

Organisation name

GRAWIN GLENGARRY SHEEPYARD OPAL FIELDS MENS SHED INC

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?

Know your geography - find out what the areas are really like ,not by video etc but by actual knowledge of the areas .Every week I have to describe to folk on the phone where we are and this includes government employees - 20 years I have resided here and yet I still have to describe where I live . Grawin Opal Fields is not on the moon ,yet education on the geography of Australia is very poor outside the capitals and local suburbia-West of the great sandstone curtain (The Great Dividing Range) is unknown to a huge number of folk .

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?

Many folk do not have a computer and like out here no mobile service -so word of mouth is usually the go .Pubs are full of info from their patrons -school pupils could take home paperwork or newsletter to parents/carers.Most watch tv for news of the day so instead of ads about vacuum cleaners and shaving gear how about putting up important information for all to see -just like at ELECTION TIME!

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

Quotes are required for grant applications -but by the time 3-6 months before approval quotes increase dramatically as does cost of freight .Very few business houses are prepared to give quotes that would apply in 6 months time .For instance a freight cost fom Sydney 12 months ago was \$700 to Grawin now today it si \$1400 or more as fuel has increased ,cost of accomodation for contractors has increased etc etc .

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

Small communities like us here only receive their major income from Easter till Eight hor weekend in October -why ? Tourism almost stops after these months as heat moves in tourism moves out -poor buggers gotta get home to their air cons. As most business if you can call it that operatres on volunteer labour as cost of everything goes up but no sales.It is "hey mate ya going to town?could ya bring me back a slab please"! as a a can of beer will set ya back to 2 1/2 cans for \$20! So cheaper to bring in your own.

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?

Get out and visit these remote communities not just for a day but make it a couple -meet the locals - only see pollies at election time .Go for trip with the Royal Flying Doctor Service -and write up what you can do back in your air con office.

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

As Grawin only receives when the card come iup small grants -PHOTOS are the answer. Stop insisting on tradesmen as out here the nearest electrician qualified is Dubbo 450klms one way -so all these qualified folk add to grant funds that the community don't benefit by as these extras are taken out of town .

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

Longer term grants would only apply to super infrastructure that take longer than 12 months -NOT applicable out here

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?

each case would have to be determined by qualified folk not the office boy !

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

Grants To Grawin Mens Shed have definitely worked - before this shed received any grants there was not safe work areas .no long drop toilet ,no shed facilities ,no tools and equipment ,no generators to run equipment ,and no social interaction for all .Membership was knocked around by Covid but this year numbers have gone from 5 active members to 18 as of Sunday 5th Nov.Also there are many members who are visitors once or twice a year and have joined the Shed -from Qld Hervey Bay /Bundaberg/NSW -Nyngan -Bermagui -Surf Beach - Tea Gardens - THE FOOD IS GOOD !

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

Too afr for most to join in with us here -the dust might dirty their 4wd !

6.3 What does success look like?

More funding -like a huge Shed structure would be wonderful like those on the coast,but we are happy and make do with 3 containers to work in .More cooperation from Walgett Shire Council to allow some structures to be built without expensive development applications and fees .Having Grawin Mens Shed recognised as a working shed that is open to all in the community.-

See Grawin is not a subdivided neat place likee subdivisions of suburbia .It is a paddock which previously was agriculatural land now Crown Land,no formal roads no formal lots with DP'S and Cert Of Title ,yet because 2 public utilities vehicles can travel the mining tracks it is called a PUBLIC ROAD so Mr High Way Patrol can drive all the way from Walfgett or the Ridge(100 mile round trip)to nab someone and sit in the shade and comtemplate his navel!