



Broadband for Seniors grant funding

Fifty four per cent of Australians aged 65 years or over, and approximately 30 per cent of Australians aged 50-64 years, do not use the internet.¹

Broadband for Seniors provides free access to computers and internet training to seniors in a supportive and welcoming environment. Established in 2008, Broadband for Seniors provides older Australians with opportunities to increase interaction with their families and the wider community through the use of technology.

Broadband for Seniors sits within the Families and Communities Programme. Through this and other associated activities, the Families and Communities Programme aims to support families, improve children's wellbeing and increase participation of vulnerable people in the community to enhance family and community functioning.

What services will be delivered?

Not-for-profit organisation Adult Learning Australia has been offered \$1.27 million to 30 June 2017 to continue to deliver Broadband for Seniors to around 1,600 established kiosks across Australia. This service will be delivered in association with Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association and the University of the Third Age Online.

The kiosks are located in community centres, libraries, clubs and aged care homes in all states and territories. Via these kiosks, Australians aged 50 years and over have free access to computers, the internet and training to help them develop online skills and confidence.

Volunteer tutors provide one-on-one or small group training at kiosks, covering topics such as how to send emails, be cyber safe and use social media.

The training delivered by Adult Learning Australia aims to increase the capacity and ability of senior Australians to connect with their families, friends and communities via the internet.

The new way of working for grants

The Department of Social Services' new grant arrangements provide greater certainty for social service providers to improve service delivery for the community.

As part of this new way of working, service providers have the scope and flexibility to be responsive, innovative and creative in meeting the needs of, and achieving better outcomes for the Australian community.

These improvements will create a more efficient and effective way of delivering government funds to the community by reducing red tape and duplication for service providers and creating more streamlined, simplified and consistent reporting processes.

For more information about the new way of working for grants, visit www.dss.gov.au/grants

¹ 8146.0 Household use of information technology, Australia