

**Organisation name**

Frankston Pines Soccer Club

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

More funding and guidance on how the CSOs can effectively provide support to the community as per governments expectations.

**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?**

Regular online sessions and face to face meetings with CSOs. Also regular newsletters.

**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?**

Conduct face to face group sessions at community centres.

**2.1 What would adequate and flexible funding look like?**

Provide a fixed initial funding with the flexibility to address a revised expenditure on projects that can justify costs over-budget.

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

Travel time and personal time to organise; use of technology i,e own phones, Laptop, utility and internet to organise and deliver on the program by Volunteers.

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

Funding needs to increase to cater for inflation.

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

Dont know enough about 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?**

Talk to CSOs on a 6 monthly basis to determine what programs they need support in and how the Department can support them.

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

I believe the current reporting is adequate.

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

8 - 10 months

**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?**

12 months.

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

Flexibility to extend the spending of funds beyond the reporting date in the event the program over-runs the initial timelines.

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

Flexibility to expand funds in other programs the Government supports but funds were not initially given for that program.

**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?**

Was not aware that a variation existed.

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

More information on how to write submissions for new and emerging organisations.

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

Not aware.

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

More information needs to be made available by larger CSOs as to where to find support material.

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

I am ok with this approach as the Gov identifies locations where certain programs need to be run to cater for that community.

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

Feedback from the community.

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

Not sure however reach out to the place-based community to find out what their needs are with regards to funding gaps.

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

For sure

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

Reassess the amount of Funds given for each project based on inflation etc. Also most programs need ongoing support however the grant scheme is restrictive in not allowing CSOs to resubmit for ongoing grants if previously successful. Some form of funding needs to continue to support ongoing programs.

**6.2 What other solutions or changes could also be considered?**

More for All Abilities.

**6.3 What does success look like?**

A vibrant active community with access to facilities and resources on a ongoing basis.