Try, Test & Learn – Skills for Micro-enterprise

Feedback for applicants

Overview

The Try, Test and Learn Fund was announced in the 2016-17 Federal Budget as an initial response to the Australian Priority Investment Approach to Welfare under Outcome 1.10 Working Age Payments. It will develop and fund new or innovative policy responses aimed at improving workforce participation or capacity to work for groups at risk of long-term welfare dependence.

The objective of the Skills for Micro-enterprise project is to increase young carers' readiness for participation in employment through developing skills and experience for creating and running small businesses which are also relevant and transferrable skills for formal employment. The project is an innovative initiative that will help young carers to develop the capabilities required for employment, while giving them access to appropriate support services and a peer network.

The project was one of those developed during Tranche 1 of the Try, Test and Learn Fund.

Selection Process

The Community Grants Hub used a restricted competitive selection process to select one provider to deliver the Try, Test & Learn – Skills for Micro enterprise activity.

The Community Grants Hub received two applications for funding, and each applicant had to address the following selection criteria:

Criterion 1   Demonstrate your organisation's experience, capability and capacity to manage and deliver services for the young carer target group in the trial location.

Criterion 2   Demonstrate your organisation's experience, capability and capacity to implement and deliver the project and achieve its objectives.

Selection Results

One organisation was selected to be funded under the Try, Test & Learn – Skills for Micro-enterprise activity Funding Round.

The selected organisation 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 made a strong response to the criterion is provided below.

Criterion 1

Criterion 1: Demonstrate your organisation's experience, capability and capacity to manage and deliver services for the young carer target group in the trial location.

A response should:
- demonstrate your organisation's ability to effectively develop, implement, manage and monitor grant activities to achieve positive outcomes for the young carer target group in the trial location
- demonstrate your organisation's ability to establish effective links with relevant partners and stakeholders to achieve outcomes for the young carer target group.

Strength	Example
Strong applications clearly demonstrated the organisation's ability to effectively develop, implement, manage and monitor grant activities to achieve positive outcomes for the young carer target group in the trial location	The responses clearly: • described the organisation's experience in developing, implementing, managing and monitoring grant activities • described previous activities that the organisation has been involved in developing, implementing and managing • described the outcomes of these activities.
Strong applications clearly demonstrated demonstrate the organisation's ability to establish effective links with relevant partners and stakeholders to achieve outcomes for the young carer target group	The responses clearly: • described the organisation's experience in developing links and partnerships with other organisations, and delivering results through these links and partnerships • provided examples of links and partnerships they have developed with other organisations, and the outcomes of these links and relationships.

Criterion 2: Demonstrate your organisation's experience, capability and capacity to implement and deliver the project and achieve its objectives.

A response must include:
- outline the number of key staff that will manage and / or deliver your organisation's project and outline their relevant capabilities (experience, skills and qualifications)
- demonstrate your organisation's capacity and approach to support data collection and monitoring activities for project evaluation.

Strength	Example
Strong applications clearly outlined the number of key staff that will manage and / or deliver your organisation's project and outlined their relevant capabilities (experience, skills and qualifications)	The responses clearly: • identified key staff, and provided details concerning their experience, skills and qualification. Additional details concerning other staff who will be involved in the proposed activity were also provided.
Strong applications clearly demonstrated the organisation's capability and approach to support data collection and monitoring activities for project evaluation	The responses clearly: • described the organisations's method of collecting information from participants • described how the organisation will evaluate the proposed project for its effectiveness and efficiency • provided examples where the organisation has collected and evaluated information relating to activities they have undertaken.