

CONSUMER & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (CCI)

CCI Microgrants Program evaluation snapshot 2025

The Consumer and Community Involvement (CCI) Microgrants Program

- Empowers research shaped by lived experience
- Enables consumer and community input in early research design and priority setting

This snapshot presents key findings from the 2024 evaluation of Health Translation Queensland's CCI Microgrants Program, including survey insights.

\$69,565 Awarded

67 Projects funded



CCI Microgrants Program launched in May 2022

IMPACT OF FUNDING



54% Changed their project design, topic or method



52% Built new collaborations



37% Secured further funding

"The microgrants program has supported the development of confidence and competence in research activities that include consumers as research partners. With this support, we have created an impactful collaboration, with flow-on effects to future research and health service improvements."

Laura Ryan, Researcher

94% Funding was very helpful

37% Could not have included CCI without funding

41% Would have been more difficult to include CCI without funding

FUNDING ENABLED



New consumer
focus groups



Fair compensation for
lived experience input



Reduced reliance
on volunteers

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

- ✓ Simple application process
- ✓ Fast access to funds
- ✓ Health Translation Queensland staff support

98% Would recommend the CCI
Microgrants Program

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS

- Increase program funding and amount per project
- Improve and streamline communication and payment timelines
- Continue and expand program reach

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Relaunch CCI Microgrants Program in 2025
- Annual evaluations to track progress
- Ongoing alignment with HTQ's mission to translate research into better health outcomes for all Queenslanders

"The consumer and community involvement helped me establish a consumer advisory group to improve our study."

Microgrant recipient



Above: UQ researchers (L to R) Nina Lansbury, Minnie King and Olivia Milsom received a HTQ microgrant to finalise and launch the Mind Your Body menstrual health teaching guide for remote and Indigenous students (with Western Cape College Deputy Principal Siobhan Wilson – 2nd from right).