# Social and Emotional Wellbeing Funding

## **Expression of Interest Fact Sheet**

### What is Local Thriving Communities?

Local Thriving Communities (LTC) is a long-term, holistic reform that is a different way of government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities working together.

It requires a high expectations relationship between government and community so that service design and delivery better meet the needs of each community.

The Queensland Government has committed to better support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to:

* make decisions about their own future
* build on their strengths as a community
* invest in the things that will make communities stronger and make a difference to people’s lives

### What is the Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) program?

LTC’s SEWB Program supports initiatives that are co-designed with local leadership to improve mental health and social emotional wellbeing outcomes, respond to substance misuse, and reduce rates of suicide in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

In line with the principles of LTC, proposals must embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and concepts of social and emotional wellbeing in service design, delivery and evaluation.

The program is focused on early childhood wellbeing, youth mental health and suicide prevention.

### What funding is available?

The Queensland Government will provide at least five applicants with up to $235,000 (including GST) over 2021/22 and 2022/23 to implement a relevant initiative, with a total funding allocation of $1.175 million.

### What will be considered?

A proposal that aligns with the LTC SEWB funding guidelines including objectives to:

* work in partnership with local leadership in First Nations communities
* strengthen social and emotional wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
* address evidence-based community priorities
* demonstrate robust planning, design and governance mechanisms.

### What will not be considered?

A proposal that:

* does not have strong community support
* is not financially or operationally feasible to deliver or continue
* duplicates a service or action that is already funded

### What are the eligibility criteria?

To be eligible for LTC SEWB program funding, an applicant must comply with the following requirements:

* Not duplicate existing funding for the same service or period
* Be a registered business and have an Australian Business Number
* Hold public liability insurance to the value of not less than $10 million, or provide evidence of plans to obtain insurance to the value of not less than $10 million to cover the proposed proposal
* Be capable of delivering services in Queensland within stated timeframes
* Be an eligible entity type

### Eligible communities and organisations

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Queensland are eligible for LTC’s SEWB program funding. Local community-controlled or based organisations are strongly encouraged to apply including:

* Local Councils
* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Organisations
* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations
* First Nations businesses and academics

### How will proposals be assessed?

An Expert Panel comprising departmental and interagency representatives, community leadership, and people with lived experience will review proposals against the LTC SEWB funding guidelines.

Priority will be given to communities with significant SEWB needs; those with interim Local Decision Making Bodies as part of LTC; and those committed to the LTC principles of embracing local leadership in the design and delivery of the initiative. Priority will also be given to communities that have not yet received funding for social and emotional wellbeing and suicide prevention initiatives under this program.

### How can you get involved?

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are now open and should include complete information about the proposal based on the proposal template. Incomplete information will impact timely assessment.

All EOIs must be submitted by COB 20 April 2022. For all key resources and to apply, go to <https://www.qld.gov.au/firstnations/grants-funding/local-thriving-communities-grants>

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