

RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS SCHEME 2011

Call for Expressions of Interest



Purpose of the Scheme

The Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) has established the Research Partnerships Scheme to provide opportunities for local government researchers within councils and tertiary institutions to conduct original research that will benefit local government and build research capacity in the sector.

ACELG will provide a maximum of \$15,000 to partners who can contribute at least \$10,000 from their own organisation or from a third party. Smaller projects are also welcome.

This initiative is part of ACELG's Research and Policy Foresight Program, and a total of \$100,000 has been set aside for this activity in 2011. Information on areas of research interest and current research activities can be found on the ACELG website, www.ancelg.org.au

Criteria

The research must be:

- Action-oriented and evidenced-based
- Applied and industry relevant
- Multi-disciplinary
- Practitioner inclusive

It should also:

- Include mechanisms for translating research into policy
- Include strategies for engagement and dissemination.

Application details

Applications are welcome from individuals from local government bodies and tertiary institutions who undertake local government related research. Consulting firms will generally not be considered unless the nominated individual researcher has extensive local government experience.

ACELG does not wish to disadvantage small councils with limited capacity and so will consider waiving the matched financial contribution on a case by case basis – but will require evidence that other resources are being contributed.

ACELG requires that completed reports be translated into a research paper for a conference and/or an academic journal. Intellectual property will be held jointly with the successful partners. Funds may not be used to purchase equipment or software.

Assessment Process

As a first stage applicants are asked to provide an expression of interest (EOI) which includes applicant and partner details and a brief project description.

The ACELG Research Advisory Committee will appoint a panel to assess the EOI and then invite applicants to provide a more detailed proposal. Applications will be assessed against the criteria set out above, and an assessment of the research value of the proposal.

For further information and to discuss expressions of interest:

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