

A Place in the Community

Disability Transition Grants Program



The overarching goal of the Equity Trustees Children & Young Peoples Granting programs is to assist vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people to take their place in life.

A Place in the Community – Disability Transition Grants forms an important pillar of the Children and Young Peoples Domain within the Equity Trustees Discretionary Granting Programs.

What we know:

A migration of Australian Disability Enterprises (ADE's) towards a social enterprise model for service delivery has been a key focus for Government and Philanthropy for the past several years. The upcoming roll out of NDIS packages presents 'the biggest reform of our generation' in the disability sector. For the first time children and young people with disabilities will have funding allocated directly to them in the form of packages from which they can purchase services.

This presents a catalytic change for the disability sector that now has to adapt if that they are to position themselves as a 'provider of choice' to potential clients. Disability Transition Grants aim to support an effective transition for provider organisations to ensure those children, young people and their families have access to greater choice and independence in accessing services that meet their needs.

Equity Trustees considers these four outcomes to be key to achieving the Disability Transition Grants Program Goal.

Priority Outcomes of the 'Place in the Community Program'

1. Provider organisations have structures and processes that support efficient and sustainable operations in a fee for service, competitive market environment
2. Provider organisations have structures and processes that enable them to meet the provider registration requirements of the NDIS
3. Staff at provider organisations have capacity to work effectively under the NDIS
4. Staff culture at provider organisations supports person centred planning within a competitive market environment

Program Goal: Victorian NDIS provider organisations are ready to transition to the new NDIS by 2018.

Promising Approaches:

In order to achieve these outcomes Equity Trustees identified the following promising approaches which will be given priority in making funding decisions:

- New models or initiatives that change how organisational structures or processes are considered and implemented in a fee for service, competitive marketplace
- Initiatives that seek to build or gain commercial expertise to create or improve service design
- Initiatives that build positive connections between provider organisations and their staff to develop the 'customer journey' concept
- Innovative models and programs delivered in provider organisations that foster positive change management in staff culture
- Initiatives that promote 'person centred' service design in disability provider organisations
- Holistic approaches to service delivery, such as co-location of services, or joined up service delivery
- Technology innovations that support improved or new IT systems

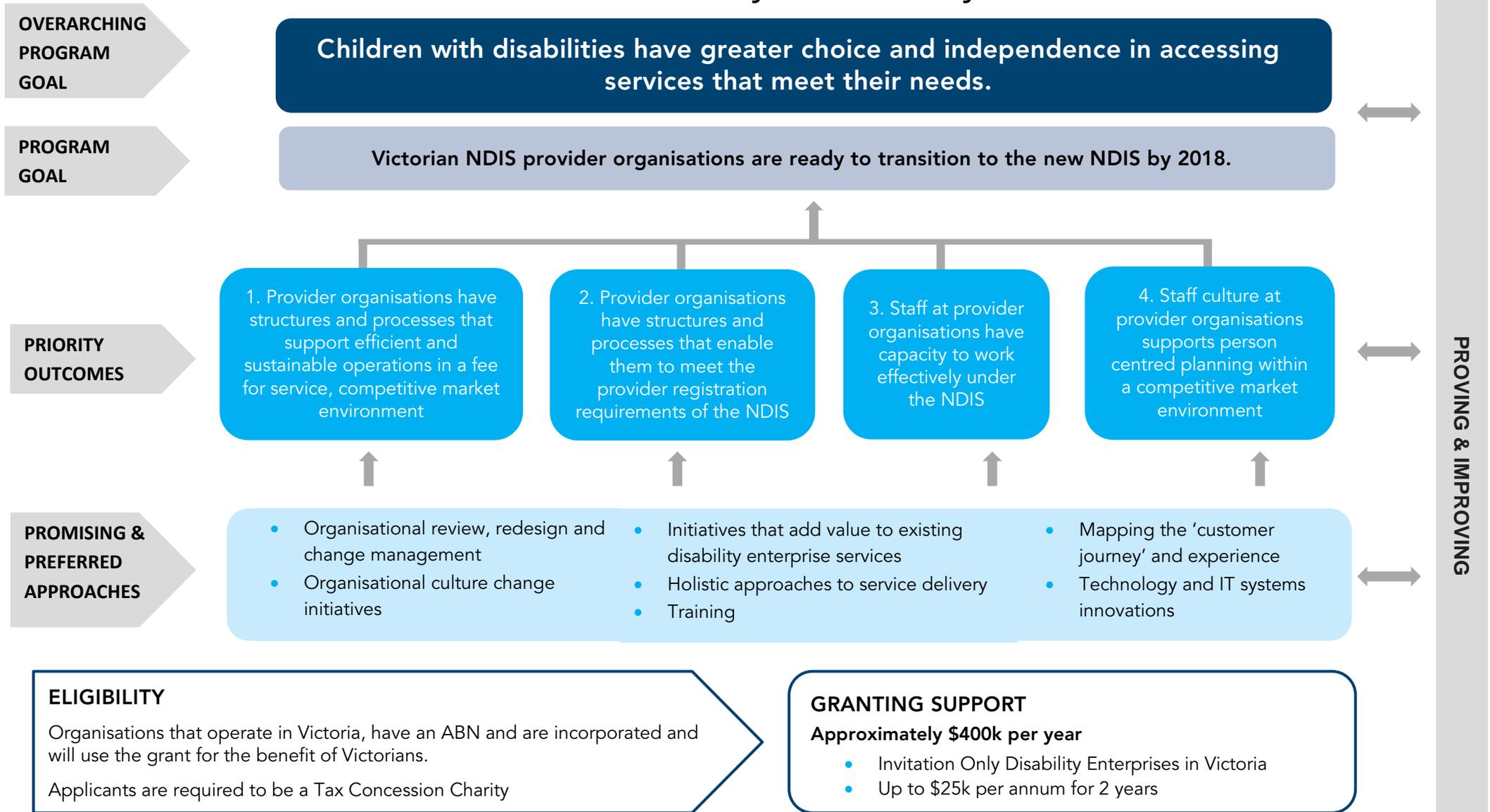
Eligibility for the 'Place in the Community Program':

Equity Trustees can only consider requests from organisations that:

- Have a Tax Concession Charity endorsement from the ATO
- Operate in Victoria and who will use the grant for the benefit of Victorians

**For further information,
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***We will measure indicators of improvement including:**

- Readiness scores for each of the seven domains of readiness from provider self-assessment tool: Strategy; Corporate governance; Clients and market focus; Financial sustainability; People and capability; Information and knowledge management; Safeguarding quality management and improvement.
- Demonstrated changes to structures, processes, capacities and culture.
- Demonstrated technology and service innovations.

How to follow the map:

Eligibility – [Start of the process]

Granting support – [Granting approach Equity Trustees provides to the program and grantees]

Preferred and promising approaches – [Equity Trustees is particularly interested in supporting these types of activities that have either shown promise or been shown to produce the priority outcomes of the program. Other approaches will be considered.]

Priority outcomes – [Those outcomes considered necessary to achievement of the program goal. Grantees should articulate their program theory to show how their proposed activities will contribute to one or more of the program's priority outcomes. Each priority outcome will be accompanied by a suite of indicators.]

Overarching Program Goal – [Children with disabilities have greater choice and independence in accessing services that meet their needs].