

FAQs – Flexible funds

Strategy 1 - Training post payments

Question	Response
Do I need to make an application?	An application is not required for Semester 1 2025. An application will be required for Semester 2, 2025.
What payment will I receive?	<p>MMM 2-7 locations will be targeted for payment based on the maximum payments under the Flexible Funds guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MMM 2 - \$3,000 • MMM 3 - \$6,000 • MMM 4 - \$6,000 • MMM 5 - \$10,000 • MMM 6 - \$15,000 • MMM 7 - \$15,000
What can I spend the money on?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to support practice set up to expand training capacity eg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minor infrastructure e.g internal setup of an additional consultancy room ○ Additional software licences for the registrar • Practice recruitment marketing activities to increase profile of the practice to attract/retain registrars eg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recruitment activities e.g pre-placement visits / tours ○ Website development • Funding to support innovative models of remote supervision and training capacity building • Provision of training to staff, including additional supervisors
What can't I spend the money on?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility bills e.g. electricity, water, internet • Renovations or development of building assets • Registrar salary supplements • Wages for practice staff • On call subsidies
Did I need to report what I spent the money on?	A short survey must be completed a few months after receiving the funding, detailing how the funds were used.

Can I get the funding again in Semester 2?	If your practice is located in MMM 2-7 location, you will be eligible to apply for another round of funding. However, an application for funding will be required.
Can this funding be provided to hospitals?	No
What MMM will be targeted?	All MMMs will be targeted for payment based on the maximum payments under the Flexible Funds guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MMM 1 - nil • MMM 2 - \$3,000 • MMM 3 - \$6000 • MMM 4 - \$6,000 • MMM 5 - \$10,000 • MMM 6 - \$15,000 • MMM 7 - \$15,000
Do I have to have a registrar at my practice?	No, flexible funds can be used to attract and recruit registrars, so you don't need to have a current registrar placed in your practice. However, you must be accredited for training by ACRRM

Strategy 2 - Registrar financial incentive - \$20,000

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Do I need to make an application?	No – it is an automated payment but you will receive communication about it
What can I spend the money on	There is no restrictions on what you can spend the funding on
What can't I spend the money on?	There is no restrictions on what you can spend the funding on
Did I need to report what I spent the money on?	No report is required
Can I get the funding again in Semester 2?	Yes – if you are in an identified targeted community, you can receive the funding again
Can this funding be provided to registrars in hospitals?	Yes as the intent is to support registrars in identified targeted communities
If I want my community to be added to the list, how can I do this?	The list of communities will be reviewed prior to the commencement of the next

	semester. A request can be made to your regional team.
Registrars on what pathways can receive this funding?	RGTS and AGPT
When will I receive the payment?	The automated payment will occur at the end of the first 2 months of the semester
Will the payments continue in 2026?	This funding is currently available in 2025. It is yet to be determined if it will continue into 2026
I am an AGPT registrar. Can I access more funding through flexible funds?	Yes through the normal process (see Flexible Funds)
I am an RGTS registrar. Can I access more funding through flexible funds?	No, AGPT registrars are eligible to apply for Flexible Funds
I am an IP registrar, can I receive the financial incentive	This financial incentive is available to RGTS and AGPT registrars
My community is not on the list and I would like to have it included. How can I do this?	<p>You can either reach out with an email to your regional team:</p> <p>NSW / ACT - training.nswact@acrrm.org.au Qld - training.qld@acrrm.org.au Vic - training.vic@acrrm.org.au SA - training.sa@acrrm.org.au WA - training.wa@acrrm.org.au NT - training.nt@acrrm.org.au Tas - training.tas@acrrm.org.au</p> <p>or to the national training team payments@acrrm.org.au</p>
When will the community list be reviewed and updated?	This will occur prior to placement preferencing occurring
Will I need to repay the funding if I leave the practice before the end of the semester?	The payment will be made 2 months after commencing in the placement. There will be no requirement to repay the funding if the registrars leaves after this period.

Strategy 3 - Community Grant – up to \$50,000

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I represent a hospital, can I apply for a grant?	Yes if you are partnering with other organisations and / or community groups
How long do I have to deliver the activity identified in the grant?	The activity is expected to be delivered in 12 months, however this will be assessed on a case by case basis
What can the funding be used for?	<p>Grants of up to \$50,000 will be available for a broad range of Rural Generalist community-led initiatives that directly and clearly lead to benefiting the provision of community healthcare, Rural Generalist training and recruitment of registrars in rural and remote communities.</p> <p>The focus areas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Recruitment and retention • First Nations support • University partnerships and training pathway development
Does the grant need to have a linkage to an ACRRM registrar?	Yes and this registrar can be RGTS, AGPT or IP
I am already receiving funding for my proposal. Can I request additional funding through this grant?	Grants are not able to be applied for if funding is already being received from state, federal government or an RG Hub for that activity
What are some examples of what the grant can be used for?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the provision of child care or school education support where there is no or limited services to address the needs of registrar's families • Providing accommodation for registrars in a community where this is an issue that limits registrars being employed in that community • Providing a program where a community with limited GP services can attract a supervisor and registrar/s • Roving practice management / supervisor model • Community orientation program for medical students / registrars (individuals / groups) • Multidisciplinary education program

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional rotational pop up clinic delivery • Environmental scan – community analysis to identify issues and determine possible solutions
Will any reporting be required on the activity that the funding was used for?	Yes, periodic progress reports will be required to be submitted
Can more than one application be made?	Yes, more than one application can be made
When will applications be able to be submitted?	Applications open on 29 April 2025 and will close on 1 Oct 2025.
Can only ACRRM accredited sites apply?	<p>The application can be made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • practices • Hospitals – partnering with practices, community groups etc • Rural Generalists • health services • local community groups • rural clinical hubs <p>However, the grant needs to link to an ACRRM registrar</p>
Can salaries be paid through the community grant/	Salaries for positions that are already funded through state or federal government are not able to be paid
When do applications close	Applications will close on 1 Oct 2025 to enable a review of the application to be made and payments to be made before 31 Dec 2025