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Vaccination grants to target vulnerable populations

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Murray PHN is offering small grants to pharmacies and general practices to increase COVID-19 vaccination access for vulnerable populations and other people identified as higher risk of contracting COVID-19.

Vulnerable populations include people experiencing homelessness, people with a disability, people in rural and remote areas with limited health care options, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse people.

Grants of up to \$4,000 per provider are available to vaccinating general practices and pharmacies in eligible local government areas (LGAs) in the Murray PHN region.

Eligible LGAs include Albury City, Alpine Shire, Mansfield Shire, Mount Alexander Shire and Towong Shire.

The grants are designed to assist health services with operational costs associated with providing outreach, after-hours and drive-through vaccination clinics, with a focus on targeting vulnerable populations, authorised workers and populations with low vaccination uptake.

Kate McIntosh, Murray PHN COVID Vaccination Strategic Lead said, "We're hoping these grants are helpful to general practices and pharmacies that want to go the extra yard for their local communities. It might mean they can set up at a workplace, in a car park or stay open longer than usual; anything to make getting vaccinated easier."

Interested health services can learn more at: www.murrayphn.org.au/covid19vaccination

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