TTL Fund Newsletter - September update

Tranche two

It's been some time since we last provided you with an update, but we have been hard at work progressing tranche two of the Try, Test and Learn Fund.

Firstly, a reminder in case you need it: applications for tranche two close at 2pm AEST on 28 September 2018.

In this tranche, up to \$50 million is available for new approaches to assisting people from priority groups including:

- Newstart Allowance recipients aged 50 and over
- o working age migrants and refugees on income support
- o working age carers on Carer Payment
- o at-risk young people receiving income support.

Once approved, we work with the successful applicants to refine and optimise project design through a tailored co-development process. Eight projects from tranche two have commenced and some have finished co-development, and we are about to start co-development of an additional 10 projects.

The Minister for Social Services, Paul Fletcher, will announce successful tranche two projects in due course. We will provide further details through this newsletter.

Outcomes for batches 1-2

All grant applicants in the first two batches have been notified of the outcome of their application. If you have not received written notification, and you submitted an application before the end of March, please contact the Community Grants Hub.

For unsuccessful applications, there are two possible outcomes:

- unsuitable, which will not be further considered for funding or
- suitable, but unsuccessful in receiving funding in this particular batch, which means
 the application has been shortlisted and may be considered for funding alongside
 other applications received in later tranche two batches.

While we are unable to provide individual feedback on applications, we do provide a general feedback summary.

Beyond batch 2

We are moving as quickly as we can on batch 3 applications (received up to 31 May) and are finalising assessment of batch 4 (up to 31 July) applications. As soon as we are able, we will notify you in writing of the outcome of your project.

Upcoming grant opportunity

As announced <u>in March</u>, we are working on a grant funding opportunity generated through an event held in Burnie, Tasmania. This funding opportunity will be for projects aimed at supporting Newstart Allowance recipients aged 50 and over. We will inform you through this newsletter once further details are available.

Keep in touch

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