

1.1 What would a partnership between CSOs and the government that achieves outcomes for Australians being supported by the community sector look like?

We need more support as volunteers via appropriate foot wear, clothing to help cover the costs. The availability of technology is passing many of our generation, we therefore require educational courses to upgrade our skills and knowledge.

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?

Education is the main subject

1.3 How can government ensure the community sector, including service users, and those not able to access services, have an opportunity to contribute to program design without imposing significant burdens?

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2.1 What would adequate and flexible funding look like?

There is one that comes to mind, we never see any Grants made available to cover the costs of Book printing and reprints. Reprints usually cost more than the originals because of the limited numbers required.

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

The biggest one is replacement of Ink Cartridge's for printers, their cost are so expensive that many people can't afford to continue writing.

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

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2.4 What have been your experiences with and reflections on the supplementation and change to indexation?

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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?

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2.6 How can government streamline reporting requirements, including across multiple grants, to reduce administrative burden on CSOs?

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3.1 What length grants are CSOs seeking to provide certainty and stability for ongoing service delivery?

Current is OK

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?

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

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3.4 What flexibility is required by CSOs in acquittal processes to support and encourage sector innovation?

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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?

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

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4.2 What programs, supports and information are already available for smaller CSOs to help build capacity of the organisation? Are these working?

I am notified via e-mails and this works well

4.3 How could larger CSOs support smaller CSOs? What are the barriers to providing this support?

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5.1 What is your experience with and reflections on place-based funding approaches?

Limited

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

It should not be politically motivated, as is the case in my Electorate

5.3 Which areas do you consider have duplicative funding or gaps you think need to be addressed, and what is the evidence?

The grant applications seem to be compiled by academics and make it difficult for us common people to follow all these steps.

5.4 Where there is a community-led change initiative, could shared accountability to community and funders (government) strengthen service delivery?

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6.3 What does success look like?

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