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Print Disability Services Program

Feedback for applicants

Overview

The Print Disability Services Program supports organisations to produce print material in alternative formats for people with print disability who are unable to read standard print with ease due to vision impairment, a physical disability or a learning disability.

Funding under the Program is directed to the production of digital masters of print material, to reflect the uptake of recent and emerging technology and to ensure the best quality material is available to the end user. The availability of this material may be provided directly through the organisations selected to provide the output in the variety of appropriate print disability accessible formats or via another eligible organisation that provide the materials to the consuming print disability individual.

The objectives of the program are to:

- provide accessible information and materials that will assist people with a print disability to live independently, participate in education, gain employment and be active participants in their local community
- produce digital masters that can be converted to any of the following mediums: Braille, Audio large Print, Tactile Graphics, E Text (down-loadable format), Easy English, Accessible PDF, DAISY and MP3
- facilitate the registration of digital masters created on Trove – the online library database aggregator hosted by the National Library of Australia
- facilitate the registration of material on Trove.



Selection Process

The Community Grants Hub used an open competitive selection process to deliver the Print Disability Services Program.

The Community Grants Hub received 13 applications for funding, each of which was required to address the following four selection criteria:

Criterion 1 - Demonstrate the need for your activity in the print disability consumer group, and outline how your activity will address the need.

Criterion 2 - Describe how the development and implementation of your organisation's grant project will achieve positive outcomes for all stakeholders on time and within budget.

Criterion 3 - Explain how your organisation's project will achieve value for money for the Commonwealth.

Criterion 4 - Demonstrate your organisation's capability to successfully deliver the activity in the chosen community on time and within budget.

Selection Results

Two organisations were selected to deliver the Print Disability Services Program.

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



Criterion 1

Demonstrate the need for your activity in the print disability consumer group, and outline how your activity will address the need.

A response should:

- outline the intended outcomes of your activity and explain how these outcomes will address the print disability consumer group's needs
- demonstrate a detailed understanding of existing services and support within the print disability consumer group, including any duplication of services and any service gaps.

| Strength | Example |
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| Strong applications clearly outlined the intended outcomes of the activity and explained how these outcomes will address the print disability consumer group's needs | The responses clearly: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provided detailed information about the different cohorts that form the print disability consumer group (e.g. blind, vision impaired, learning disability, physical disability)• identified issues that affect the print disability consumer group• proposed approaches/activities to address the identified issues. |
| Strong applications clearly demonstrated a detailed understanding of existing services and support within the print disability consumer group, including any duplication of services and any service gaps. | The responses clearly: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• described the services currently available, and identified unmet need or gaps in service delivery• proposed a methodology for sourcing existing masters, created works, and how duplicates would be identified. |



Criterion 2

Describe how the development and implementation of your organisation’s grant project will achieve positive outcomes for all stakeholders on time and within budget.

A response should:

- explain how the development and implementation of your project will achieve the grant objectives
- explain how your organisation will engage and maintain relationships with key stakeholders to achieve grant program outcomes.

| Strength | Example |
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| Strong applications clearly explained how the development and implementation of the project will achieve the grant objectives. | The responses clearly: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• articulated the objectives of the Program, and how these would be met• explained how the proposed project would address the needs of Indigenous and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) people with a print disability• explained how the proposed project would address the needs of the target group living in regional areas. |
| Strong applications clearly explained how the organisation will engage and maintain relationships with key stakeholders to achieve grant program outcomes | The responses clearly: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• described the current and/or proposed communications and marketing plans. This included information on processes/ mediums that would be used (e.g. newsletters, newspaper articles, internet)• outlined the specific groups/ organisations/government bodies that would be involved and/or consulted during the life of the project. |



Criterion 3

Explain how your organisation’s project will achieve value for money for the Commonwealth.

A response should:

- explain how your organisation’s project will achieve positive outcomes for the community that would not occur without grant funding
- explain how your organisation’s project will increase the capability of the print disability consumer group to sustain positive outcomes beyond the duration of the grant agreement.

| Strength | Example |
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| Strong applications clearly explained how the organisation’s project will achieve positive outcomes for the community that would not occur without grant funding. | The responses clearly: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• demonstrated strength and experience, through specific examples of working with people with a disability, and how results are achieved• described a corporate vision, and how success would be measured• provided examples of how a range of products would be produced for, and delivered to, the target group• identified the specific ways the target community will benefit from the project being implemented. |
| Strong applications clearly explained how the proposed project will increase the capability of the print disability consumer group to sustain positive outcomes beyond the duration of the grant agreement. | The responses clearly: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• demonstrated innovation in the field of print disability support, and planning for the future in this regard• explained how products will be produced to take account of the varying levels of expertise of the target group. |

Criterion 4

Demonstrate your organisation’s capability to successfully deliver the activity in the chosen community on time and within budget

A response should:

- outline the skills, qualifications and experience of staff that would manage and deliver your organisation’s project
- outline your organisation’s governance, management and financial administration systems that it will use to support the administration and delivery of the project
- explain how your organisation will manage grant funding, meet reporting requirements and maintain service delivery standards
- demonstrate your organisation’s ability to effectively develop, implement, manage and monitor grant projects to achieve positive outcomes for your community.

| Strength | Example |
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| Strong applications clearly outlined the skills, qualifications and experience of staff that would manage and deliver the organisation’s project | The responses clearly: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• demonstrated that Board Members, and staff (including volunteers), have relevant qualifications, skills and experience to deliver the project• noted the lived print disability experience of staff (as appropriate), and how these people will be involved in the project. |
| Strong applications clearly outlined the organisation’s governance, management and financial administration systems that it will use to support the administration and delivery of the project | The responses clearly: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• described broad, well-developed and robust corporate governance and financial systems and controls, which may contribute to the achievement of objectives on time and within budget• described the skills and experience of the governance, management and financial administration staff to deliver the project. |
| Strong applications clearly explained how the organisation will manage grant funding, meet reporting requirements and maintain service delivery standards. | The responses clearly: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• described a well-defined management framework and controls, as well as the operational systems that would be used to develop, implement and monitor project delivery and reporting• indicated the intention to use external auditors for independent financial reviews, and in some cases, formal customer satisfaction surveys. |



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| <p>Strong applications clearly demonstrated the organisation’s ability to effectively develop, implement, manage and monitor grant projects to achieve positive outcomes for the community.</p> | <p>The responses clearly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• described a range of previous activities/projects that were successfully developed and delivered, and achieved positive outcomes• identified a history of receiving grant funding from local, state and federal government or private organisations. |
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