

Integrated Family Violence Services Regional Funding to Support Partnership Development January 2006

Purpose

As part of the DHS Integrated Family Violence Services Stage 2 funding process, grants will be provided to facilitate the development of partnerships and joint submissions for regional/subregional family violence services.

Background

DHS Regions and the family violence sector provided valuable feedback about the Stage 1 processes. In response to this feedback there have been a number of consultative meetings between regional staff and central office staff regarding the Stage 2 funding process and related documentation. Sector input was obtained through the DHS Implementation Reference Group, which included senior managers from central office and the regions, and sector representatives from DV Vic, No to Violence and the Council to Homeless Persons.

Feedback included concerns raised by, and on behalf of, small organisations (gender specific and others) regarding their capacity to participate in the development of joint submissions. Issues of capacity related primarily to time and resources.

Feedback also highlighted the complexity of developing submissions that require partnerships and joint service models. To support partnerships that wish to apply for family violence funding, a grant of \$5,000 will be provided to groups of organisations to contribute towards the costs of preparing the funding submission. The grant will facilitate the consultative processes required for the development of the joint submissions, and support the work effort required.

Business Rules

The following business rules apply to the allocation of this grant:

- The grant will be provided once only to a nominated agency in the partnership group (i.e. there will be one grant of \$5,000 per joint submission).
- The joint submission must meet all mandatory selection requirements identified in the service specification (refer to Part B section 7) in order for the grant to be paid.
- Organisations working together on the joint submission will determine how they wish to spend the grant. *For example* the grant may contribute to:
 - payment of a facilitator to convene meetings of the group of organisations
 - the cost of a consultant/ facilitator/ project worker to help write the joint submission
 - reimbursement of some expenses incurred in developing partnerships and preparing the submission
- The organisation nominated to receive the funds will arrange distribution of the funds to facilitators/consultants and/or submission partners as agreed by the group.

Process

- DHS Regions may be able to assist partnership groups by briefing a number of facilitators/consultants and providing their contact details to partnership groups.
- Groups interested in applying for the partnership grant should indicate their intention to the DHS regional contact person and include with their submission information about the nominated organisation to receive the grant.
- At the conclusion of the selection process, grants will be paid to all eligible organisations via a service agreement variation with the nominated organisation.