

## Injury Prevention in Construction investment call

### \$3 million to support injury prevention in the construction industry

icare Foundation's goal is to support innovations and organisations that address the biggest challenges facing the workers insurance scheme: preventing injury, improving recovery and enhancing quality of life. Through the Injury Prevention in Construction (IPIC) investment call, the Foundation will be looking to support innovations that result in positive, healthy workplace cultures and systems that address the root causes of accidents and injury in construction.

#### What is the FOCUS of the IPIC investment call?

In this investment call, icare Foundation is focused on preventing or reducing injury for construction workers of small to medium employers. Our goal is to reduce both the human impact of injury as well as financial impacts on the scheme.

The focus on the construction industry reflects its status as high-risk, with significantly higher physical injury claims when compared to other industry sectors. This is particularly true for young workers who are more likely to be injured.

The causes and drivers of accidents and injury in the construction industry can be complex and, due to multiple factors, all interacting within the construction environment. Given this, the IPIC investment call is seeking innovations that can address at least one of the three challenges below.

How might we address individual factors that create unsafe behaviours and accidents in order to reduce injuries in young and inexperienced workers on construction sites?

How might we address site (supervision and project) management factors that create unsafe behaviours and accidents in order to reduce injuries on construction sites?

How might we address organisational factors (including workplace cultures and systems) that contribute to accidents and injury in construction?

#### How can I apply?

If you have an innovation that can address individual, organisational or industry level causes of injury in construction, then please send a quick 'expression of interest' email to [foundation@icare.nsw.gov.au](mailto:foundation@icare.nsw.gov.au) summarising in less than 250 words:

1. Who your organisation is and what you do
2. What your idea is and how it will address the problem.

We strongly encourage partnerships between different players in the industry - for example industry bodies and academics, or private sector partners and others who can help share or amplify impact, and we suggest you consider this when submitting your EOI. If we think you and your idea are a fit for the fund, we will then send you an application form which will provide you with a chance to explain your idea and capabilities in more detail. This two-step process is a way to make the application process streamlined, efficient and easy for interested parties.

#### How will the process work?

Applications open 22 July 2019 and close on 23 August 2019. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a half-day partner workshop on **31 July 2019** to engage with icare experts and professionals, gain a deeper understanding of the icare context, and discover insights into the very real challenges faced by NSW workers and employers. They will also be provided with qualitative research commissioned by icare Foundation.