

Dads on Track: National Grant Round

# Frequently Asked Questions

Disclaimer: These are general responses only and do not represent legally binding commitments. We understand individual circumstances may vary and welcome communication with PRF where organisations may require further guidance regarding eligibility.

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## About the Grant Round

### 1. Why does this Grant Round focus on work with people using, or at risk of, using violence?

For families experiencing domestic and family violence (DFV) to heal and recover, the service system needs to provide effective interventions for all family members, including those who use, or are at risk of using, violence. Addressing this need is critical to improving long-term outcomes for families impacted by DFV.

The Dads on Track National Grant Round (Grant Round) will support eligible organisations and/or collaborations that are already working with fathers who are either using, or at risk of using, DFV, with the aim of improving the safety of victim survivors.

### 2. Why does the Grant Round specifically focus on fathers?

Supporting parents and caregivers in their caregiving role is essential to a future where children and young people have positive life paths free from entrenched poverty and harm.

Evidence shows that the majority of DFV offending is committed by men. Research demonstrates that interventions working directly with fathers who use, or are at risk of using, violence—particularly interventions that strengthen parenting capacity and promote accountability—can contribute to improved safety for children and victim survivors.

Research also shows that in many cases, fathers who use violence have ongoing involvement in the lives of their children, even after parental separation. Addressing violence is critical to interrupting cycles of harm and improving long-term outcomes for families.

Programs for fathers and other male caregivers—including biological and non-biological fathers, grandfathers, and fathers according to kin—are the primary focus of this Grant Round. We may also consider programs that include some work with non-male caregivers, including women and gender diverse people, where this supports child safety and wellbeing.

### 3. What is the geographic scope of this Grant Round?

Australia-wide.

### 4. I am already a PRF partner, can I apply?

Yes. Please note any existing PRF funding in the organisation financials submitted as part of your EOI (tab B, row 12 of the spreadsheet in the application form).

### 5. I am a former recipient of PRF funding, can I apply?

Yes, there are no restrictions on applying if you have previously received PRF funding.

### 6. How much funding is available?

Individual organisations or collaborations can apply for up to \$350,000 per annum across the five (5) year grant period, up to a total of \$1.75 million per organisation or collaboration.

If successful, PRF does not commit to provide any further funding beyond that five-year period.

Individual organisations or collaborations cannot apply for more than \$350,000 in any given year.

Successful recipients will be required to work with external learning partners/evaluators to report outcomes and foster learning. Please note that at least \$50,000 from the total grant funding should be budgeted by applicants for the time and resources needed to take part in learning, evaluation and PRF reporting requirements. Please include this amount in the budget table submitted with your EOI (tab A, row 33 of the spreadsheet in the application form).

### 7. Why does the Grant Round focus on existing programs?

The key focus of this Grant Round is to strengthen existing evidence-informed programs. This approach reflects PRF's priority to build on established practice and support initiatives that are already operating within the DFV service system.

Work with users of violence is predominately government funded. Funding opportunities for program adaptation and refinement are limited. Accordingly, our priority is to bolster existing specialist efforts, support continuous improvement, and strengthen outcomes within current service settings.

By supporting service improvements to existing initiatives, PRF hopes to strengthen collective understandings about what works to support users of violence to change their trajectories.

As a result, new programs and new pilot programs are not eligible for funding in this Grant Round. Funding requests must relate to **existing** programs or pilot programs.

## Organisation requirements

### 8. What is a Collaboration for this Grant Round?

An existing group of two, or more, organisations working together for a shared purpose relevant to this Grant Round, for a minimum of six months.

If applying as a collaboration, please see additional collaboration-specific below.

### 9. Do I need to be part of a Collaboration to apply?

No. Individual organisations can also apply.

### 10. Can I form a new Collaboration for the purpose of this Grant Round?

No, new collaborations are **not eligible** to apply. In the EOI, PRF requires the Applicant Organisation to provide documentation to demonstrate at least six months of prior work between the organisations in the collaboration. This might include reports, interagency minutes / activities, videos, social media, websites, etc.

### 11. Does my organisation need to be registered with ACNC to apply?

Yes. This is important to ensure that PRF funding is distributed in accordance with our charitable purpose.

If you are applying as a collaboration, all organisations will need to be registered with ACNC.

If your organisation or one of the organisations in your collaboration is not ACNC registered but is ORIC registered, and otherwise meets the eligibility criteria for the Grant Round, please contact us at [families@paulramsayfoundation.org.au](mailto:families@paulramsayfoundation.org.au) for situation-specific advice before applying.

## Application process

### 12. What is the process for applying for the Grant Round?

There are two stages to apply.

#### Stage 1: Expression of Interest (EOI)

This is an online application that has two sections:

- Part one has a set of eligibility questions to ensure that your organisation or collaboration fits the requirements for the Grant Round; and
- Parts two to five include questions about your organisation or collaboration and the program you are requesting funding for. You will need to complete a budget and provide some financial information about your organisation or collaboration in part four.

Please note that if your organisation, or collaboration, does not meet the eligibility questions in part one, then you are not eligible to submit an EOI and will not be able to complete part two.

You can preview the application questions on our **website**. See also question 16 on the following page for further information about the assessment criteria.

#### Stage 2: Interview

PRF will assess the EOIs and selected applicants will be invited to interview.

The interview will provide us an opportunity to get to know each other better, as well as for you to raise any questions, or concerns.

Interview questions will be provided ahead of time and will be tailored to your application and may include additional questions related to information we require. For example, we may inquire about request activities, governance, inclusion, theory of change/ measures of success, budget, or request references.

If you are applying as a collaboration, we hope to meet with representatives from as many collaboration organisations as possible.

### 13. What additional information will be required ahead of the interview?

For applications that progress to Stage 2, additional information to be provided ahead of the interview includes:

- Information about key organisational policies, such as:
  - Child Safety policy;
  - Modern Slavery policy (where applicable);
- Information about whether the organisation(s) work with anyone under 18 years old;
- Confirmation of the intended grant purpose and outcomes for the request; and
- Contact details of at least 2 references.

### 14. Can I submit multiple EOIs

No. PRF can only accept **one application** per Applicant Organisation.

If you are applying as part of a collaboration, you can only be the Applicant Organisation/Funded Member for one collaboration but can apply as a member of more than one collaboration.

### 15. What support is available to apply for this opportunity?

PRF will hold an information session on 16 February 2026 that interested, potential applicants can attend to learn more. You can [register here](#). A recording will be made available on the PRF website after the session.

You may also contact us via email [families@paulramsayfoundation.org.au](mailto:families@paulramsayfoundation.org.au). A PRF team member will be in touch within two business days to discuss your question. Please note that the PRF team will ask about your organisation or collaboration and what support is being requested. If you are ineligible to apply, we will explain why.

PRF cannot guarantee that all requests for support can be provided. Subject to method of contact, date of contact, deadlines, staff availability and type of support request, we will assess what is possible and endeavour to communicate this with your collaboration as soon as possible.

## Assessment of applications

### 16. How will applications be assessed?

PRF will use the below assessment criteria to assess applications and interviews.

Criteria	Key elements
a. <b>Organisation/ Collaboration</b>	We welcome applications from organisations varying in size and maturity. Strong applications show community trust, local connection, and responsiveness to place and clearly demonstrate specialist expertise in DFV work with men.
b. <b>Strength of approach</b>	Where programs work with specific cohorts, we value lived experience being reflected in staff or leadership, and when the organisation complements/collaborates with existing local services. If applying as a collaboration, consideration will also be given to the strength of the collaboration, including collaboration governance and communication.
c. <b>Meets priority criteria</b>	We are looking for initiatives that are informed by evidence, including research, evaluation, or practice knowledge. Strong applications clearly explain how this evidence has informed program design and how the approach responds to known gaps for fathers. Strong applications will also demonstrate a robust approach to victim-survivor safety.
d. <b>Alignment to Grant Round outcomes</b>	We will consider how clearly the program aligns with the approaches, cohorts and client circumstances prioritised for this grant round (see Grant Guidelines for complete list). Strong applications demonstrate a natural fit with more than one priority, such as trauma-responsive support, addressing co-morbidities, strengthening parenting skills, and accountability to victim-survivors.
	We will assess how well the program aligns with the grant round outcomes. Strong applications demonstrate an understanding of individual behaviour change within a whole-of-family context and show how program learnings are used to improve practice and contribute to sector or systems change.

## 17. What does 'mainly benefiting' a group mean?

Programs that 'mainly benefit' First Nations or Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) clients are a priority for this Grant Round. This reflects the disproportionate impact of DFV on First Nations and CALD communities which are often underserved by existing mainstream services and face systemic barriers to accessing support.

For the purpose of this Grant Round, 'mainly benefits' means most (more than 50%) of the activities of the program must focus on that group.

Please note that if your program 'mainly benefits' First Nations clients, your organisation, or at least one of the organisations in your collaboration (if applying as a collaboration), must be First Nations-led. Similarly, if your program 'mainly benefits' CALD clients, your organisation, or at least one of the organisations in your collaboration, must be CALD-led or able to demonstrate CALD capability and leadership.

If you are applying as a collaboration and your program mainly benefits either First Nations clients or CALD clients, but the Applicant Organisation in your collaboration is not First Nations-led or CALD-led (as relevant), we may require additional supporting paperwork from you.

## Learning, evaluation and reporting

### 18. What learning and evaluation opportunities will be associated with this Grant Round?

Learning and evaluation will be an important component of this Grant Round. As noted above, at least \$50,000 from the total grant should be budgeted for the time needed to take part in learning, evaluation and reporting requirements.

PRF's specific approach to learning and evaluation for this Grant Round will be developed once the grant recipients are selected, but is likely to include site visits by external learning partners and opportunities for Grant Round recipients to come together online or in-person for joint learning activities.

### 19. What are the reporting requirements?

PRF will work with grant recipients to create a measurement and reporting plan. Reporting requirements will include a progress report due yearly and a final report and financial acquittal due at the end of the grant period.

## Additional information for collaborations

### 20. What do I need to consider before applying as a Collaboration?

To be eligible, all collaboration organisations must:

- Agree that they wish to apply for this Grant Round; and
- Agree to pursue the Grant Round purpose of supporting fathers who use, or are at risk of using, violence to achieve better whole-of-family outcomes.

The Applicant Organisation in a collaboration needs to be willing to hold legal responsibility for the collaboration under the grant agreement with PRF.

### 21. Are there additional requirements that apply to Collaborations?

The collaboration will also need to put in place a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between members of the collaboration to substantiate the activities and shared purpose of the collaboration prior to receiving funding.

This does not need to be completed at the EOI stage. It is only required for successful applicants.

### 22. What is the relationship between PRF and a Collaboration?

#### a. Applications

During the EOI process, PRF will communicate directly with the collaboration member completing the application (the 'Applicant Organisation'). We expect this organisation to be the collaboration member who will receive funding on behalf of the collaboration (see 'Funding' below). The Applicant Organisation is not required to hold any special status or authority within the collaboration.

#### b. Funding

PRF will fund one collaboration member on behalf of the collaboration (the 'Funded Organisation'). The Funded Organisation will be responsible for working with the other organisations in the collaboration to allocate/distribute the funds in a way that makes sense for your collaboration purpose. We expect that fee for service arrangements will be suitable unless the Funded Organisation has authorisations and experience with granting.

We note:

- The Funded Organisation (and all other organisations in the collaboration) must be a charity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).
- PRF funding will be subject to mutually agreed legal documentation between PRF and the Funded Organisation. Other members of the collaboration will not be expected to enter legal agreements with PRF.
- Funded Organisations will be responsible for ensuring PRF funds are spent in line with Australian charity law requirements. Given this responsibility, PRF will offer support for the Funded Organisation throughout the grant's duration.

#### c. Relationships

Once the funding starts, PRF will work with all collaboration members equally (not just the Funded Organisation).

As noted above, PRF will require collaborations to have an MOU in place before funding commences. The purpose of the MOU is to clarify the roles and shared purposes of the collaboration's work.

#### 23. What happens if the Collaboration experiences conflict?

PRF cannot play a mediation role between collaboration members. We will not be involved in making decisions about the implementation of the grant or decisions about collaboration membership.

If conflict leads to a proposed change to the collaboration, the activities or the contents of the Grant Agreement, PRF must be notified, and approval must be sought.

## Change of circumstances

#### 24. Can we change how the money is spent?

While we understand circumstances can change, PRF must be notified of, and must approve, any proposed changes in writing before budget re-allocations can occur.

#### 25. Are there reasons why a grant could be cancelled?

Yes, amongst other reasons, PRF may cease funding if:

- the grant purpose is not being fulfilled with the grant funds;
- we perceive the grant to be harming members of the community;
- the continuation of the grant is no longer compatible with our charitable purpose or obligations;
- you apply as a collaboration and the collaboration no longer has an MOU in place.

## Key terms/definitions

Key term	Meaning for this grant
Applicant Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The organisation that submits the application for funding.</li> <li>If applying as part of a collaboration, the organisation designated by the collaboration to receive funds from this Grant Round, and to communicate directly with PRF about the grant application.</li> <li>The Applicant Organisation does not need to have any form of special status.</li> <li>The Applicant Organisation must meet certain criteria described above.</li> <li><b>See Eligibility in the Grant Guidelines for more detail.</b></li> </ul>
Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An existing group of two or more organisations working together for a shared purpose relevant to this Grant Round for a minimum of six months.</li> <li>Note: evidence will be required to demonstrate you are already operating as a collaboration.</li> </ul>
Funded Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The organisation who is ultimately party to a legal funding agreement with PRF.</li> <li>The Funded Organisation will be responsible for spending PRF grant funds in line with PRF's and Australian charities law rules and requirements.</li> <li>If applying as a collaboration, the Funded Organisation will distribute funding to the other organisations in the collaboration as per the request budget.</li> <li>PRF's legal and other requirements may mean that a non-Applicant Organisation becomes the Funded Member that receives PRF funds on behalf of the collaboration. Any changes to the funded organisation will be agreed in advance of any funding agreement with PRF.</li> </ul>
Mainly benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A collaboration mainly benefits a cohort when the majority, or more than half of its work (&gt;50%), is intended to benefit that cohort.</li> </ul>
Memorandum of Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An agreement entered into between all members of a collaboration that sets out the terms on which they will cooperate, including roles, shared purpose and (if necessary) processes for things like communication and collaboration.</li> </ul>