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Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Helping community organisations include people with disability

Have your say about the
Inclusive Communities Fund

Easy Read version



How to use this document



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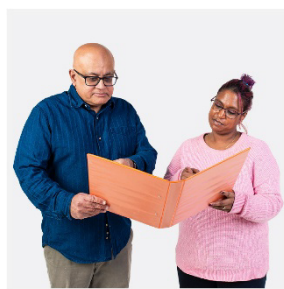
We wrote this document.



We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page 16.



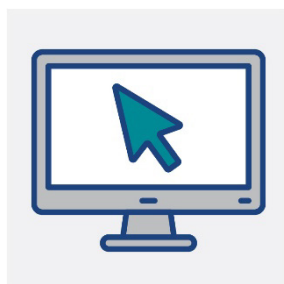
You can ask someone you trust for support to:

- read this document
- find more information.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

It only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other document on our website.

www.consultations.health.gov.au/disability-and-carers-group/inclusive-communities-fund

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What is this document about?



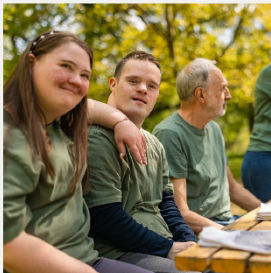
The Australian Government is creating the Inclusive Communities Fund.

In this document we just call it the fund.



It will run for about 3 years.

The government will spend \$200 million on the fund.

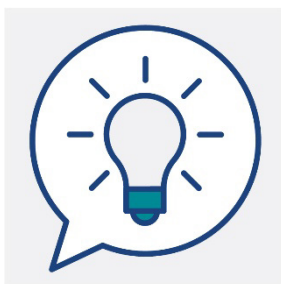


Money from the fund will help community organisations become more **inclusive** of people with disability.



When something is inclusive, everyone:

- can take part
- feels like they belong.



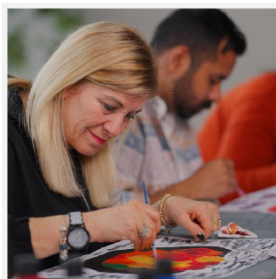
We want to hear your ideas about the fund.

What community organisations do

Community organisations run activities such as:



- sports



- art programs



- theatre groups



- community gardens



- libraries.

Community organisations also run:



- groups that support a community's way of life



- **volunteer** programs.



Volunteers are people who:

- work but don't get paid
- do work that helps their community.

Why are we making the fund?



We are making the fund to help people with disability take part in their communities.

Taking part in a community can help you:



- feel like you belong



- make and keep friends



- be safe.



The fund will help community organisations provide more inclusive services.

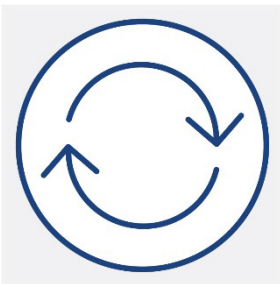


This will give people with disability more options to take part in different activities.

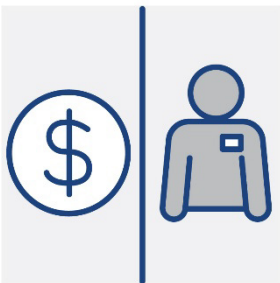
Will the fund change NDIS supports?



The **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)** supports people with disability by helping them pay for the supports and services they need.



We know that some parts of the NDIS are changing.



The fund is separate to the support you might get from the NDIS.



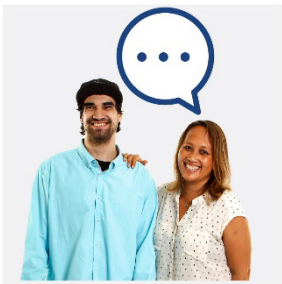
It is about making community organisations outside the NDIS more inclusive.

What have we heard so far?



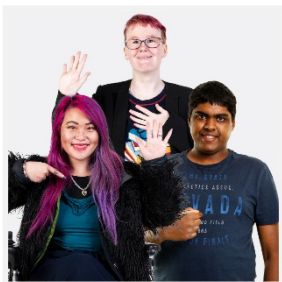
We heard from:

- community organisations
- **Disability Representative Organisations (DROs).**



DROs are organisations that:

- support people with disability
- speak up for disability services
- help governments include disability in their plans.



We heard inclusive communities should work well for all people with disability.



We heard it is important to change people's minds about disability.

Not just change spaces.

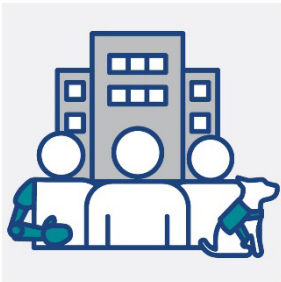


We heard the fund should help organisations that:

- want to be more inclusive
- don't know how to be inclusive.



We heard local changes can do a lot to bring communities together.

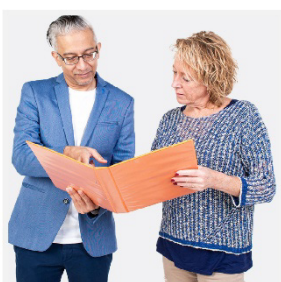


We heard community organisations should work with organisations led by people with disability.



We heard that community activities should include both:

- people with disability
- and
- people who don't have a disability.

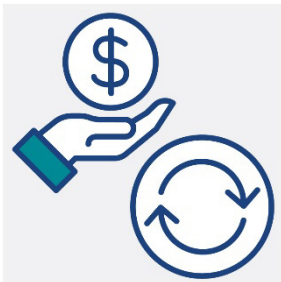


We heard that the fund should work with other programs that are already running.

What will the fund do?



The fund will focus on supporting community organisations.



The fund will help pay for things that change the way organisations run their activities.



For example, it might help organisations pay for training about how to support people with disability.

What won't the fund do?



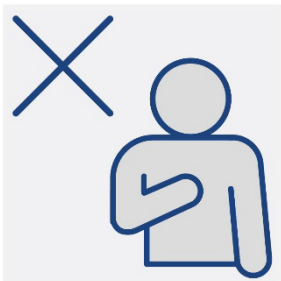
The fund is not for NDIS **providers**.

Providers support people with disability by delivering a service.



The fund is not about helping people use:

- healthcare
- education
- transport.



The fund is only for community organisations.

It won't give money for a person to use on their own.

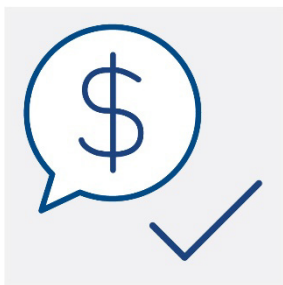
Questions for you



We want to hear from people with disability about how the fund should work.



Below are 3 questions for you to think about.



What community activities should the fund support?



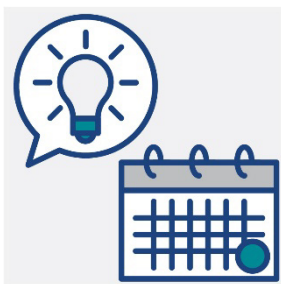
Do you know about any good community activities?



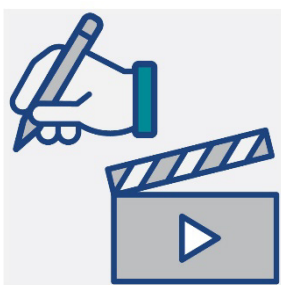
Has something ever stopped you from taking part in community activities?

What could help you take part in the future?

How to share your ideas

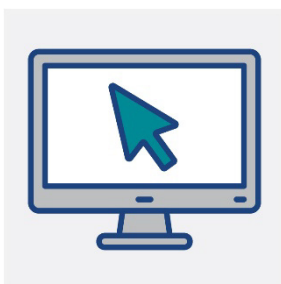


You can share your ideas with us until 31 August 2026.



You can:

- write down your ideas
- record a video – including an Auslan video.



You can share your ideas on our website.

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You can send us an email.

InclusiveCommunitiesFund@health.gov.au

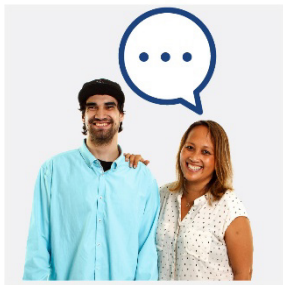


You can also use our website or email to ask for a phone call.

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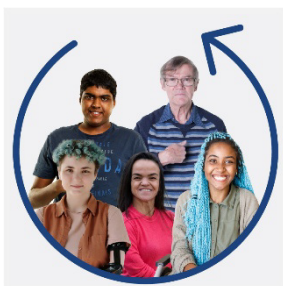
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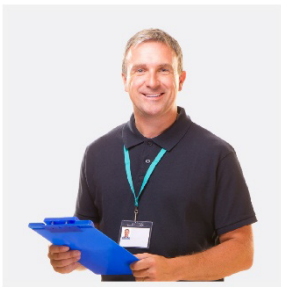
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