



An improved approach to Community Participation funding

Provider FAQs

What will the funding mean for our services?

1. Innovation funding

- Innovation funding is to support the establishment and development of systems, practices, processes, and reporting that will deliver better experiences and outcomes for those receiving Community Participation services that align with the Enabling Good Lives approach.
- This funding will be available from June 2023.
- For Guidelines on how to apply and the Application form go to [Apply for Innovation funding](#).

2. Cost Pressure increase

- A general cost pressure increase of seven percent that has applied for the number of actual participants of the F2023 financial year backdated to 1 July 2022.

3. New providers and/or new services

- Funding is also available for new or current providers to expand to new cities/towns/regions. This will be identified through a selection process from August 2023.
- We want to identify additional service demand for some towns and regions that may have waiting lists for services, also different services that may allow more choice for participants to access services or a provider that best meets their needs.

4. New Participants

- Funding will be available from September 2023 for Community Participation providers to expand their current service for additional, eligible participants.
- There's more information on how to apply [here](#).

5. How and when will funding changes be approved?

Funding components	Description	Timing
1. Innovation funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This funding aligns with the Enabling Good Live approach and will support providers to develop systems, practices, processes, and reporting that will deliver better experiences and outcomes for disabled people. 	Application process to be open in June 23
2. Cost pressure increase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A seven percent cost pressure increase offset increased costs incurred by providers. This is calculated on actual participants in the F2023 financial year 	From July 2023
3. New providers and/or new services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This funding enables increased provision where there are identified gaps, which could include the establishment of new providers or current providers expanding their services. 	From August 2023
4. New participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This funding will enable providers to apply to increase the number of participants they are contracted for. 	From September 2023

6. How were the funding changes decided?

- MSD was tasked to develop a new funding model to improve alignment with the Enabling Good Lives approach, and to be more sustainable and transparent.
- We listened to the Disability sector, providers, and participants about the funding required to support disabled people and as a result we have developed new funding options.
- In late 2022, a new funding model was approved for how MSD funds Community Participation services, which included the allocation of additional funding of \$14.35m a year.

7. What is the application process for Innovation Funding?

- Current providers are able to apply for the Innovation grant from June 2023.
- For more information go to [Apply for Innovation funding](#).

8. What is the application process for New Participants?

- Current providers will be able to apply for additional participants from September 2023.
- For more information go to [New Participants](#).

9. When will the contracts be varied?

- Preparation of variations for the seven percent cost pressure increase will start in June.
- The Innovation fund will be funded through a separate grant letter agreement.
- New providers or services will be provided with outcome agreements.