Whatever the Weather Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Activities delivered December 2026 to September 2027

These frequently asked questions provide practical information for MHCT Members considering an application to the Whatever the Weather Grant Program. Applicants should also read the Application Guide and Application Form before applying.

What is the Whatever the Weather Grant Program?

The program provides funding for MHCT Members to promote and use Whatever the Weather: find mental health support that fits. The resource supports conversations about mental health and helps people consider what kind of support may be right for them.

Funded organisations will use their existing networks, build community connections, promote the resource and contribute to its evaluation.

When do applications open and close?

Applications open at 9.00 am on Monday 26th October 2026 and close at 4.00 pm on Monday 30 November 2026.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Who can apply?

The lead applicant must be a current financial MHCT Member when applications close and remain a Member throughout the delivery period.

Can we apply in partnership with another organisation?

Yes. Members may work with schools, general practices, community groups or other partners. The lead applicant must be an eligible MHCT Member and will remain responsible for delivery, reporting, evaluation requirements and the funding agreement.

Can an auspiced organisation apply?

No. This grant round is only open to current financial MHCT Members. An organisation that is not itself an eligible MHCT Member cannot apply through an auspice arrangement.

How much funding is available?

A total funding pool of $100,000 is available and will be distributed among successful applicants.

Is there a minimum or maximum grant request?

MHCT would prefer that the minimum grant request is $10,000. Applicants should request an amount that is reasonable for the proposed activity and demonstrate value for money through a clear, itemised budget.

Will successful applicants receive the full amount requested?

Not necessarily. MHCT may offer the full amount requested, a reduced amount, or negotiate changes to the proposed activity, scope or budget.

When must funded activities take place?

Activities must be delivered in Tasmania between 16 December 2026 and 30 September 2027. All grant-funded activities and expenditure must be completed by 30 September 2027.

What activities can the grant support?

- Engaging schools, colleges or education wellbeing teams.
- Working with general practices, GPs and other primary health professionals.
- Delivering community information sessions, workshops or small events.
- Using the resource through existing youth, family or community programs.
- Engaging regional, rural or priority communities.
- Sharing approved resources through services and community networks.
- Creating locally relevant promotion using approved campaign materials.
- Engaging participants and administering MHCT-provided evaluation surveys and tools.
- Reasonable staffing, travel, venue, accessibility and delivery costs directly related to the activity.

Are staffing costs eligible?

Yes. Reasonable staffing costs directly related to delivering the activity may be included in the budget. Applicants should explain the basis of the cost and how it supports delivery.

Are minor equipment, catering and participant costs eligible?

Yes. Reasonable minor equipment, catering and participant costs may be included where they are directly related to the proposed activity and clearly explained in the budget.

Can the funding be used for clinical services?

No. The grant will not fund clinical treatment or individual service delivery.

What will not be funded?

- Activities completed before the funding agreement begins.
- General operating costs not directly related to the project.
- Clinical treatment or individual service delivery.
- Major equipment or capital works.
- Fundraising, political campaigning or commercial promotion.
- Activities that duplicate an existing funded commitment.
- Changes to Whatever the Weather branding, core messages or resources without prior written approval from MHCT.
- Activities that use unsafe, stigmatising or inappropriate mental health communication.

Can we modify the Whatever the Weather materials?

Activities must use approved Whatever the Weather resources and messages. Changes to branding, core messages or resources require prior written approval from MHCT. Applicants may create locally relevant promotion using approved campaign materials.

Can our organisation submit more than one application?

Yes. An organisation may submit more than one application, but each proposal must be clearly distinct, for example by reaching different communities, delivering different programs or operating in different locations. Each application will be assessed independently.

Should budgets include GST?

Applicants eligible to claim GST should include GST in their budget and clearly indicate whether amounts are GST-inclusive.

Are cash or in-kind contributions required?

No. Applications with or without cash or in-kind contributions will be considered. Applicants should identify any contributions that will support delivery of the activity.

What should be included in the application?

- Organisation and contact details.
- The amount requested and an itemised budget.
- A description of the activity, location and people involved.
- The intended audience and identified need or opportunity.
- Relevant networks and partners.
- How Whatever the Weather will be promoted and used.
- How participants will be engaged in the evaluation.
- Proposed activities, milestones and measurable targets.
- Organisational capability and risk management.
- Plans for ongoing use or learning after the grant period.
- Approval from an authorised representative.

Do we need confirmed partners before applying?

Applicants should clearly describe their existing networks, proposed partners and how these relationships will support delivery and reach.

What targets should we include?

Applicants should propose realistic and measurable targets for activities delivered, people reached, locations or communities reached, partners engaged, resources used or distributed, and participants invited to complete the MHCT evaluation. Final KPIs will be agreed with successful applicants and included in the funding agreement.

Do applicants need to design an evaluation?

No. MHCT will design and provide the required evaluation surveys, measures, tools, instructions and timeframes.

What evaluation requirements will successful applicants need to meet?

- Participate in monthly check-ins with MHCT representatives.
- Distribute the evaluation surveys and tools provided by MHCT.
- Support collection of participant survey responses.
- Collect and submit the agreed activity and participation data.
- Provide qualitative feedback for each activity or occurrence, as required.
- Return information securely and follow MHCT instructions and applicable consent, privacy and data-handling requirements.

MHCT will lead the evaluation design and analysis.

What insurance and compliance requirements apply?

Successful applicants must provide evidence of appropriate insurance and compliance arrangements, including a Certificate of Currency, Workers Compensation Insurance where applicable, and Public Liability Insurance.

Where activities involve children or young people, organisations must meet relevant child safeguarding requirements, including Working with Vulnerable People registration where required.

How will applications be assessed?

- Alignment with the purpose and messages of Whatever the Weather.
- The strength and practicality of the proposed activity.
- Networks, partnerships and reach.
- Clear audience and participation targets.
- Promotional planning and methods.
- Capacity to meet evaluation requirements.
- Organisational capability and risk management.
- Budget and value for money.
- Potential for continued use or wider learning.
- Contribution to a balanced mix of organisations, settings and locations.

Who will assess applications?

Applications will be assessed by a panel comprising an MHCT representative, a government representative and a youth representative. Panel members will declare and manage conflicts of interest. The panel may contact applicants for clarification.

Does meeting the eligibility requirements guarantee funding?

No. This is a competitive process. Eligible applications may not be funded, and successful applicants may be offered a different amount from the amount requested.

Will late or incomplete applications be accepted?

No. Applications received after 4.00 pm on Monday 30 November 2026, or applications that are incomplete, will not be accepted.

Will unsuccessful applicants receive feedback?

Individual feedback will not be provided automatically. An unsuccessful applicant may request feedback after assessment outcomes have been announced.

When will applicants be notified?

Applicants are expected to be notified in early December 2026.

What reporting will be required?

Successful applicants will participate in monthly check-ins and provide the required evaluation data, a short final report, a financial acquittal and any agreed activity records or implementation observations. Specific reporting dates and requirements will be included in the funding agreement.

When will successful applicants receive funding?

Subject to execution of the funding agreement, the proposed payment schedule is:

- 40% on 16 December 2026.
- 60% on 30 May 2027, provided reporting requirements are up to date.

Payment arrangements will be confirmed in the funding agreement.

When can successful applicants begin incurring eligible expenditure?

Eligible expenditure may commence on 16 December 2026, once the funding agreement has been executed and the first payment has been made. All grant funding must be spent by 30 September 2027.

How do we submit an application?

Applications must be submitted using the approved Application Form and emailed to grants@mhct.org by 4.00 pm on Monday 30 November 2026.

Who can we contact with questions?

For questions about the grant program, email grants@mhct.org or phone the MHCT office on 03 6224 9222 during business hours.

What makes a strong application?

- A clearly identified audience and need or opportunity.
- Existing networks capable of reaching that audience.
- Practical and achievable activities.
- A realistic, well-explained budget.
- A clear plan for promoting and using Whatever the Weather.
- Capacity to collect evaluation data and meet reporting requirements.
- Potential for ongoing use of the resource beyond the grant period.

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