

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Inquiry into the 2025-26 Budget Estimates

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Portfolio: Health Infrastructure

Hearing: 4:05pm Friday 6 June 2025

Witnesses

Melissa Horne MP, Minister for Health
Infrastructure

Jenny Atta, Secretary, Department of Health

Nicole Brady, Deputy Secretary, System
Planning, Department of Health

Priscilla Radice, Chief Executive Officer,
Victorian Health Building Authority

Kevin Devlin, Director General, Victorian
Infrastructure Delivery Authority

Legend

All questions are in **red text**.

The responses to the questions, including source details **black text**.

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QUESTION:

Aiv PUGLIELLI: Thank you. And if you are taking that away on notice, can I also ask, if possible, if there is a breakdown of how many ACCHOs have applied for each of those funds over the last five years, what proportion were successful and what proportion of spending that then amounts to? If you can find it, that would good.

Melissa HORNE: I do not have that information to hand.

Aiv PUGLIELLI: That is okay. Thank you. Do you have visibility of how many grants are given out annually to the Aboriginal community infrastructure program?

Kevin DEVLIN: Not specifically.

Melissa HORNE: No, not specifically. It is just there is a grants program that is allocated.

Aiv PUGLIELLI: Okay. Is that something you can provide on notice?

Melissa HORNE: We can certainly go away and have a look.

Priscilla RADICE: We can break that down for you.

Aiv PUGLIELLI: Thank you – particularly the number for the 2024–25 financial year would be great. Just staying on these two funds, can I ask how much of the MHIF and the RHIF was allocated to community health services for 2024–25?

Melissa HORNE: I do not believe that we have that granular level of detail.

Kevin DEVLIN: We do not have that breakdown.

Priscilla RADICE: We do not have it on us, but we should be able to provide it to you.

Aiv PUGLIELLI: Sure. Yes. That is all right. Thank you. And again, if there is a dollar figure for what proportion that was of the overall funding, that would be great to know.

Priscilla RADICE: We will provide what we can in that space. There are a range of different grant programs, and some are suitable for some applicants and not for others. So we will be really clear around which grant programs are actually suitable for which applicants.

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COMMITTEE MEMBER ASKING QUESTION: Aiv Puglielli

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Responsible Division/Agency: VHBA

RESPONSE

Answer:

A range of information is publicly available on the Metropolitan Health Infrastructure Fund (MHIF) and the Regional Health Infrastructure Fund (RHIF) grants programs via the Victorian Health Building Authority's (VHBA) website: www.vhba.vic.gov.au.

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Information published includes program guidelines and eligibility criteria. Projects funded under each program are published on the VHBA website by recipient and funding round. VHBA does not publish the value of individual grants awarded through these programs.

VHBA works directly with ACCOs to support their participation in the application and evaluation process for MHIF and RHIF for each funding round.

Since 2020-21, the following number of grants were allocated to ACCOs:

- MHIF: 16 applications submitted (MHIF 2020-21 to 2023-24) of which 15 were successful.
- RHIF: 32 applications submitted (RHIF 2020-21 to 2023-24) of which 11 were successful.

The recipients of the 2024-25 RHIF program have yet to be finalised.

The Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program is administered by Local Government Victoria. Questions relating to this Program are more appropriately directed to the Minister for Treaty and First Peoples.

Source Reference:

N/A