

# PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS PROGRAM AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY INITIATIVES

An agreement between:

- the Commonwealth of Australia; and
- the Australian Capital Territory

The output of this project will support the delivery of the Australian Capital Territory Initiatives under the Community Health and Hospitals Program

# Project Agreement for the Community Health and Hospitals Program Australian Capital Territory Initiatives

## OVERVIEW

1. This Project Agreement (the Agreement) is created subject to the provisions of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations (IGA FFR) and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement and its Schedules, which provide information in relation to performance reporting and payment arrangements under the IGA FFR.

### Purpose

2. This Agreement will support the delivery of the Australian Capital Territory Initiatives under the Community Health and Hospitals Program.

### Reporting Arrangements

3. The Australian Capital Territory will report against the agreed milestones during the operation of this Agreement, as set out in Part 4 – Project Milestones, Reporting and Payments.

### Financial Arrangements

4. The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Australian Capital Territory of \$22.99 million, exclusive of GST in respect of this Agreement, as set out in Part 5 – Financial Arrangements.
5. There are additional projects to be finalised between the Commonwealth and the Australian Capital Territory in 2020-21.

## PART 1 – FORMALITIES

6. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement for this project.

### Parties to this Agreement

7. This Agreement is between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) and the Australian Capital Territory.

### Term of the Agreement

8. This Agreement will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and the Australian Capital Territory sign it and will expire on 30 June 2024 or on completion of the projects, including final

performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.

## PART 2 – PROJECT OUTPUT(S)

### Output(s)

9. The outputs of this Agreement will be:
- (a) Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention to provide information and support to young people at risk. The project includes providing information on mental health and wellbeing programs, services, navigation tools, and a triage function to ensure the support they require is available. Support will be provided via two pathways – an online youth navigation portal; and the Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM) program, or equivalent.
  - (b) Alcohol and Other Residential Rehabilitation and Modernisation to increase treatment to expand capacity of residential alcohol and other drug (AOD) rehabilitation services in the ACT. This will include consulting with the ACT alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector to identify critical points of need (including addressing ageing infrastructure); and increasing access to community-based alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation beds to better meet current demand.
  - (c) Establishment of a community-based residential eating disorder treatment centre that provides wrap-around support and specialist care through the delivery of evidence-based treatment programs, and aims to intervene and prevent eating disorder symptoms from developing into an acute phase requiring hospitalisation.

## PART 3 – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY

### Role of the Commonwealth

10. The Commonwealth will be responsible for:
- (a) monitoring and assessing achievement against milestones in the delivery of the Australian Capital Territory's initiatives under this Agreement to ensure that outputs are delivered within the agreed timeframe;
  - (b) providing a consequent financial contribution to the Australian Capital Territory to support the implementation of this Agreement;
  - (c) in accordance with the *Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Act 2016*, ensuring that financial contributions to a building project or projects as defined under the Fair Work (Building Industry – Accreditation Scheme) Regulations 2016 are only made where a builder or builders accredited under the Australian Government Building and Construction Work Health and Safety (WHS) Accreditation Scheme is contracted; and
  - (d) ensuring that compliance with the Code for the Tendering and Performance of Building Work 2016 (Building Code 2016) is a condition of Australian Government funding.

### Role of the Australian Capital Territory

11. The Australian Capital Territory will be responsible for:
- (a) all aspects of delivering on the project outputs set out in this Agreement;

- (b) reporting on the delivery of outputs as set out in Part 4 – Project Milestones, Reporting and Payments;
  - (c) for construction outputs ensuring that only a builder or builders accredited under the Australian Government Building and Construction WHS Accreditation Scheme is contracted, and providing the necessary assurances to the Commonwealth; and
  - (d) for construction outputs ensuring that compliance with the Building Code 2016 is made a condition of tender for and performance of building work by all contractors and subcontractors, and providing the necessary assurances to the Commonwealth.
12. The Australian Capital Territory will be responsible for ensuring that, for the purposes of practical completion, construction projects will:
- (a) be complete and free from defects or omissions, except for the defects or omissions that are minor in nature, that the Australian Capital Territory Government cannot reasonably fix, or by fixing, will be significantly inconvenience users of the works;
  - (b) not cause any legal or physical impediment to the use and occupation of the property and the works for the designated use; and
  - (c) be fit for the designated use.

### Shared roles

13. The Parties will meet the requirements of Schedule E, Clause 26 of the IGA FFR, by ensuring that prior agreement is reached on the nature and content of any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to activities under this Agreement, and that the roles of both Parties will be acknowledged and recognised appropriately.

## PART 4 – PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

14. Table 1 summarises the milestones for the projects, their relationship to the outputs, expected completion dates, relevant reporting dates and expected payments to be made. The Commonwealth will make payments subject to the annual performance report demonstrating the relevant milestone has been met.

**Table 1: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Outputs	Performance milestones	Reports due	Payment
Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention	On signing the Project Agreement and receipt of a letter setting out the timelines for the project.	completed	\$0.784 (paid)
	On execution of the new Project Agreement.	2019-20	\$2.25 m
	To finalise milestone in agreement with the Commonwealth.	2020-21	\$1.46 m
	To finalise milestone in agreement with the Commonwealth.	2021-22	\$1.48 m
Alcohol & Other Residential Rehab Expansion & Modernisation	ACT to provide a plan acceptable to the Commonwealth on the Alcohol & Other Residential Rehab Expansion & Modernisation.	2022-23	\$2.3 m
	To finalise milestone in agreement with the	2023-24	\$2 m

	Commonwealth.		
Community-based residential eating disorder treatment centre.	Provide a plan acceptable to the Commonwealth to construct a community-based residential eating disorder treatment centre, including compliance with Part 3 of the Agreement	2021-22	\$5 m
	Participate in national governance arrangements as defined by the Commonwealth for planning, establishing and implementing this new centre.		
	All planning is to be done in consultation with the National Mental Health Commission, the Butterfly Foundation and other stakeholders including relevant Primary Health Networks and people with lived experience.		
	To finalise milestone in agreement with the Commonwealth.	2022-23	\$6.5 m
	To finalise milestone in agreement with the Commonwealth.	2023-24	\$2 m

\* A separate Project Agreement for the Community Health and Hospitals Program – Australian Capital Territory's 2018-19 initiatives provided \$0.784 million towards Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.

15. If a milestone is met in advance of the due date, where the relevant performance report demonstrates that the milestone has been met, the Commonwealth may make the associated payment earlier than scheduled provided it falls within the same financial year as the original milestone date.

### Reporting arrangements

16. The Australian Capital Territory will provide performance reports in accordance with Table 1 during the operation of the Agreement. Each performance report is to contain a description and photographs of actual performance in the period to date against the project milestones.
17. The Australian Capital Territory will provide bi-annual project status reports with photographs in May and November each year via the Commonwealth Department of Health's Capital Works Portal system in accordance with the template at Schedule A, until the completion of the projects.
18. The Australian Capital Territory will provide a final report including a brief description of the project and official opening dates and a Certificate of Practical Completion, if relevant, for each project which can be used for public information and dissemination purposes. This will include a description of the conduct, benefits and outcomes of the projects.

## PART 5 – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

19. The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Australian Capital Territory of \$22.99 million in respect of this Agreement. All payments are GST exclusive.

20. The Commonwealth's funding contribution will not be reduced where the Australian Capital Territory secures funding from other activity partners.
21. The Commonwealth's and the Australian Capital Territory's estimated financial contributions to the operation of this Agreement, including through National Partnership payments paid in accordance with *Schedule D – Payment Arrangements* of the IGA FFR, are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Estimated financial contributions**

(\$ million)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>6.48</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>22.99</b>
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	2.25	1.46	6.48	8.8	4.0	22.99

22. Having regard to the agreed estimated costs of projects specified in this Agreement, the Australian Capital Territory will not be required to pay a refund to the Commonwealth if the actual cost of the project is less than the agreed estimated cost of the project. Similarly, the Australian Capital Territory bears all risk should the costs of a project exceed the agreed estimated costs. The Parties acknowledge that this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for the Australian Capital Territory to deliver projects cost effectively and efficiently.

## PART 6 – GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

### Enforceability of the Agreement

23. The Parties do not intend any of the provisions of this Agreement to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to this Agreement.

### Variation of the Agreement

24. The Agreement may be amended at any time by agreement in writing by both Parties.
25. Either Party to the Agreement may terminate their participation in the Agreement at any time by notifying the other Party in writing.

### Delegations

26. The Commonwealth Minister may delegate the assessment of performance against milestones and the authorisation of related project payments to senior Commonwealth officials, having regard to the financial and policy risks associated with those payments.

### Dispute resolution

27. Either Party may give notice of a dispute under this Agreement.
28. Officials of both Parties will attempt to resolve any dispute in the first instance.
29. If a dispute cannot be resolved by officials, it may be escalated to the relevant Ministers.

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

*Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by*



**The Honourable Greg Hunt MP**  
Minister for Health

Date 25:5:2020

*Signed for and on behalf of the Australian Capital Territory by*

**The Honourable Meegan Fitzharris MP**  
Minister for Health and Wellbeing

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Honourable Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA**  
Minister for Health

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