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Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) Disabled Peoples and Families Organisations – ILC Readiness Grant Round 2018-19

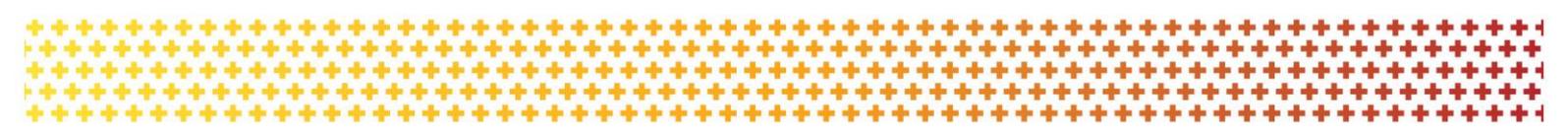
Feedback for applicants

Overview

The vision of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is to empower people with disability to choose and achieve their goals within an inclusive community, leading to their increased independence and social and economic participation. The NDIS achieves this through two components:

- Individual Funding Packages (or NDIS participant plans)
- Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC).

The *Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) Disabled Peoples and Families Organisations (DPFO) – ILC Readiness Grant Round 2018-19* was the first of a range of ILC initiatives over coming years, aimed at growing and strengthening the network of organisations across Australia led by people with disability, for people with disability. The objective of this ILC grant round was to strengthen and build the organisational capacity of DPFOs across Australia and to deliver individual capacity building activities for people with disability.



The application period opened on 27 November 2018 and closed on 21 December 2018. Up to \$18.09 million (GST exclusive) was available for this grant opportunity.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) encouraged applications that outline evidence-based, innovative models and models of delivery aligned with the grant purpose, and that contribute to the ILC outcome. This feedback is provided to help grant applicants understand what made a strong application for this grant round, and how to strengthen future applications.

Selection process

The grant round was conducted using open non-competitive selection process, targeting DPFO and ILC Priority Cohort led organisations. A total of 404 applications were received.

Applications were first screened for eligibility and compliance against the requirements outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, including meeting the requirements of being either a DPFO or ILC priority cohort led organisation. Applications were then assessed against the four equally weighted selection criteria.

Following assessment, a Selection Advisory Panel (the Panel) comprised of NDIA staff and relevant specialists made the final funding recommendations.

While the round was non-competitive, the total funding applied for far exceeded the funding available through the grant round. The panel considered applications on the strength of their alignment with the grant objective as well as responses to selection criteria in order to award available funding to applications which strongly demonstrated an ability to meet the grant round objectives.

Selection results

127 organisations were selected to deliver the grant activity; 114 DPFO and 13 ILC priority cohort led.

The selected organisations provided strong responses to the selection criteria and demonstrated their ability to meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. Further detail about what constituted a strong response to each criterion is provided below.



Criterion 1: Building organisational capacity

Describe the specific activities that you intend to do to build organisational capacity and why these are important.

This question was only completed by DPFO applicants and was not applicable to ILC's Priority Cohort Groups.

Strength	Example
<p>Strong applications clearly described the activities the applicant proposed to deliver in order to build organisational capacity.</p> <p>Strong applications clearly demonstrated the need for proposed activities.</p>	<p>Strong responses clearly described:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number, type, location, duration and frequency of the activity to be delivered.• Specific needs or gaps where organisational capacity building was required, and how the proposed activity was targeted to effectively address those needs.• Supporting information, data or research that provided evidence of the need for organisational capacity building.• The proposed outcomes of the activity including sustainable or long-term improvements in organisational capacity where applicable.• Supporting information, data, research or strategies that provided evidence the proposed activity would lead to improved organisational capacity.



Criterion 2: Building individual capacity and opportunity for people with disability and their families and carers

Describe the individual capacity building activities that you intend to deliver and why these are important.

Strength	Example
<p>Strong applications clearly described the individual capacity building activities the applicant proposed to deliver.</p> <p>Strong applications clearly demonstrated the need for the proposed activities.</p>	<p>Strong responses clearly described:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number, type, location, duration and frequency of the activity to be delivered.• Specific needs or gaps in capacity that would be addressed by the activity, and how the proposed activity was targeted to effectively address those needs.• Supporting information, data or research that provided evidence of the need for individual capacity building.• Activities which were clearly aligned to the categories outlined in Section 4.2 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.• The proposed outcomes of the activity including the direct benefits the activity would provide for people with a disability.



Criterion 3: Expected results from organisational capacity building and individual capacity building activities

Describe the results of delivering the project and how you will measure this.

Strength	Example
<p>Strong applications clearly demonstrated organisational capacity building activities would provide benefits for the organisation and people with disability.</p> <p>Strong applications clearly demonstrated individual capacity building activities would provide benefits for people with disability.</p> <p>Strong applications clearly demonstrated how the results of the project would be measured.</p>	<p>Strong responses clearly described:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed outcomes of the activity including tangible, sustainable or long-term improvements in capacity.• Sound approach to project planning, resourcing and delivery which provided evidence of how outcomes would be delivered.• Supporting information, data, research or strategies that provided evidence the proposed activity was likely to lead to improved individual capacity.• Evaluations strategies and resources, including the proposed method measuring the project results. For example post peer program surveys.• Benefits that would enable organisations to better deliver ILC activities in the future.



Criterion 4: Organisational Capability

Describe how you will manage the activities.

Strength	Example
<p>Strong applications clearly demonstrated sound project planning including key milestones and outcomes.</p> <p>Strong applications clearly demonstrated sound understanding and strategies for engagement with people with a disability.</p> <p>Strong applications clearly demonstrated how the project would be effectively managed to ensure outcomes were met.</p> <p>Strong applications clearly outlined any partnerships or collaborations the applicant proposed to undertake as part of the delivery of the proposed activity.</p>	<p>Strong responses clearly described:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A detailed project plan including resourcing, timeframes, risks and outcomes.• How the project would be managed including staffing, skills and governance frameworks which would be used to ensure the project was delivered.• Previous experience managing similar projects including the outcomes achieved.• Stakeholder relationships and how they would be managed to ensure successful delivery.• A focus on engaging people with a disability as a core part of the management and delivery of the proposed activity.