

# PATS Aboriginal Advocacy Grant Application

## Organisation Details

<b>Organisation Name:</b>			
<b>Indigenous Corporation Number (ICN):</b>			
<b>ABN:</b>		<b>Registered for GST:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Contact Number:</b>			
<b>Contact Email:</b>			
<b>Remittance Email:</b>			

## Bank Details

<b>Account Name:</b>	
<b>Account Number:</b>	
<b>BSB:</b>	

## Requesting Organisation Authorisation

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	

*Office use only*

## Endorsed By

**Lavinia Jackson**  
*PATS Aboriginal Project Officer*

## Approved By

**Michael Aschberger**  
*Acting PATS Manager*

## Terms and Conditions

By signing this document, you are entering into an agreement with the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme (PATS) and the above-named agency/corporation.

- It is agreed that PATS will provide an additional \$100 subsidy to the Above-named agency in exchange for administrative costs incurred for lodging a claim online for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander client.
- The subsidy will only be provided to the organisation when a claim has been lodged online and is approved for a subsidy. Claims that do not meet PATS eligibility criteria are not eligible for the \$100 subsidy.
- Organisations must provide an ICN (Indigenous Corporation Number) and be registered by the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC).
- At the time that PATS has approved a claim for a subsidy, the \$100 payment will be provided to the organisation via EFT transfer.
- The commencement date of this agreement will start once this document is received by PATS and the first payment is made.
- The cessation of this agreement will occur if funding is removed from the PATS budget after a three year period with ongoing reviews, or if the agency/corporation is removed from ORIC.
- The Department of Health and Wellbeing reserves the right to rescind this agreement and cease subsidy payments at the department's discretion, at any time and without notice.
- Grant funding is available for a 3 year period initially, pending review

## Summary

It is well acknowledged that rural communities are disadvantaged when it comes to accessing equitable health care; this disadvantage is even more present when the client is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Aboriginal people view the social determinants of health and wellbeing as multiple layers, interconnected, developed and across life spectrum, from conception to late life, all of which can influence and expressed positive or negative wellbeing. Accessing and navigating health services is crucial to addressing the gap in health outcomes for Aboriginal people, this is well known but not easily understood by our health system.

It has been identified that many Aboriginal clients need a higher level of administrative support in completing their PATS form, prior to and following their travel, and that Aboriginal advocacy agencies felt this took up a lot of their time, with many saying it was not worth the effort. During consultation, some organisations said that they did not support clients with PATS claims because they didn't have the time or staff to do so and that these clients were largely left unsupported.

Grant funding is available to Aboriginal advocacy agencies (Native Title or Health organisations) in addition to the PATS subsidy that may be provided on an approved online claim. The \$100 (per approved online claim) grant will be provided to the Advocacy agency at the time of Approval of the submitted claim.

On receipt of this form PATS will provide a hyperlink to the agency for online registration.

The grant funding will be in place for a three-year period with this being reviewed on an ongoing basis to determine if planned targets of supporting Aboriginal clients has been reached.

Please return completed registration form to [PATS@sa.gov.au](mailto:PATS@sa.gov.au)