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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

Redirection: Minister for Population Health

Reference: Preventative Health

Hearing Date: 25/07/2024

In relation to: ACT Health and Preventative Health

QON lodgement Date: 25/07/2024

Answer Due date: 05/08/2024

Preventative Health

(1) Who is in charge of preventative health at ACTHD/CHS?

- (a) What is their position/grade?
- (b) How many staff do they have to assist them?
- (c) Who do they report to?

(2) How much in Healthy Canberra Grants have been approved each for financial year since 2020-21?

- (a) Who advises on the allocation of Healthy Canberra Grants?

Minister Emma Davidson: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) The ACT Chief Health Officer (CHO) has primary responsibility for preventive health activities within the ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) through the actions listed as part of [Healthy Canberra: ACT Preventive Health Plan 2020-2025](#) .
 - a. The CHO is appointed under the *Public Health Act 1997* and is a medical Senior Specialist (SSPEC) with public health qualifications.

- c. There are approximately 12 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) (as at June 2024) employed in ACTHD whose primary role is to coordinate or deliver actions under the [Healthy Canberra: ACT Preventive Health Plan 2020-2025](#).
- d. The CHO reports to the Deputy Director-General, Policy and Transformation, ACTHD.

2) The table below represents the approved funding for each financial year for Healthy Canberra Grants since 2020-2021.

Funding opportunity	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Healthy Canberra Grants: Focus on Reducing Alcohol-Related Harm	\$449,485				
2018–19 to 2020–21 Healthy Canberra Grants	\$392,907				
2019–20 to 2021–22 Healthy Canberra Grants	\$721,091	\$533,963			
Healthy Canberra Grants: Focus on Reducing Smoking-Related Harm	\$389,145	\$304,145	\$93,198	\$48,098	
2020–21 to 2022–23 Healthy Canberra Grants	\$347,497	\$734,031	\$581,747		
Healthy Canberra Grants: Focus on Reducing Risky Behaviours		\$412,253	\$498,086	\$483,825	
Healthy Canberra Grants: Focus on Supporting Children and Families			\$616,500	\$273,220	\$73,263
Healthy Canberra Grants: Target Grant: Reconnection within Priority Populations			\$384,861		
Healthy Canberra Grants: Focus on Healthy and Active Living for Children and Young People			\$100,000	\$459,423	\$350,015
Healthy Canberra Grants: Focus on Vaping Cessation and Reducing Alcohol-Related Harm				\$1,053,741	\$445,604
Future Round 2024-25 to 2026-27 to be announced.					\$796,118
Total	\$2,300,125	\$1,984,392	\$2,274,392	\$2,318,307	\$1,665,000

- a) Healthy Canberra Grants has an annual base funding amount of \$2.3 million to support communities to deliver health prevention and health promotion programs. The budgets per funding opportunity are approved by the financial delegate of the total funding pool (Director-General, ACTHD) and then noted and announced by the Minister for Population Health.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature: *Emma Davidson*

Date: 5 August 2024

By the Minister for Population Health, Emma Davidson MLA