

# Non-Government Organisation Funding Program

2018-2019 Annual Report



**Health**

Hunter New England  
Local Health District

# Non-Government Organisation Program Unit

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Hunter New England Local Health District (HNELHD) Non-Government Organisation (NGO) Program Unit provides high quality administrative, management and support services to NGO's funded both through the NSW Ministry of Health (MoH) and HNELHD.

Administration and management of the NGO Program is guided by NSW Health Policy PD2011\_049 and partnership and funding principles in the *Working Together for NSW*<sup>1</sup> policy paper. Principles include a focus on evidence based approach, outcomes, accountability, respect, communication, independence and inclusiveness. Principles for the funding relationship are based upon value for money, fairness, integrity and transparency, cooperation, diversity, consistency, probity and co-ordination.

The HNELHD NGO Program Unit continues to work alongside the MoH and health funded NGOs supporting the transition of services under the *Partnerships for Health* purchasing framework. This framework includes ensuring purchased services are strategically aligned with NSW Health priorities and local health needs with clear and appropriate performance measures demonstrating effectiveness and value for money. The Unit would like to recognise the key role played by HNELHD NGO Policy officers and Program Leads in supporting this transition process to deliver best practice evidence based outcomes.

### NGO Program Unit Key Achievements

- Successful administration of the Program: NGO Unit activities included negotiation of Funding Agreements, payment, monitoring, performance review, ministerial briefing, and capacity building support to 39 NGO projects performed by 29 NGOs with funding totaling \$5,023,349.
- Provision of local support, guidance and collaboration opportunities to health funded NGOs with NGO Forum meetings, information updates and on-site visits. Topics covered in NGO Forums include Privacy Awareness and NDIS Transition update.
- Implementation of the Ministry of Health's Drug and Alcohol state wide 5 Core Key Performance Indicators for NGO's receiving funding under the Alcohol and Other Drug program in collaboration with HNELHD Drug & Alcohol Clinical Services.
- Representation as rural/regional NGO Co-ordinator on the Ministry of Health NGO Advisory Committee.
- Participation on the Health & Social Policy Branch NGO Grants Community Transport Working group aimed at planning, monitoring and reviewing arrangements of the NGO Community Transport project.
- New staff member welcomed in the Senior NGO Program Officer position

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<sup>1</sup> NSW Department of Community Services and the Forum of Non-Government Agencies, *Working Together for NSW An Agreement between NSW Government and NSW Non-Government Human Services Organisations* June 2006

**NSW Ministry of Health (NSW MoH) and  
Hunter New England Local Health District (HNE LHD)  
NGO Funding Program 2018-2019**

Funding is reported in current NSW Health Program streams; Women's Health, Aged Care, Palliative Care, Chronic Care and Disability, Community Transport, Population Health, Drug and Alcohol, Mental Health, Kids and Families and Oral Health.

**Women's Health**

Funding in the Women's Health stream aims to improve the health of marginalised and disadvantaged women, Aboriginal women, women who experience violence, culturally and linguistically diverse women and rural and/or remote women. In 2018-2019 \$502,100 was funded for the provision of information, referral, counselling, advocacy and outreach to women, as well as the provision of assessment, advice and referral for at risk clients in relation to chronic disease.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Funded by</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Hunter Region Working Women's Group	NSW MoH	Hunter Women's Centre Counselling, workshops and group work	\$502,100

**Aged Care**

The Aged Care program aims to support older people (and carers) to remain as independent as possible and be able to participate in community life in a safe and aged friendly environment. Funding to the value of \$278,000 was provided as a contribution towards direct service delivery of home nursing, day centre respite and social support.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Funded by</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Mercy Services	NSW MoH	Provision of home nursing, day center activities, counselling and support for aged and frail people and their carer's.	\$278,000

## Palliative Care

Funding for trained volunteer palliative care programs across HNELHD aims to improve the quality of life for people and their families/carers with a life limiting illness, expanding community-based palliative care services, especially in rural areas and for special needs populations. Funding to the value of \$263,200 was provided to five volunteer palliative care programs supporting carer's with respite and/or companion care for people in Dungog, Maitland, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Singleton, Kurri Kurri, Cessnock and Muswellbrook.

Name	Funded by	Project	Amount
Dungog Shire Palliative Care Volunteers Inc.	NSW MoH	Support services for people with a life threatening illness and their carer's.	\$21,600
Volunteers for Palliative Care Inc. Maitland	NSW MoH	Support services for patients whose cancer or other life threatening illness no longer responding to curative treatment	\$71,500
Cancer Council NSW	NSW MoH	Two projects operating in the Upper Hunter and Newcastle/Lake Macquarie providing support services for people suffering life-threatening illness, their families and career's, and bereavement support.	\$46,200 \$38,700
Mid Hunter Palliative Care Volunteers Inc.	NSW MoH	Coordination of palliative care volunteers within the Singleton, Kurri Kurri & Cessnock LGAs	\$85,200

## Chronic Care

Funding in the Chronic Care stream supports condition specific programs and programs that aim to prevent chronic disease through the control of risk factors such as obesity, nutrition, physical activity, and alcohol and tobacco consumption.

Two NGOs were provided with funding to the value of \$298,600 as contributions towards the operating costs of three chronic care programs.

Name	Funded by	Project	Amount
Samaritans Foundation Coalfields Healthy Heartbeat	NSW MoH	Heart health promotion within Cessnock Local Government Area	\$86,600
Prostate Survival Alliance Inc.	NSW MoH	Prostate cancer counseling service for men and families Newcastle Tamworth	\$150,000 \$ 62,000

## Community Transport

Non-emergency health related transport projects support the health transport needs of transport disadvantaged people living in Port Stephens, Singleton, Scone, Wee Waa, Inverell, Merriwa and Manning Valley. From 1 July 2017, funding administration to six Community transport NGOs was transferred to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) under a Memorandum of Understanding with NSW Health.

Merriwa & District Health Association Inc. remains administered by HNELHD.

Name	Funded by	Project	Amount
Community Transport Port Stephens Ltd	NSW MoH	Provision of non-emergency health related transport services	\$27,600 (funding administered by TfNSW)
Inverell HACC Services Inc.	NSW MoH	Inverell Community Transport. Provision of individual transport to severely transport disadvantaged people within the Inverell HACC sub-region.	\$17,800 (funding administered by TfNSW)
Manning Valley & Area Community Transport Group Inc.	NSW MoH	Provision of non-emergency health related transport	\$27,700 (funding administered by TfNSW)
Merriwa and District Health Association Inc.	NSW MoH	Provision of non-emergency health related transport	\$9,100
OURCARE Services Ltd	NSW MoH	Provision of non-emergency health related transport	\$21,500 (funding administered by TfNSW)
TransCare Hunter Ltd	NSW MoH	Provision of non-emergency health related transport	\$9,100 (funding administered by TfNSW)
Wee Waa Community Care Service Inc.	NSW MoH	Provision of non-emergency health related transport	\$31,900 (funding administered by TfNSW)

## Population Health

Two NGOs were provided with funding to the value of \$348,500, as contributions towards the operating costs of three HIV/AIDS projects delivered in HNELHD. The program funds direct client service delivery in the form of comprehensive case management, community based support and peer support for people living with HIV/AIDS, outreach and peer education, referral and Work Health and Safety education and support to Hunter sex workers.

Name	Funded by	Project	Amount
AIDS Council of NSW Inc. (ACON)	NSW MoH	Provide case management, referral and education on STI/HIV prevention, treatment and testing among priority populations. Aboriginal Needle & Syringe Program (NSP) Outreach program	\$163,800
Karumah Inc.	NSW MoH	Outreach program. Provide case management and support for People Living with HIV in the community	\$184,700

## Drug and Alcohol

Six NGOs were provided with funding to the value of \$ 1,647,249 as contributions towards the operating costs of eight Drug and Alcohol (D&A) projects. The program funds direct client service delivery in the form of D&A residential treatment and/or D&A counselling and community development including the Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program.

Name	Funded by	Project	Amount
Mercy Services	NSW MoH	McAuley Outreach Services. Support services for parents with young children who have drug and alcohol problems	\$271,100
Wesley Community Services Ltd.	NSW MoH	Newcastle Youth Service. Youth networking, street work/needle exchange, education and counselling for young people aged 12 – 25 years.	\$156,900
Salvation Army -	NSW MoH	Dooralong Transformation Centre – Miracle Haven Bridge Program A residential rehabilitation service for those affected by alcohol and other drugs.	\$540,700
St Vincent de Paul Society NSW	NSW MoH	Freeman House A residential rehabilitation treatment place for those affected by alcohol and other	\$144,400

Name	Funded by	Project	Amount
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Drug and Alcohol Health Services Inc.	NSW MoH	Community development, education, information and counseling in Drug and Alcohol for Upper Hunter.	\$202,700
		Magistrate Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) counselling	\$128,700
	HNELHD D&A	Methadone Service	\$38,149
We Help Ourselves (WHOS)	NSW MoH	Residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation for clients of the MERIT program with four MERIT designated beds.	\$164,600

## Mental Health

Six NGO's were provided with funding to the value of \$1,552,200 as contributions towards the operating costs of nine mental health projects delivered in HNELHD. The program mainly funds direct client service delivery in the form of counselling, case management, carer support, rehabilitation, vocational training and supported accommodation.

Name	Funded by	Project	Amount
Mental Health Carers Association of Relatives and Friends of People Who Have a Mental Illness - Hunter (ARAFMI)	HNELHD Mental Health	Mutual support services for families and carer's of people with a mental illness.	\$35,150
	NSW MoH		\$48,650
Billabong Clubhouse Inc.	NSW MoH	A Clubhouse psychosocial model of community support and rehabilitation for people with mental illness.	\$384,700
Samaritans Foundation	NSW MoH	A psychosocial model of community support and rehabilitation for people with mental illness.	\$243,600

Name	Funded by	Project	Amount
	HNELHD Mental Health NSW MoH	Mutual support services for families and carer's of people with a mental illness.	\$29,150 \$41,350
Life Without Barriers	HNELHD Mental Health	Community based activities to meet social and recreational needs of people with a mental health condition.	\$32,300
Flourish Australia Richmond PRA	HNELHD Mental Health	Community Rehabilitation Program for people with serious and persistent mental illness through a range of social and rehabilitation practices.	\$353,700
	NSW MoH	Tamworth Homeless men's support	\$33,500
	NSW MoH	Aboriginal Mental Health traineeships	\$214,000
Lifeline Direct Ltd	NSW MoH	Telephone Crisis Support	\$106,300
		Face to Face Counselling Armidale	\$ 29,800

## Children, Youth and Families

Family Planning NSW was provided funding to the value of \$54,700 to provide reproductive and sexual health education and training.

Name	Funded by	Project	Amount
Family Planning NSW	HNELHD Women's Health	Provision of reproductive preventive and sexual health promotion interventions for specific population groups	\$54,700

## Oral Health

Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre was provided funding to the value of \$69,700 as a contribution towards the operating costs of the Aboriginal Adult Dental Health program.

Name	Funded by	Project	Amount
Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre	HNELHD Oral Health	Provision of adult dental treatment to the Aboriginal community	\$69,700



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