

Organisation name

Queensland Muslims Inc

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

This aspect emphasizes the importance of collaboration and cooperation between the government and the community sector. It's crucial for ensuring that the sector's expertise and perspectives are valued and integrated into policy and decision-making.

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?

All NFP organizations are required to submit their annual reports to the ACNC. If more details are included in this annual report, then that report should form part of the basis of any grant application. It would be easy and practical to link ACNC reporting to Grant applications in my opinion.

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?

Maybe the implementation of certain guidelines and criteria be provided by the government to those applying for grants depending on the type of activity being planned. If the criteria are not met then the grant is not approved, for example, for any outdoor activity are there suitable facilities that are easily accessible to those that require easy access e.g., toilet facilities for persons with a disability.

2.1 What would adequate and flexible funding look like?

Ensuring that grant funding covers the true cost of delivering services is essential for the sustainability and effectiveness of community organizations. Underfunded programs can struggle to provide high-quality services, so addressing this issue is a step in the right direction.

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

Volunteer hours
Volunteer transport costs
Insurance costs
Hire of paramedics

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

Increase in costs means involving fewer people in order to work within a tighter budget

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

Detailed annual financial statements sent to ACNC could be used for this purpose instead of a detailed acquittal for each lot of funding.

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

Longer grant agreement terms can provide more stability for community organizations, enabling them to plan and implement programs with a longer-term perspective. This can lead to better outcomes and less administrative burden in constantly reapplying for funding

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 year terms

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

Diverse organizations can better address the wide range of needs in the community. Supporting a broader spectrum of community organizations ensures a more inclusive and equitable distribution of resources.

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

Collaborating with community organizations that have strong local connections is essential for tailoring services to specific communities' unique needs. Local expertise and networks are often the most effective way to address community issues.

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

Identify and build relationships with community organizations that have a proven track record of serving their communities effectively.

Develop guidelines for identifying and evaluating the trustworthiness and community ties of partner organizations.

Encourage collaboration between government agencies and local organizations to leverage their local knowledge and expertise.