

Expression of Interest

Indigenous-led Seed Funding to Address High Blood Pressure

The Australian Cardiovascular Alliance (ACvA) invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for **Indigenous-led projects** that aim to improve outcomes related to **high blood pressure** in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Up to **four (4) projects** will be funded, with **\$10,000 available for each project**.

Background

This seed funding builds on earlier ACvA-supported, Indigenous-led work focused on improving high blood pressure outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. That work led to the Flowing Strong: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Hypertension Summit held in December 2025, bringing together communities, health workers and leaders to share knowledge and shape next steps.

A strong message from the summit was the importance of continuing this work through local, community-driven action. This seed funding supports that next step by backing Indigenous-led ideas that respond to community priorities and aim to improve blood pressure health.

What this funding is for

This funding supports local, community-led ideas that respond to community priorities in **addressing high blood pressure**. We welcome **innovative, practical and culturally informed approaches** grounded in local knowledge, strengths and experience.

Who can apply

EOIs are welcome from:

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led organisations**
- Indigenous community groups or services
- Partnerships, where the project is clearly **Indigenous-led**

Support from ACvA

ACvA is committed to working **collaboratively** with project leads. We can support you to shape your idea and develop it into a clear and achievable project.

This funding opportunity is designed to be **open, flexible and supportive**.

Application process

Applicants are asked to submit a short EOI using the *pro forma* in Appendix 1 below.

Applicants may be invited to have a brief conversation to clarify ideas and strengthen the submission. This is intended to be **supportive**.

Successful applicants will be notified and supported to finalise project details, timelines and reporting requirements in collaboration with ACvA.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your project with us, feel free to contact the Dr Andrew Goodman on Andrew.Goodman@csiro.au

Appendix 1. EOI Application Form

Project name	
Contact details	
Project lead name	
Organisation/community group	
Email	
Mobile number	
Project details	
1. What is the idea and why does it matter locally?	
Describe what you would like to do and how it aims to improve high blood pressure in the community.	
<i>Please type answer here (max. 300 words)</i>	
2. Briefly outline your project plan.	
Describe the activities you plan to deliver and the timeframe.	
<i>Please type answer here (max. 300 words)</i>	
3. Who will be involved?	
Describe who will be involved in the project and how the community will be engaged.	
<i>Please type answer here (max. 300 words)</i>	
4. What difference will the project make?	
What changes do you hope to see as a result of this project and how will you measure changes?	
<i>Please type answer here (max. 300 words)</i>	
5. Indicative budget	
Provide a simple budget showing how the \$10,000 will be used.	
<i>Please type answer here</i>	

Please submit your completed form to acva@ozheart.org by **COB Friday 27 February 2026**.