# Disability, Mental Health & Carers Programme

# Disability and Carer Service Improvement and Sector Support

The Australian Government has a new way of working that recognises and supports the work of organisations. These new arrangements will reduce red tape, provide greater opportunity for collaboration in the delivery of services and generate better outcomes for communities and individuals by effectively targeting community needs and priorities while reducing duplication and administrative burden.

The Disability, Mental Health & Carers Programme (DMHCP) aims to provide support and community-based initiatives for people with disability, mental illness, and for carers so they can develop their capabilities and actively participate in community and economic life.

The Disability and Carer Service Improvement and Support Activity enables grant activities that are focused on broader organisational, sector and social impacts, and are not generally for the provision of services direct to individuals or families.

This Activity aims to provide opportunities for people with disability, carers, policy makers, researchers, national organisations, service providers, business and community organisations to undertake work to improve the lives of people with disability and carers.

This will be delivered through grants focused on one or more of the following objectives:

* Stakeholder Engagement
* Sector Support
* Service Improvement
* Sponsorship activities.

For example, the sector support objective will provide greater capacity to build opportunities and to embrace collaboration across the sector by encouraging consortium arrangements with regard to national representation of people with disability.

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