Strong and Resilient Communities (SARC) indicative Program Logic: children and young people

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Project Goal

To put vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people on pathways to self-reliance and empowerment through local community driven solutions that support them to participate in education, social and economic life.

Project / activity
Need

Marginalised and disengaged vulnerable and disadvantaged children an young people need connection to local community activities, networks and services, and assisted to access and maximise the benefits of education and training in order to achieve positive life outcomes

Target Group / beneficiaries

Vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people aged 12-18

Project/activity
Partners

DSS: VMA, FAC Activity; Health; Education; State/Territory Government programs/interventions, Youth Hubs trials;

Inputs

\$63M 2022-23 from to

2026-27: \$12.365 million 2022-23 \$12.553 million 2023-24 \$12.553 million 2024-25 \$12.553 million 2025-26 \$12.553 million 2026-27

SARC projects to be capped at \$180,000 pa with a 2 year funding limit

Up to \$3.14m pa (25% of total funded SARC projects) directed to children and young people aged 12-18 years cohort

Activities

Grant recipients design & establish projects with a focus on children and young people aged 12-18 years in areas of highest need

Grant recipients develop & implement culturally safe, child safe and inclusive approaches

Grant recipients develop networks & relationships with relevant support & social services

Grant recipients provide project partners and participants with information about local community supports & services

Grant recipients set up evaluation strategies to report on project outcomes

Outputs

@ 10 projects targeted at children and young people aged 12-18 and worth up to \$3.14m are funded in up to 10 locations per annum

SARC projects accessed by children and young people in particularly vulnerable communities

Referral of participants

to additional community health & social services to reduce barriers and increase supports that facilitate greater participation in education, social and/or work readiness activities

SARC participants have greater knowledge of community support services & networks

Grant recipients report on project outcomes for children and young people

Short-term Outcomes (Immediate 0-12 months)

Children and young people who are at risk of not attending education / job readiness activities are supported to identify and remove / reduce barriers to attendance

Participants learn practical skills and gain knowledge that increase participation readiness such as: literacy, licenses, digital literacy, job seeking skills

Participants learn life skills & soft skills that increase participation readiness such as: communication & interpersonal skills

Participants access support networks and opportunities to increase engagement in social, recreational and civic groups

Participants access additional supports designed to reduce barriers and increase participation

Mid-term Outcomes (12-24 months)

Increased new skills & knowledge that improves development, educational outcomes and readiness for economic participation: increased literacy and digital literacy, engagement in activities such as volunteering, mentoring, work placements

Increased new skills & knowledge to support increased social participation and reduce social isolation

Participants have increased social supports, sense of connectedness and improved mental health

Participants address individual barriers to participation through networks of supports

Impacts

(Long-term Outcomes 2-5 years)

Young people who have participated in SARC projects experience Increased engagement with education and/or work readiness through sustained participation in: Education Work experience Job placements Volunteering Casual employment Apprenticeships

Young people who have participated in SARC projects experience sustained sense of confidence, belonging, growing self reliance, and participation in their communities

Young people who have participated in SARC projects experience increased mental and physical wellbeing and self care, contributing to greater community cohesion