

Relationships and Sexual Health School Grants Information Sheet

These grants are funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and administered by Gippsland Women's Health.

The grants aim to:

- Increase participation of schools in the Victorian Government's Achievement program especially in the selection of Sexual Health and Wellbeing as a priority area for action.
- Activate schools and the school community to become more involved in sexual health education and promotion within their school setting.
- Enable schools to achieve the sexual health and wellbeing benchmarks as part of the Achievement Program.

What is the Achievement Program?

The Achievement Program is a Victorian Government initiative that aims to encourage healthier lifestyles and prevent lifestyle related diseases. Based on the best practice Health Promoting Schools Framework, the program provides a framework for promoting health in a range of settings including primary and secondary schools.

Eligibility

The grant is available to all primary and secondary schools across Gippsland.

To be eligible for a grant, schools will have:

- Registered their school with the Achievement Program
- Have completed steps 1-3 of the program (the 'coordinate' phase) and submitted their first progress report.
- Have chosen sexual health and wellbeing as a health priority area to focus on

For more information on this process go to

<http://www.achievementprogram.health.vic.gov.au/schools>

Both the Primary and Secondary Schools Sexual Health & Wellbeing Benchmarks can be found at:

<http://www.achievementprogram.health.vic.gov.au/schools/how-it-works>

What will be funded?

Grants up to \$2500 will be offered for all or some of the following:

- **Professional development training for teaching staff** - funding of up to \$1545 to fund the cost of In-class training for two teachers delivered by Family Planning Victoria. This training aims to promote the knowledge, skills, confidence and tools needed to drive a whole-school approach to sexuality education. This is achieved by providing professional learning to teaching staff in their own classrooms over three sessions.
<https://www.fpv.org.au/courses/in-class-professional-learning-for-teachers>
- **Parent/Carer Information sessions** - funding of up to \$262.50 for schools to host a 1 ½ hour information session for parents and carers delivered by Family Planning Victoria. This information session is run prior to students' education sessions and offers parents and carers an insight into relationships and sexuality education, its importance in the curriculum and how to support their children on their own physical, emotional and social journeys.
<https://www.fpv.org.au/courses/parent-carer-information-sessions>
- **Whole of school professional learning workshop** – funding up to \$700 for schools to host up to 4 hours of whole of school professional learning delivered by Family Planning Victoria. Participants of this professional learning workshop will explore the ways to best implement a whole-school approach to Relationships and Sexuality Education



within their school. Participants will review knowledge, methods of best practice and related policy in this area. The session will include access to free FPV teaching and learning resources and activities, whole-school planning and the ability for participants to share practice and learn from colleagues.

<https://www.fpv.org.au/schools/sex-education-services/professional-learning>

What activity will not be funded?

Grants will not be available to support:

- Work outside of the sexual and reproductive health priority
- Staff salaries or backfill
- Infrastructure or capital works

Grant conditions

- Up to \$2500 as detailed under 'What will be funded?' above
- This is available in full or as a partial grant.
- Schools will be eligible to apply for the grant once only.
- Joint applications between school clusters are encouraged and supported.
- The grant must be used and acquitted within 12 months.

• **Applications must be prepared using the template which is available at www.gwhealth.asn.au or by emailing anna.roberts@gwhealth.asn.au**

Grant closing date

- Applications can be received progressively throughout the year until November 2018 or until funding is expended.

Reporting

Successful applicants will be required to submit to GWH:

- Progress activity in at least 2 of the benchmarks of the sexual health and wellbeing benchmark within 12 months from the grant being received.
- Evidence of how they are marketing what has been delivered in their school setting to progress achievement of the sexual health and wellbeing benchmark.
- Financial acquittal of the grant within 12 months of receiving the funds.

Notification and awarding of funding

Receipt of applications will be acknowledged via return email within 1 week of receiving the application.

GWH will notify the primary contact of the outcome of the application via written correspondence within 2 weeks of the application.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted by email to anna.roberts@gwhealth.asn.au at Gippsland Women's Health (GWH)

Enquiries can be directed to Anna Roberts or Selena Gillham at GWH on 5143 1600 or anna.roberts@gwhealth.asn.au

