

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

Commitment to regular communication, updates and reporting.

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?

Government webpage with CSO user access.

2.1 What would adequate and flexible funding look like?

Longer term funding. Consortium based funding to aggregate local services and reduce their rivalry.

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

Rent, suggest more community hubs and co-location led by local government.

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?

Regular place based forums.

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

5-10 years

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?

6-12 months

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

The more the better. Simply requires competent government broker to liaise and understand rationale with minimal red tape and simple evidence record keeping.

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

Innovation should be encouraged through grant collaboration at the outset - consortium structured grants, also with public/private opportunities.

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

Provide seed funding. Establish public/private opportunities to engage business investors to social challenges.

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

Local government grants, websites, volunteering

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

Requires incentives.

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

Local is best so long as enough systems and processes.

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

YES. Community, Government and Business-the best is working towards all three.