

This fact sheet highlights how MHPN will support networks in 2017-18.

Will MHPN continue to support networks in 2017-18?

Yes. MHPN has been funded by the Department of Health to continue to support networks.

How will MHPN support my network in 2017-18?

MHPN will continue to provide all networks with administration support, resources and tools, and access to meeting content, through the support of a dedicated Project Officer.

Networks are required to meet four times per financial year, with the expectation that funding is generally allocated evenly across each meeting.

The level of financial support that MHPN is able to provide to networks has been adjusted.

From 1 July 2016, the following financial support will be available to networks:

- > All networks will be eligible for up to \$400 to support meetings during the year (i.e. \$100 per meeting, over four meetings).
- > Those networks that have more than 15 attendees at each meeting may be eligible for an additional grant of up to \$75 per meeting, over four meetings.
- > Those networks located in a rural or remote area (defined by ASGC-RA 3-5) may also be eligible for an additional grant of up to \$75 per meeting, over four meetings.

Note: the above funding is exclusive of GST.

What if my network meets more than four times a year?

MHPN will support networks to meet more than four times per year, however the available financial support will remain as outlined above.

For example if a network meets six times per year and has over 15 attendees at meetings, each meeting would be eligible for a budget of approximately \$116 (ex GST).

What if my network wants to allocate its grant differently?

MHPN understands that some networks may want to spread their annual funding in a slightly different way, for example to allow for payment to a particular guest speaker at a meeting.

If this applies to your network, please contact your Project Officer to discuss before making any arrangements.

What if my network wants to spend more money than MHPN can provide?

A number of networks have been in a situation where the group has decided to perhaps meet more often, share a meal or undertake training together that has cost more than the network's budget. In these situations some networks have asked members to make a co-payment towards covering expenses. There are also other ways to try to stretch your network's budget – contact your project officer if you'd like to explore some ideas.

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MHPN will continue to produce its respected webinar program throughout 2017-18. Visit the website for details of dates and topics.

Any questions?

If you have any questions regarding how the changes will affect your network, please contact your Project Officer to discuss further.

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