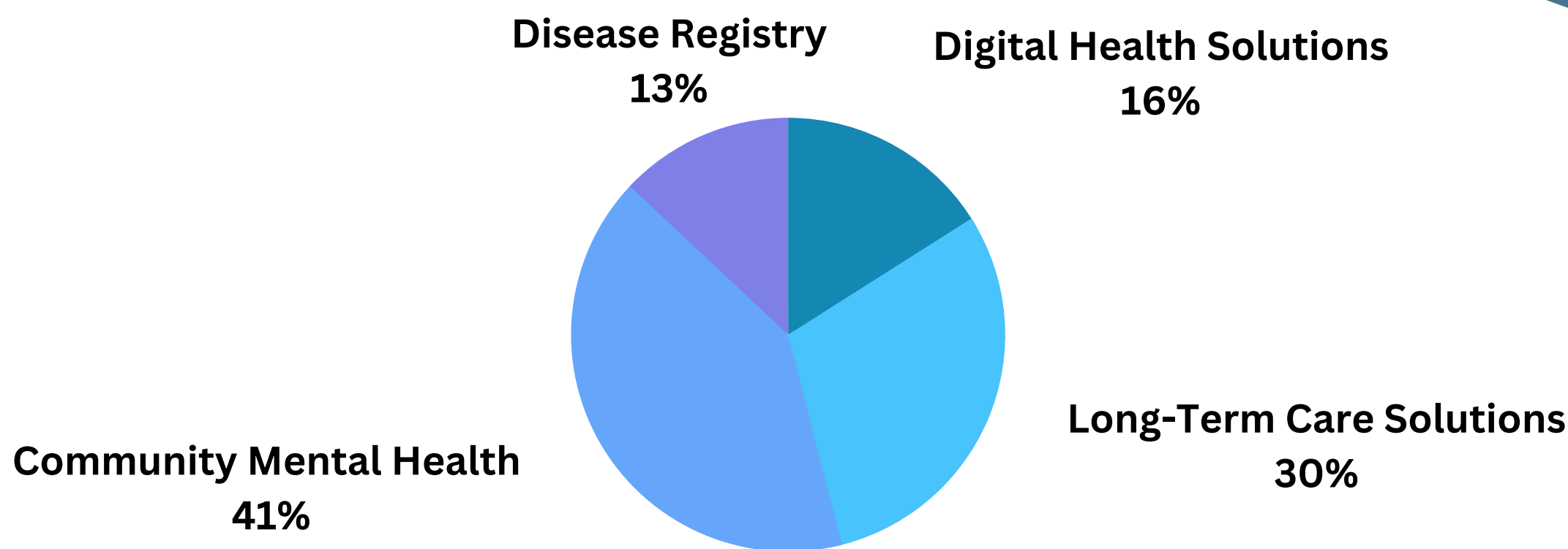


# Innovation Programme Year End Report

For the period 1st July 2022 to 30th March 2023\*

## Funding Overview

For this funding period, the Innovation Programme awarded six grants totaling \$382,698. From this, 41% of those dollars supported community mental health, 30% long terms care solutions, 16% supported digital health solutions, and 13% supported the development of a disease registry.



### Bright Spot - DailyMale Clinic

***An innovative, community-driven outreach programme that brings awareness and potentially speeds up the detection of prostate cancer and cardiovascular disease.***

The DailyMale Clinic launched at the beginning of 2023 to offer men's health screening for prostate cancer and cardiovascular disease to men over 60 who are less likely to receive regular health checks due to their financial and employment status.

With the support of local volunteers, clinical professionals, and workmen's clubs, the pilot programme was set up at a different location every month for four months. Using a first come, first serve basis, each attendee was offered health education and point-of-care testing free of cost. At the end, they had an opportunity to sit with a general practitioner and urologist to discuss results and their concerns. If identified as high-risk, clients are supported and guided in obtaining further treatment. About 126 men visited the clinic during the initial pilot phase. While the primary focus was prostate cancer, the clinic also tested for other health conditions, like diabetes, hypertension, and obesity, which all can cause serious health problems in the long run. Data from the pilot programme indicates that mobile clinics could be a convenient and effective way to improve access to healthcare, which may lead to earlier detection and improvements in long-term health outcomes.



### Year in Review

Men's health is a topic that often gets overlooked or underestimated. However, a few of the projects funded this year highlighted the importance of understanding men's physical and emotional health. With a focus on homelessness, mental health, prostate cancer, and cardiovascular disease, these projects are gathering growing evidence that a male-focused approach to tackling health concerns is needed and demonstrates the need for community-supportive structures that prioritize the well-being of men separately.

In regards to Programme administration, there was less demand for funding from the Innovation Programme during its fourth year than previous years. Lower submission rates may be explained due to jurisdictional limitations, such as the finite applicant population on the island, and the lack of the typical research institutions that serve as feeder programmes for these types of grant initiatives. As a result, we continue to focus on finding creative and engaging ways to attract the right innovators to deliver health and care changes programmes.

**\*To better align annual grant reporting with the Health Council's audited financials, the Programme has changed its annual reporting period from July 1st to June 30th to April 1st to March 30th. As a result, this reporting period has been shortened to July 1st to March 30th. The next annual reporting period will be April 1st 2023 to March 30th 2024.**



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