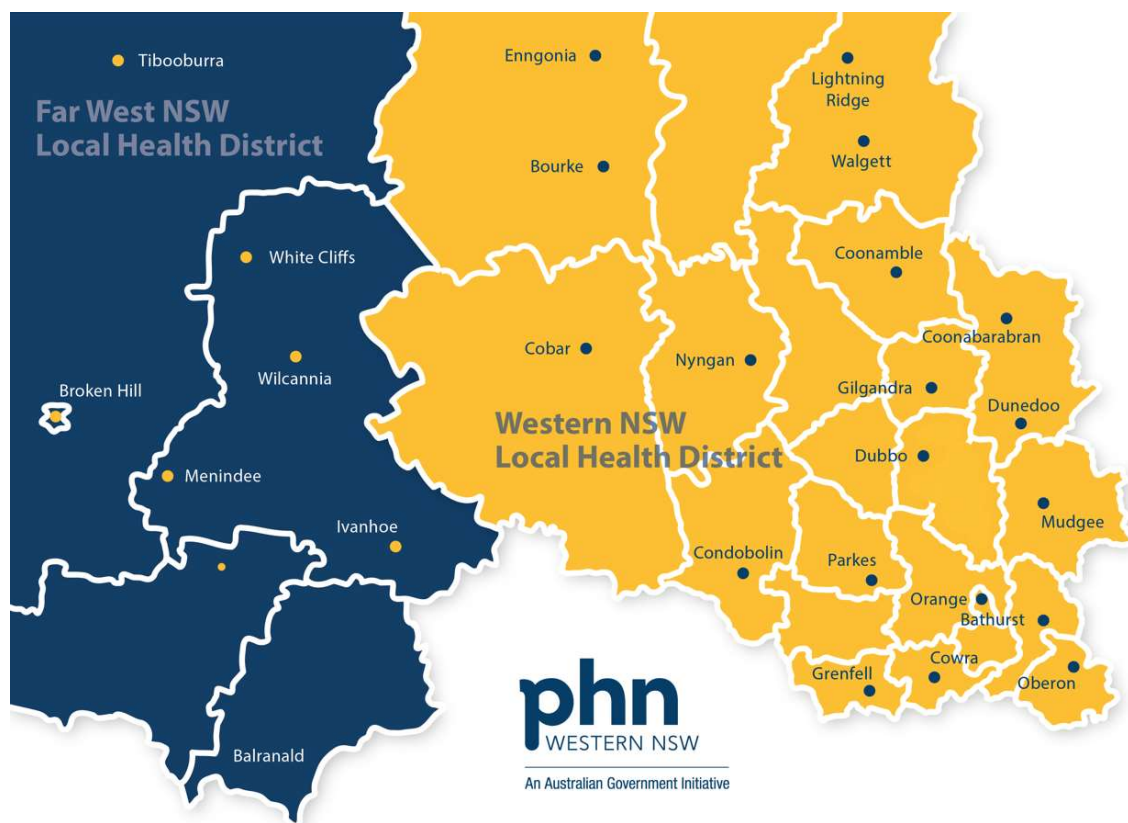
These Grants will facilitate the delivery of community led and focused wellbeing initiatives that aim to help improve mental health and build up community resilience across our region.

2. The Western NSW Primary Health Network Region

WNSW PHN encompasses both Far West and Western NSW Local Health Districts across a total area of 433,379 square kilometres. It is the largest PHN in NSW spanning 53.5% of the geographical area of the State.

The total population is estimated to be over 309,900 people, with 18.5% over the age of 65 years. Approximately 10.5% of people in our region identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ABS, 2016).

The map below shows the whole Western NSW PHN region.



3. Eligibility

To be eligible for these grants the applicants must provide evidence they meet one of the below criteria.

1. Be an organisation or business with an ABN, and be located within the Western NSW PHN region (See Map Above) affected by floods; or
2. Be a Community Group within the Western NSW PHN affected by floods with or without an ABN (if no ABN then needs to be through a sponsor or Auspice organisation).

As a mandatory requirement the applicant must supply a letter of support from at least one community organisation in the location where the activity will be run. (e.g.: community-based organisation, CWA, school, Police or Local Government)

4. The Kind of Initiatives We're Looking to Fund

We are interested in funding community led and focused initiatives that both address the immediate needs of our communities and contribute to building the long-term capacity and resilience of these communities. This includes initiatives that focus on community health and wellbeing; initiatives that build community resilience and initiatives that build the capacity of our volunteer and paid workforce.

Examples of activities or support that could be funded under a Wellbeing and Resilience Grant includes (but are not limited to):

- additional social workers
- mental health professional attendance and engagement at community events
- activities to engage priority population groups less likely to seek out traditional mental health services (for example, First Nations communities)
- an expansion of low intensity services
- awareness-raising activities regarding available services and how to access them.
- Community events that will bring people together such as: sporting activities, musical events, field days, health check clinics, community BBQs, family activity days, and wellbeing workshops;
- Community Education or Health Promotion Activities; and Initiatives that Build the Capacity of the Workforce.

5. Grant Funding

Funding up to \$20,000 is available per application.

Size of grants available are from :

\$ 500.00	- \$ 5,000.00
\$ 5,001.00	- \$10,000.00
\$10,001.00	- \$20,000.00

The amount received will be determined by a credible budget.

It is intended that contracts will be awarded as soon as assessed and funds must be expended by 30 June 2024. Funding is limited and will be done on a first in - first out basis.

Note: No more than two applications per organisation or related entity.

Funds cannot be used for:

- the purchase large value assets such as buildings or vehicles; or
- to duplicate existing funding, service delivery or ongoing operational costs.

Funds can be used for:

- Administration for proposed activities (maximum 10% including auspice costs);
- Delivery of proposed activities; and
- Basic resources to support proposed activities up to a value of \$1000 per item and a max of \$3000 total assets per application. (e.g. BBQ, laptop, printer, sun shelter etc.).

What we are looking for in an application.

Applications must meet all the eligibility and evaluation criteria to receive grant funding.

Eligibility Criteria
Does the applicant meet the eligibility criteria? (See Heading 3. Eligibility in these Guidelines)
Does the application demonstrate how the proposed activity will help improve mental health and resilience in their community?
Is the organisation's outline to deliver the project clear and inclusive government guidelines?
Does the proposal support local service provision? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local workforce in the delivery of the activity• Local Aboriginal jobs supported by the activity• Local trainees supported by the activity• Supporting local businesses by the activity
Does the budget meet the guidelines? (See Heading 5. Grant funding, in these Guidelines)

6. Submitting an application

To make an application for a Community Wellbeing Grant – Communities Recovering Western NSW 2022 Flood Disaster:

1. Complete Application Form
2. Follow details in this Guidance Document
3. Budget must be submitted with your application
4. Sign the Declaration and submit your completed Grant Application Form and supporting letters in PDF format to: grants@wnswphn.org.au

Applications will remain open until funds are exhausted, or the WNSW PHN closes off applications via the WNSW PHN website. Applications will be evaluated as received.

Each section of the application must be completed, including your budget. Only the information provided in the Application Form will be used to assess applications.

The information provided in the Application Form will be used to evaluate applications and inform funding decisions. Failure to complete every section of the form may impact your application.

As Grants Applications are received, an Evaluation Panel will assess the responses based solely on evidence provided within the document.

Applicants should be aware that WNSW PHN reserves the right to award all, some, or none of the components of an applicant's proposal.

Applications must meet all the Evaluation Criteria to be successful for Grant Funding.

7. Further Information

For any further information please contact:

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