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Grant to address primary health care issues

Gippsland Primary Health Network (PHN) has been successful in obtaining an Australian Government grant to address primary health care service issues in the community.

Gippsland PHN applied for a grant in September 2022 under the Primary Care Rural Innovative Multidisciplinary Models (PRIMM) funding round and received \$353,054 to co-design and deliver a project in both Baw Baw and Wellington Shires.

The project will build on Gippsland PHN's previous work in designing community-led integrated models of care.

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive, Amanda Proposch, welcomed the grant, saying it would enable the development of community-supported models of care to a point where they were ready to trial.

"Communities have told us they want seamless care across health services to meet the needs of people with complex needs," Ms Proposch said.

"This grant means we can work with the community and other stakeholders to build on and better integrate existing resources to deliver services in a more effective and sustainable way within a region.

"The project also aims to address health workforce shortages and maldistribution in rural and remote Australia."

"We look forward to working with a range of stakeholders, including community, on this exciting project to help us develop trial ready models of primary care relevant to Gippsland," Ms Proposch said.

The project will run until June 2024, and Gippsland PHN will share findings and lessons learned from the design and co-design process with other rural and remote communities across Australia, empowering them to design their own primary healthcare solutions.

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