



GLOWS

Indigenous Health Grant

Guiding Local Opportunities for Wellbeing

Indigenous-led action on HIV and viral hepatitis

A unique collaboration between Lowitja Institute and Gilead Sciences, empowering Indigenous-designed solutions that advance community health and wellbeing.

The GLOWS Indigenous Health Grant Program is Gilead Sciences' largest investment in Indigenous-led HIV and viral hepatitis initiatives, with \$4.4M AUD over three years to spark innovation, grow Indigenous research leadership and strengthen care pathways nationwide.

HIV AND VIRAL HEPATITIS IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Indigenous-led action is accelerating progress. Focussed effort will continue to deliver the biggest gains.

HIV notification rate for Indigenous Australians is 1.3x higher.¹

Hepatitis C notifications are 4.5x higher in Indigenous Australians.¹

Indigenous Australians make up 19% of Australian-born people living with Hepatitis B.¹

**AUSTRALIA'S
2030**
ELIMINATION
GOALS

The goals to eliminate HIV and HCV as public health threats can only be met if we ensure Indigenous Australians are not left behind and we 2030 empower their leadership in increasing health equity.

\$4.4M

Over three years to turn leadership into action

FIRST ROUND IMPACT

The GLOWS Indigenous Health Grant Program represents a step forward in supporting Indigenous peoples' rights to autonomy and agency over their health and wellbeing, with a particular focus on HIV and viral hepatitis.

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Scholarships

Building the next generation of Indigenous public health researchers from University of Queensland and Western Sydney University to University of Wollongong and the University of New South Wales.

2
Large Research
Grants

- Exploring the transformative potential of a new community-controlled outreach model of care for HCV in South East Queensland.

Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH); Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service (ATSICS) and The University of Queensland (UQ).

- A system-wide redesign of HIV/viral hepatitis care models, in collaboration with ACCHOs.
University of Queensland (UQ).

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Medium Research Grant

Accelerating the hepatitis B cascade of care in the urban Top End of the Northern Territory.

Danila Dilba Health Service

2

National Gathering Grants

Knowledge-sharing hubs to support Indigenous-led action on HIV, hepatitis C, and sexual health.

VACCHO

Anwernekenhe National HIV Alliance



From urban Darwin to national forums and east coast university research halls, GLOWS-awarded projects already span four states/territories and counting.

The GLOWS Indigenous Health Grant Program is a co-created initiative led and designed by Indigenous Australians. It aims to support projects that align with at least one of the following priorities:

Prevention and Education

Individual and Community Agency

Reformed Health Care



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Creating Possible



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FIVE GLOWS GRANT TYPES AVAILABLE

Large Research Grants

Medium Research Grants

Seeding Grants

Scholarships

National Gathering Grants

To learn more about the GLOWS Indigenous Health Grant Program, read more about recipient stories and how to apply, scan the QR code or visit lowitja.org.au/GLOWS



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