

Paul Ramsay Foundation (PRF) aims to break cycles of disadvantage in Australia by enabling equitable opportunity for people and communities to thrive. Our approach is to invest in and partner with organisations across Australia with a direct connection to the people and places they work alongside.

Since 2017, PRF has granted over \$38 million to organisations improving the safety of women and children experiencing domestic and family violence (DFV). In 2020 and 2021, PRF partnered with Australian Communities Foundation to distribute \$3 million in targeted relief for women's shelters and refuges across Australia. This investment addressed the capacity needs of specialist organisations providing crisis services to communities doubly affected by DFV and the Covid-19 pandemic.

PRF is now partnering with Australian Communities Foundation (ACF) to deliver a Specialist DFV Programs: National Open Grant Round.

Grant Purpose: This funding program supports existing specialist programs for key communities affected by DFV across Australia. In addition to providing financial support to enable eligible organisations to continue or expand their work in this area, PRF aims to develop a network of specialist organisations with expertise in the prevention and mitigation of violence for key communities. PRF will consult with this network of partners to share insights and learnings, build relationships, and inform future work.

From Tuesday 24 January 2023, Australian organisations can submit an application for a one-off grant of up to \$250,000 (where the duration of the grant can be up to 2 years) to support the delivery of an existing specialist DFV program(s) with a primary focus on one or more of the following key cohorts:

- Victim Survivor cohorts:
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
 - LGBTQIA+ people
 - Migrant and refugee women
 - Pregnant women
 - Rural and remote communities
 - Single mothers
 - Women living with disability
- Children and young people
- Perpetrators and users of violence

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please read the following information carefully, as it includes eligibility requirements; funding priorities; and detail as to how funding may be used.

We understand this sector is under pressure, so the grant application is designed to take approximately 45-60 minutes. You can preview the grant application questions [here](#) before starting the application process.

1. ELIGIBILITY Your organisation **MUST** meet **ALL** the below requirements to be eligible for funding.

Recipient organisations must:

- be Australian charities registered with the ACNC
- be based in, and work with communities located, in Australia
- operate and deliver existing specialist DFV program(s) by paid specialist staff with a primary focus on one or more of the identified affected cohorts including victim survivors (Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities, LGBTQIA+ people, migrant and refugee women, pregnant women, rural and remote communities, single mothers and women living with disability), children and young people, perpetrators and users of violence.

DFV program(s) like those mentioned above should represent at least 70% of your organisation's activities and focus.

2. PRIORITIES **Your organisation does NOT need to meet all priorities to apply.**

- Significant experience in operating existing specialist program(s) delivered by paid specialist staff
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander-led programs
- Programs led or informed by people with lived experience of DFV
- Capacity and desire to join a national cohort collective for 12 – 18 months to share insights with peers and PRF on a quarterly basis

3. USE OF FUNDS **If successful in your application, you will receive the grant in approximately June or July 2023.**

Funding can be used for:

- Evolving or scaling up existing programs
- Operational expenses (e.g. program delivery costs). Funds may be used to reinstate established programs that have been put on hold due to lack of funding within the last 3 years
- Specialist staff salaries and support
- Measurement and evaluation of eligible program/s (including data capture) that are currently being delivered, where this work is being undertaken by the eligible organisation and not a third party
- Essential and relevant capital expenditure (e.g. infrastructure & transport costs)
- Cohort-informed advocacy aimed at systemic change of DFV outcomes in Australia

Funding cannot be used for:

- Piloting or establishing new programs
- Research projects and activities
- Retrospective activities
- Non-charitable or partisan activities

APPLY ONLINE

To apply online you will need to register to the [Australian Communities Foundation Grants Portal](#). If you already have an account through Australian Communities Foundation, please use your existing username and password. Make sure to note your username and password to enable you to save and continue the form at a later date and access the portal for subsequent steps.

Applications are open [here](#) from 24 January 2023. If the application does not display automatically via this link, you may need to click the Apply button in the top left of the dashboard and enter access code: PRDFV2023.

KEY DATES

- Applications open: 9am on Tuesday, 24 January 2023
- Applications close: 5pm AEDT on Thursday, 23 February 2023
- Notification of outcome: early May 2023. *Please note that due to the high volume of applications anticipated for this grant round, limited feedback will be provided to unsuccessful applicants.*
- Grants awarded: June/July 2023

Applications must be submitted via the online form on Australian Communities Foundation's website.

Please note: All applications must be submitted in full including any supporting documentation by 5pm on the closing date. Any incomplete applications or applications received after 5pm will be treated as ineligible.

Contact details

If you have any questions in relation to the grant guidelines or require technical assistance with the application process, please contact Charlene Yum (Grants Manager, Australian Communities Foundation) at grants@communityfoundation.org.au or 03 9412 0412.

Australian Communities Foundation's office hours are Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

