

# Strengthening Medicare – General Practice (GP) Grants Program

## Overview



### Background and purpose of this program

The Australian Government is investing \$220 million in grants, over two years from 2022-23 to 2023-24, through the **Strengthening Medicare – GP Grants Program** (the Program), to support general practices. A one-off grant of either **\$25,000, \$35,000 or \$50,000** will be available to each participating general practice.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding to general practices to expand patient access and support safe, and accessible, quality primary care.

### What can the grants be used for?

A single one-off grant will be available to each participating general practice to invest in innovation, training, equipment, and minor capital works in **any one or more of the three investment streams summarised to the right:**

1

#### Enhancing digital health capability

To fast-track the benefits of a more connected healthcare system in readiness to meet future standards.

2

#### Upgrading infection prevention and control arrangements

To support the safe, face to face assessment of patients with symptoms of potentially infectious respiratory diseases (e.g. COVID, influenza).

3

#### Maintaining or achieving accreditation

Against the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) [Standards for General Practice](#) (5th Edition), under the General Practice Accreditation Scheme – to promote quality and safety in general practice.

### Key dates



### Who is eligible?

An open and operating **general practice** as per the RACGP definition for the purposes of practice accreditation against the [Standards for General Practice](#), that meets all the following three core criteria:

- the practice operates within the model of general practice described in the [RACGP's definition of general practice](#).
- general practitioner (GP) services are predominantly of a general practice nature
- the practice is capable of meeting all mandatory indicators in the RACGP [Standards for General Practice](#) (5th Edition).

Please refer to the RACGP [fact sheet](#) to assist in determining whether a health service meets the definition of a general practice.