

Organisation name

Shire of Broome

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Would you like to answer the guided questions?

Yes

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

The Shire of Broome currently delivers to the best of our ability, the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan to improve the access and level of service delivered to people with disability within our community.

This is an essential service within our local government that does not have any dedicated officer or funding to assist in ensuring that the outcomes in the plan are delivered at a level that can meet the needs and subsequent expectations of our community.

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?

In Rural areas, in person and on country connection is vital to ensuring that those with a disability have equal access to opportunity as others.

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?

Face to Face communication is the most effective method of communication in regional Western Australia. There are many that are unable to use or access services simply because they don't have access to transport, internet or information services.

2.1 What would adequate and flexible funding look like?

In regional Western Australia, as previously mentioned there is a real gap in funding for Local Government to deliver their disability access and inclusion plan or indeed any place activation initiatives associated with that.

Adequate funding would ideally cover at least a part-time access and inclusion officer position within the local government plus some budget to engage facilitators and run events and programs for people with disabilities in the community.

A grant for a single organisation would equate to: \$40,000 PA

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

As mentioned above, a major administrative cost that is not covered is funding for at least a part time, access and inclusion officer who can deliver activations and outcomes for the disability access and inclusion plan.

Current funding does not adequately consider the costs of running events or activations or factor in that expenses have increased due to cost of living pressures.

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

Rising operational costs and the rigidity of NDIS means that less people with disability are able to afford community services. In addition, lack of funding for local government reduces our capacity to deliver specific initiatives that meet the needs of people with disability within our community.

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?

Engage in stakeholder consultation sessions in rural, local and remote areas to hear the needs from people most likely to benefit from a community grant.

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

Ideally the length of the disability access and inclusion plan, with annual reporting/acquittal to keep grant recipients accountable. 3-5 years would be ideal.

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?

3 months

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

Flexibility is essential as each community has different needs. Some communities may be more sports inclined while others may value arts and culture. Therefore, innovation will look different from community to community.

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

Understand that not all outcomes are measureable.

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

This approach can be very effective.

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

Ensure that grant applicants can demonstrate partnerships or affiliations with other local community organisations