

1.2 How can CSOs and government streamline the sharing of information, particularly through utilising technology to effectively engage, distribute, share, influence and inform in a timely and efficient manner?

First by direct to known email users.
To past successful grant recipients .
by public media.
Social media.

2.1 What would adequate and flexible funding look like?

As is now. This works well. Recipients must supply enough information to justify funding.
Funding should be aimed to Junior sports, women, disadvantaged groups and areas. The elite will usually care for themselves.

2.2 What administrative and overhead costs are not being considered in current grant funding?

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2.3 How are rising operational costs impacting the delivery of community services?

Ongoing but little can be done to avoid this.

2.5 How can CSOs and the department work together to determine where funds are needed most to ensure equitable and responsive distribution of funds?

I think this is already working well.
Every applicant must justify the need for funding.
Smaller groups must be given a chance over large well funded groups.

3.2 What timeframes should the government aim for, at a minimum, to provide final outcomes on grant variations/extensions before the current grant ceases?

every case is different.
This must be assessed on each or any appeal.

3.3 What funding flexibility do CSOs require to enable service delivery and innovation?

The funded body will know best if ongoing funding is required.
However every effort should be made to fund new requests before repeats.

3.5 How can government improve the variation process, with consideration that CSOs must demonstrate alignment with the grant agreement and provide evidence of value for money outcomes?

A hard one.

4.1 How can the government ensure opportunities are available for new and emerging organisations to access funding?

Up to requesting origination to justify.

5.2 What innovative approaches could be implemented to ensure the grant funding reaches trusted community organisations with strong local links?

Important. keep asking questions of the fund group. Group size. Location. Private or public group. Years in operation.

6.1 If any, what are the problems or challenges you think have been overlooked?

as I see it, working well now.

6.3 What does success look like?

Stability of the group, increased participation is a good guide.