

Media Release

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The Hon Mark Butler, MP Minister for Health announces Medicare Grants Program: Country to Coast QLD invites eligible practices in Sunshine Coast, Central QLD, and Wide Bay.

Today, eligible general practices in Sunshine Coast, Wide Bay, and Central QLD were invited to apply for the Strengthening Medicare – General Practice Grants Program, part of a \$220 million investment to improve practices, expand patient access, and provide high-quality care.

CCQ is proud to introduce our fully automated process that simplifies the grants application process, demonstrating our PHN's capabilities and our commitment to harnessing technology for healthcare improvements. Through streamlining the process, this significantly reduces the administration for very busy practices, providing more time to do what matters: caring for our communities.

Practices will be eligible for one-off grants of up to \$50,000 depending on their practice size for innovation, training, equipment, and minor capital works to support the achievement of the following objectives:

- 1) Enhancing digital health capability
- 2) Upgrading infection prevention and control arrangements, and
- 3). Achieving/maintaining accreditation against the RACGP Standards for General Practices (5th Edn).

CCQ is aiming to commence administering and processing payments to practices as early as next week.

The program aims to enhance access to care, improve health outcomes, and increase workforce efficiency for general practices and eligible. Grant funding support is available for implementing innovative solutions in three areas: enhancing digital health capability, upgrading infection prevention and control arrangements, and achieving/maintaining accreditation against the RACGP Standards for General Practices (5th Edn).

Applications must be submitted by 5pm, 15th June 2023.

For more information, see the Department of Health and Aged Care's [fact sheet](#) or contact us via GPGrants@c2coast.org.au

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