

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

RESEARCH GRANTS OPPORTUNITIES

SA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STRATEGIC HEALTH RESEARCH PROGRAM

SA Health has made available funding in 2007-2008 for research that meets the research and information needs of the SA health system. The Strategic Health Research Program (SHRP) is intended to promote collaboration with university researchers and SA Health. It is not an investigator-driven program.

SA Health will be announcing a call for expressions of interest in the near future for research to be funded under the 2007-2008 round.

SHRP is based on four priority themes derived from South Australia's Strategic Plan:

- Psychological wellbeing
- Smoking
- Healthy weight
- Healthy life expectancy

Health Systems Research will be an additional priority theme in this round. Separate Guidelines will be provided for this area.

Specific topics and questions have been identified which will enable researchers to respond specifically to issues identified through extensive consultations.

SHRP Structure

For the 2007-2008 funding round, SHRP is structured into two core research streams:

1) Research Synthesis (Secondary Research)

Applications for research syntheses will be invited for two key purposes: to improve knowledge management around key topic areas; and to aid decision support for policy and practice.

2) New Research (Primary Research)

The New Research topics will be focused around health issues relevant to the health system at the completion of studies (3 years), so that research findings can inform health policy, planning and practice.

Levels of Funding

The two research streams will have different funding allocations:

- Research Synthesis: project length of 6-12 months, funding \$70,000-\$120,000 (indicative only)



- New Research: project length up to 3 years, funding of up to \$150,000 p.a. (indicative only)

Briefing Sessions

Two briefing sessions will be provided for interested applicants in October this year. Please note the following times, and mark them in your diaries:

- **October 17th, 1-4pm: SHRP 'SASP' Topic Briefing** (this will address the four SASP relevant topics listed previously).
- **October 18th, 12-3pm: SHRP Health Systems Research Briefing** (this will only be addressing Health Systems Research).

Both briefing sessions will be held at Enterprise House, 136 Greenhill Road Unley. Those interested in attending should RSVP by Tuesday October 16 COB, shrp@health.sa.gov.au.

Further Information

A call for Expressions of Interest will take place directly through the university grants offices in October 2007. Further information including application materials will be available on the SHRP website following the call, <http://www.health.sa.gov.au/shrp>.

