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Health care consortium eyes off Geelong base

Group's plan to set up in city

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A CONSORTIUM that aims to offer a home-assisted living package for the aged and vulnerable wants to set up its national base in Geelong.

Digital health company Lifespot Health is teaming with Unisono and Icon Global on the Geelong project.

The trio hope their system will enable people such as the aged, those with disabilities or post-surgical care needs to live at home independently for longer.

“The integrated product will allow the loop of information on a person’s current health status to be closed and

rapid response services to be provided,” Icon Global managing director Craig Porte said.

“It reduces travel for the care worker so that more time is focused on the client’s needs. The digital health ecosystem will achieve the true objectives of telehealth.”

Lifespot Health director Mark Talbot said the joining of three complementary medical technologies made for an exciting and highly flexible offering.

“We believe this will strengthen our entry in the Australian market,” Mr Talbot said.

“The Geelong location is of

interest with the National Disability Insurance Agency, Work-Safe and the Transport Accident Commission in the city.”

The consortium has applied for funding support through the Federal Government’s \$20 million Geelong jobs and investment fund.

The grant would be used to set up its national infrastructure in the Geelong region.

The \$20 million pool was announced by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull on the eve of last year’s election.

However, it has yet to issue any grants, with applications for the fund being taken until August 15.

Corangamite MP Sarah

Henderson said Geelong was one of 10 regions to secure the initiative.

“(It) is aimed at investing in projects that will diversify regional economies, stimulate long-term growth, deliver sustainable employment and enable applicants to enter new markets and sectors,” Ms Henderson said.