



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

Economic and Community Participation (ECP) Program

**Social and Community Participation Grant
Opportunity 2020–21**

Feedback for applicants

Easy Read version



How to use this feedback



The Australian Government Department of Social Services (the department) wrote this feedback. When you see the word 'we', it means the department.



We wrote this feedback in an easy to read way.
We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Not bold
Bold

We have written some words in **bold**.
This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these words mean.
There is a list of these words on page 23.



This Easy Read document is a summary of another feedback document. This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find more information on the **Community Grants Hub website**.



You can ask for help to read this feedback.
A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

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About this grant opportunity



A **grant** is money from the government to pay for important work that can help others.



The Information Linkages and Capacity Building program gives grants to organisations that support people with disability.

We usually call it ILC.



ILC grants help our community be more:

- **accessible** – everyone can use it
- **inclusive** – everyone can take part.



Your **capacity** is:

- your ability to do something
- the skills you have
- knowing the right people who can help you.



ILC also helps people with disability live ordinary lives.



Social and Community Participation is an important part of the ILC program.



Participation is when you take part.



Social participation can include:

- meeting new people
- making new friends.



Your **community** can include the people who:

- live in the same area as you
- share the same hobbies or interests as you.



Community participation is when people take part in the everyday life of their community.

It can also mean enjoying:



- arts



- culture



- sports



- recreation.

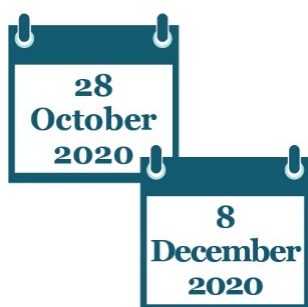
About the Social and Community Participation grants



Organisations had to send a form in to apply for the Social and Community Participation grant.

We call this an **application**.

Applications for the Social and Community Participation grant:



- opened on 28 October 2020
- closed on 8 December 2020.

Organisations could apply for:



- a small grant between \$20,000 and \$50,000



- a large grant between \$100,000 to \$350,000.



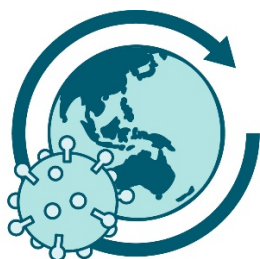
Organisations could use the money from this grant to pay for activities they deliver over 12 months.

We call this **funding**.

Social and Community Participation activities support people with disability to take part in community life:



- during **COVID-19**
- as things go back to normal.



COVID-19 is a virus that has affected many people around the world. It is also known as coronavirus.

We especially looked for projects that focused on:



- arts
- culture
- sports
- recreation.

What is this feedback about?



We received 474 applications for the Social and Community Participation grants.



We gave funding to 136 applications.

In this feedback we explain:



- how we chose who we gave funding to



- what applications did well.

We also explain:



- what applications could do better



- the important parts of the application.



We wrote this feedback to help organisations know how to make their applications stronger in the future.



We won't give feedback on individual applications.

You can find out about new grant opportunities on the:



- **GrantConnect website**
- **Community Grants Hub website.**

How we chose who to give grants to

We have rules about:



- who can apply for Social and Community Participation grants
- how we choose who gets a grant.



There is a set of guidelines about the Social and Community Participation grants.



They explain the types of organisations that could apply.



The guidelines also explain what:

- organisations need to tell us in their application
- **evidence** organisations need to give us.



Evidence is proof that something is true.



You can find an Easy Read version of these guidelines on the **Community Grants Hub website**.



When we get an application, people from the department read it carefully.



After this, another group of people read the applications.



This group is called the Selection Advisory Panel.

For this grant round, the Panel was made up of people:



- with disability



- who work for the department

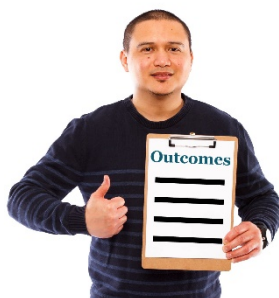
NDIA



- who work for the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).



They think about how the activities met the **outcomes** of the grant.



Outcomes are important results we want to achieve.

They also think about:



- if organisations showed why their project was important



- if organisations can do what they say they will do in the application



- if any other organisations already offer the activities



- what people who work for state and territory governments have said.

What strong applications were like

Strong applications showed:



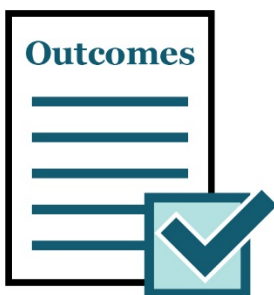
- why their project was important



- how their project would work well



- they have the right skills and experience to deliver the project



- why their project met the outcomes of the grant.



Strong applications also showed why their project was good **value for money**.



When a project is good value for money, the activities:

- meet the needs of the community
- don't cost too much money.

What some applications could do better



Some organisations could have read the Grant Opportunity Guidelines more closely.



Some organisations could have made sure they answered every question.



Some organisations could have showed they understood:

- the grant program
- what it wants to do.



Some organisations could have supported their answers with more:

- evidence
- examples.



Some organisations could have only included information that answered the questions.



Some organisations could have showed their project would be good value for money.

Important parts of the application



There were 3 **Assessment Criterion** in the application form.



An Assessment Criterion is a question that you need to answer.



If you applied for a small grant, you had to answer Assessment Criterion 1 and 2.



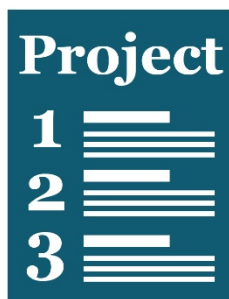
If you applied for a large grant, you had to answer Assessment Criterion 1, 2 and 3.



You can find the Assessment Criterion in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines on the **Community Grants Hub website**.

Assessment Criterion 1

Strong applications talked about:



- the activities in the project in detail



- who the activities will support



- where the activities will be delivered.



Strong applications also included evidence to show why the project is needed.

Assessment Criterion 2

Strong applications talked about how:



- the activities would meet the outcomes of the grant



- the activities would help people with disability take part in the community



- the project will help the community



- people were involved in the project. They didn't just list the activities.



- the organisation would make sure the project works well.



Strong applications showed they could keep the project going when the funding finishes.

Assessment Criterion 3

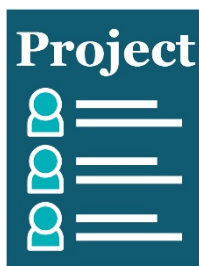


Strong applications talked about how people with disability would take part in:

- planning the project
- delivering the project.



Strong applications showed the project wasn't too big for the organisation to run.



Strong applications listed the people who would work on the project, including their:

- experience
- skills.



If they were applying with other organisations, strong applications talked about what each organisation would do.

Word list



Application

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Evidence

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Funding

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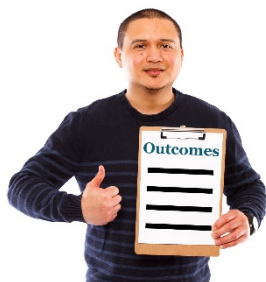
Grant

A grant is money from the government for important work that can help others.



Independent

When you are independent, you can do things for yourself.



Outcomes

Outcomes are important results we want to achieve.



Participation

Participation is when you take part.



Value for money

When a project is good value for money, the activities:

- meet the needs of the community
- don't cost too much money.

Contact us

If you have any questions about this feedback you can contact the department by:



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