

Enhancing the digital capability of practices across WA with GP Innovation Grants

WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) is supporting general practices across Western Australia by providing GP Innovation Grants of up to \$1,500 per practice*, including GST, for the purchase of information technology (IT) equipment to participate in virtual programs.

Online applications close on Friday 23 April 2021. There is a fixed allocation of funding for these grants. Once all the funding has been allocated, no further grants can be offered. Please submit your application as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

What are virtual programs?

To deliver better connected healthcare, practice staff can participate in virtual programs over the internet, including:

- telehealth video consultations
- webinars and recorded online sessions
- online meetings, support and training
- online group support in the same location.

What can be purchased?

General practices can use their GP Innovation Grant of up to \$1,500 per practice*, including GST, to purchase IT equipment that includes one or more of the following:

- Laptop
- Desktop PC
- Monitor
- Tablet
- Group conferencing setup
- Webcam
- Microphone
- Speakers
- Headphones

The purchased IT equipment must meet the required minimum specifications outlined in the adjacent table.

General practice eligibility

To be eligible for a GP Innovation Grant, practices must:

- be located in Western Australia (WA)
- meet the RACGP definition of a general practice
- complete and submit the online application form via the [WAPHA portal](#) by Friday 23 April 2021.

How to apply for a grant

To apply for a GP Innovation Grant, practices must:

- decide on the IT equipment they will purchase
- complete and submit the online application form via the [WAPHA portal](#) by Friday 23 April 2021
- wait for a notification in the WAPHA portal regarding the outcome of their grant application.

Required minimum specifications

Equipment	Minimum specifications
Laptop	i3 processor, 8GB RAM, Bluetooth and ports for accessory connection.
Desktop PC	As per laptop.
Monitor	24" or larger, 1920 x 1080 resolution.
Tablet	iPad is recommended over Android for longevity and ease of use.
Group conferencing setup	Projector and accompanying screen (or large monitor), webcam, room microphone and speakers.
Webcam	As required for desktop PC or group conferencing setup.
Microphone	As required for desktop PC or group conferencing setup.
Speakers	Wired or Bluetooth, as required for desktop PC or group conferencing setup.
Headphones	Wired or Bluetooth with built-in microphone.

How to receive a grant payment

After submitting the online application form, general practices will receive a notification email from WAPHA regarding their grant application. To receive a grant payment of up to \$1,500 per practice*, including GST, general practices must:

- receive notification in the WAPHA portal stating that their grant application is approved
- purchase the IT equipment, as per their online application form, between their approval date and Friday 21 May 2021
- follow the instructions in the notification email
- submit a tax invoice from their practice to WAPHA with proof of purchase by Friday 21 May 2021.

Note: payments can take up to 3 weeks to process.

Further information

To find out more, contact your [WAPHA Practice Support Team member](#), email the [Practice Assist Team](#) or call 1800 2 ASSIST (1800 2 277 478).

***Corporate practices (or legal entities with multiple practices) can only apply for a grant for a maximum of four practices. These practices should contact their head office before they apply.**