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RBWH Foundation Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Grant – Scoring Criteria

	Impact and Improvement (40%)	Methodology (30%)	Project Feasibility (30%)
5	Highly developed and well-articulated project plan, that will directly improve access and/or outcomes for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patients and community.	The project aims and activity plan have: • A well-developed rationale with clear and robust objectives • The ability to influence positive practice • The ability to build and/or support workforce capacity	Applicant: Evidence of connection with Community, with excellent support identified through listed collaborators, and their mentorship is well described.
	Addresses an important identified unmet need for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patients (and community) treated through services on Herston Health Precinct.	Project has defined and robust evaluation mechanisms such as surveys, feedback, and methods described to assess improvement activity.	Risks and potential delays have been identified, and strategies to manage these have been described. The project is highly likely to be delivered in 12 months.
	Strong evidence of Partnership or engagement with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community.	Project strongly aligns with at least one MNH Health Equity strategic priority and/or Reconciliation Actions and has explained how the need was identified.	Comprehensive budget that aligns with project proposal and is strongly justified (e.g. cost estimates, recent quotes upload).
4	Clearly articulated plans for quality improvement activity that will improve access and/or outcomes for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patients.	The project aims and activity plan have: • A well-developed rationale with clear objectives • The ability to influence positive practice • The potential to build workforce capacity	Applicant: Evidence of some connection with Community, with their mentorship well described, and support evident through listed collaborators.
	Addresses an identified unmet need for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patients and community, treated through Herston Health Precinct.	Project has defined evaluation mechanisms such as surveys, feedback, and methods described to assess improvement activity.	Risks and potential delays have been identified, and some strategies to manage that have been described. The project is likely to be delivered in 12 months.
	Strong evidence of engagement with patients and Community and/or proposed partnership with Community.	Project aligns with at least one selected MNH Health Equity strategy and/or Reconciliation Action and has explained how the need was identified.	Appropriate budget that aligns with project proposal and is well justified (e.g. cost estimates, recent quotes upload).

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3	Clearly potential for quality improvement activity that will improve access and/or outcomes for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patients.	The project aims and activity plan have: • A rationale with indicated objectives • The ability to influence work practice • Possibility to build workforce capacity.	Applicant has some support and mentorship, but with one or more clear weaknesses or gaps in expertise and limited connection with Community.
	Builds on work addressing an identified need for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patients and community, treated through Herston Health Precinct.	Project has some evaluation mechanisms such as surveys, feedback, and methods described that potentially assess the quality improvement activity.	No risks or potential delays identified and described. Highly unlikely to be delivered in 12 months.
	Some engagement with patients and consumers and Community is indicated/planned.	Project somewhat aligns with at least one selected MNH Health Equity strategy or Reconciliation Action and has explained how the need was identified.	Appropriate budget that aligns with project proposal and is reasonably justified (e.g. cost estimates, recent quotes upload).
2	Possible potential for the quality improvement activity to improve access and/or outcomes for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patients.	The project aims and activity plan have: • A rationale with indicated objectives • Possibility to influence work practice • Low potential to build workforce capacity.	Applicant has provided limited information about mentorship and support, clear and obvious gaps in expertise, no connection with Community.
	Possibility that it addresses an identified need for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patients.	Project has limited evaluation mechanisms such as surveys, feedback, and poorly described methods to assess the quality improvement activity.	No risks or potential delays identified and described. Highly unlikely to be delivered in 12 months.
	Little evidence of engagement with patients, consumers and/or Community.	Project somewhat aligns with at least one selected MNH Health Equity strategy or Reconciliation Action, with limited explanation of identified need.	Inappropriate budget that does not align with improvement activity proposal.
1	No clear potential for the quality improvement activity to improve access and/or outcomes for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patients.	The project aims and activity plan have: • Poorly described objectives • Low potential to influence work practice, or build workforce capacity.	Applicant has no connection with Mob or Community. Feasibility of overall project is doubtful. Evident lack of support, mentorship, and expertise.
	Repetition of previous work addressing an identified clinical need for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.	Project has limited evaluation mechanisms and poorly described methods to assess the quality improvement activity.	No risks or potential delays identified and described. Highly unlikely to be delivered in 12 months.
	Little to no evidence of engagement with patients, consumers, and Community	Project does not align with at least one selected MNH Health Equity strategy or Reconciliation Action and no explanation of identified need.	Inappropriate budget that does not align with improvement activity proposal.

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