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CIVVIC ACCELERATOR LABS INVITES STARTUPS TO SOLVE PUBLIC SECTOR CHALLENGES

CivVic Accelerator Labs, Australia's first accelerator designed to help startups gain access to government procurement has unveiled its inaugural challenges.

Funded by LaunchVic, with additional funding from the Public Sector Innovation fund, CivVic Labs seeks to simultaneously fuel the growth of early-stage startups and solve government challenges.

Startups with expertise in predictive analytics, artificial intelligence or customer feedback are encouraged to explore the challenges presented by St Vincent's Hospital and Western Health.

The St Vincent's Hospital challenge seeks to reduce the number of hospital acquired conditions (HAC) through the development of a platform that proactively predicts the occurrence of preventable HAC.

This global market has the potential to positively change lives with 1 in 9 hospital admissions resulting in a potentially preventable HAC.

Western Health is looking to improve the way that health outcomes that matter to patients are recorded in their Physiotherapy department. This challenge is an exciting opportunity for a startup to develop a digital solution that can capture and report Patient Reported Measures to improve healthcare delivery.

Beyond the program, the solution would have the potential to scale to state and national Advanced Practice Physiotherapy services.

These challenges present significant opportunities for startups to build capability and connections in the government sector, securing an investment of up to \$185,000 to develop the solution and change a patient's life for the better.

Dr. Kate Cornick, CEO of LaunchVic, said: "CivVic Labs Accelerator will open up a world of new opportunities for startups while supporting the application of more innovative and agile startup thinking to public sector needs."

"The challenges we're putting forward to the startup ecosystem have the potential to positively change lives at a global scale. Melbourne has earned a reputation as a leading HealthTech startup hub in the Asia Pacific region, so we're confident that resident startups are up to the challenge."

Startups are invited to apply at civvic.org.au with applications open until 22nd April.

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About LaunchVic

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At LaunchVic, we're fuelling the startup ecosystem by supporting entrepreneurs and investors to sustainably grow and deliver economic and cultural benefits for Victoria.

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