

2026 Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants Q&A

The following Q&A was collated from the online 2026 Mental Health and Wellbeing (MHWB) Grants Program Public Briefing session held on 5th August 2026 and enquiries received by the Queensland Mental Health Commission. This process is to support transparency and ensure all applicants have access to the same information.

This Q&A page will be updated each Friday during the application period, where possible.

Applicants should refer to the [Grants Guidelines](#) on the 2026 MHWB Grants [webpage](#) for full details. Please direct additional questions to pandf@qmhc.qld.gov.au

Q&A

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1. Will the webinar recording be made available on the website?

Yes. The webinar recording is available on the Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants [webpage](#).

2. Can an applicant nominate more than one MMM 3–7 region in a single application?

Yes. Applicants may nominate multiple MMM 3–7 locations in one application. Each location must be identified and shown to meet MMM categories 3–7. Applicants must also demonstrate an existing footprint and trusted relationships in the target community or communities. Applicants may submit one application only.

3. Why is the minimum grant amount \$200,000 for the 2026 round? Was a lower minimum considered to allow more organisations to apply?

The 2026 round is a targeted, non-recurrent investment intended to support substantial, sustained initiatives through to September 2028. The funding range reflects the scale, partnership, evaluation and sustainability requirements set out in the Guidelines. Grants of between \$200,000 and \$300,000 (excluding GST) are available per application; applications below the minimum amount are not eligible for this round.

4. What is the Commission's position on paid participation for children and young people under 18?

The Commission's Paid Participation Policy is currently being updated. We apologise for any confusion caused by information about the previous policy provided during the online briefing session. In the interim, organisations should follow the principles outlined in the Commission's [Commitment to partnering with people with lived-living experience in Queensland](#) and use the [current paid participation rates](#) published on the Commission's website as a guide when



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budgeting. Arrangements for children and young people should be age-appropriate and agreed with the participant and their family, carer or kin, as appropriate.

5. When are funded initiatives expected to commence?

The intended contract start date is 09 November 2026. This date is indicative and subject to change. The grant will commence when the contract between the successful applicant and the Commission is executed, and funded activities must be completed by 30 September 2028, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Commission.

6. Does an applicant need to be delivering services already in each proposed MMM 3–7 community?

Yes. Applicants must demonstrate an established footprint and service delivery in the proposed MMM 3–7 community, including trusted local relationships and knowledge of the community. Applicants must also demonstrate established partnerships that will support delivery of the proposed initiative. Applicants should refer to sections 3.2.1 Rural and remote focus and 3.2.2 Partnership approach of the Grant Guidelines for the full requirements and examples of acceptable evidence. Applicants may provide up to two supporting documents for their existing rural and remote footprint and up to two supporting documents for their partnership arrangements.

7. What is required in the Sustainability Plan, and what sustainability outcomes is the Commission seeking?

Applicants must use the [Sustainability Plan template](#) and explain how the initiative, its outputs and outcomes will continue to benefit the community beyond the funding period. This may include embedding activities in existing systems, services or community infrastructure; scaling or adapting the approach; or sharing learnings to inform future policy, practice or investment. The approach should be proportionate to the initiative and include mechanisms for ongoing learning, monitoring and continuous improvement. The Commission cannot provide ongoing funding beyond the grant period.

8. A business is incorporated as a company but operates on a not-for-profit basis and is applying for charity status. What evidence is required?

Charity registration is not, by itself, required. For-profit entities may be eligible only where they partner with an eligible organisation to deliver clear community benefit and do not derive profit from the grant-funded activity, or where they operate on a not-for-profit basis or as a social enterprise that reinvests profits for social purposes. Applicants should provide documents that substantiate their current legal structure and operating model—for example, governing documents and evidence that profits are reinvested for social purposes. Eligibility will be assessed on the information submitted against all requirements in the Guidelines.

9. Can an organisation currently funded under the previous Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants round apply for the 2026 Grants?

Yes. Current funding under the previous round does not prevent an organisation from applying. The new application must meet all eligibility and mandatory requirements and must not duplicate activities or funding supported through the existing grant.

10. Does the limit of no more than two supporting documents mean two documents or two pages?

The limit applies to the number of documents, not pages. Each document may be one or several pages. Supporting documents should provide concise, relevant evidence supporting the application, without unnecessary detail or repetition.

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11. Can a university apply as the lead organisation, and does ‘applicant’ refer to the organisation or an individual?

A university may apply as the lead organisation if it meets all eligibility and mandatory requirements in the Grant Guidelines. The applicant is the eligible organisation or lead organisation submitting the application, not an individual employee or representative. Only one application may be submitted per applicant.

12. Can an eligible not-for-profit organisation apply as the lead with a for-profit project or technology partner, including where a partner-owned product is used and funding is sought for implementation and evaluation?

Yes. An eligible organisation may apply as the lead in partnership with a for-profit entity where the initiative delivers clear community benefit and the entity does not derive profit from the grant-funded activity. Implementation and evaluation costs may be included where they are directly related to the initiative and consistent with the Grant Guidelines. The Commission cannot confirm the eligibility of a particular product, ownership arrangement or proposal before assessment.

13. Must an initiative include children and young people, or can it focus only on adult family members?

Initiatives must focus on strengthening mental health and wellbeing for children and young people, and their families, carers and kin. Adult family members may be included where this supports outcomes for children and young people. An initiative focused only on adults would not align with the target cohort for these Grants.

14. Can an organisation without a physical office in the proposed rural or remote community meet the rural and remote focus requirements?

Applicants are not required to have their head office in an MMM 3–7 location. However, they must demonstrate an established footprint and service delivery in each proposed community, including trusted local relationships, local knowledge and established partnerships. Eligibility will be assessed against the information submitted. Applicants should refer to sections 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 of the Grant Guidelines and Q6 above.

15. Is a volunteer-run organisation that is not a registered charity eligible, including where it is affiliated with or funded by government?

Eligibility depends on the organisation’s legal status and whether it meets all requirements in the Grant Guidelines. Registered charity status is not, by itself, required, and being volunteer-run or receiving government funding does not automatically determine eligibility. Unincorporated

associations and State or Commonwealth Government departments or agencies are not eligible. Applicants should refer to section 4.1 of the Grant Guidelines.

16. Can an organisation currently receiving funding from another Queensland Government organisation apply, and can funded activities begin after the existing funding ends?

An organisation receiving other Queensland Government funding may apply, provided it meets all eligibility and mandatory requirements and has not received funding for the same proposed initiative within the same delivery timeframe. The grant will commence when a contract is executed, with project commencement anticipated by the end of 2026 and funded activities to be completed by 30 September 2028. Applicants should propose a delivery schedule consistent with these requirements. The Commission cannot approve individual commencement arrangements before assessment.

17. Can an application nominate a broader region rather than individual communities?

A broader region or multiple locations may be proposed. Applicants must clearly identify the rural or remote locations and communities included, demonstrate that each location meets MMM categories 3–7, and provide the required evidence of existing footprint, trusted relationships and partnerships across the proposed area. See also Q2 above.

18. Can an initiative delivered outside an MMM 3–7 area be eligible if its participants ordinarily reside in MMM 3–7 communities?

Applicants are not required to be based in an MMM 3–7 location. However, the proposed initiative must be delivered in one or more identified MMM 3–7 locations. Participants' usual residence in MMM 3–7 communities does not, by itself, satisfy this requirement where delivery occurs outside those locations. Where delivery includes activities in participants' home communities, applicants should identify those locations and demonstrate how the initiative meets the mandatory requirements in the Grant Guidelines. The Commission cannot determine the eligibility of an individual proposal before assessment. See also Q2 and Q14 above.