Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) Economic and Community Participation Program: Summary of Funded Activities

The Economic and Community Participation Program grant round has committed \$32.7M (GST Incl.) to 28 organisations to deliver projects with a duration of up to three years from March 2020. These organisations were selected while the ILC program was under the auspice of the NDIA. ILC has transferred to the Department of Social Services.

The objective of the ILC Economic and Community Participation Program grant round is to build the capacity of the community to create opportunities for people with disability to contribute to community prosperity and participate in community life. This grant round aims to fund projects that provide a catalyst for increasing access and inclusion in economic and community participation.

Economic and Community Participation Grants

Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	ILC Priority Cohort Groups	Disability Cohort	Total Approved Funding (GST INCL.)	State (where Organisation is based)	Project Coverage Area
Ability West Ltd	Improving the inclusion of people with a disability into existing community health and fitness activities in rural and remote NSW.	The project will improve the participation of people with a disability into existing community health and fitness activities.	N/A	All Disability Types	\$550,605.00	New South Wales	New South Wales
AMES Australia	Business Matters	The project will deliver enterprise and business training for Arabic speakers with a lived experience of disability through peer-support and an education program focussing on business development and entrepreneurship.	Culturally And Linguistically Diverse Communities	Autism	\$777,865.52	Victoria	Victoria
Aspergers Victoria Incorporated	Pathways to Employment	The project will create long-term employment and social inclusion opportunities for teenagers with Autism through working with individuals, employers and industries to facilitate work experience opportunities with suitable employers. The program will create improved self-esteem and social skills, greater inclusion at school and work to ensure employment options for teenagers with Autism.	N/A	Autism	\$688,710.00	Victoria	Victoria
Befriend Inc.	Open Communities	The project will increase opportunities for people with disability to participate in community life through sharing Frameworks for Inclusive Practices. The program will have two stream of supporting the development of inclusive social groups in the Yanchep region, WA and the development of a national online Learning Community that will support a movement of	N/A	All Disability Types	\$1,039,038.73	Western Australia	Western Australia

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		community organisations to share, enhance & scale inclusive program designs & practices.					
Community Living Project Incorporated	Discover ME - Micro Enterprise, Exploring Possibilities.	The project will build knowledge around customised micro enterprise, design processes and support people through the discovery process. This will be done through peer support for people with disability and their families living in SA to discover and design their own customised micro enterprise, set up sustainable business mentoring & build their business management capacity.	N/A	All Disability Types	\$543,093.10	South Australia	South Australia
Consumers of Mental Health WA (Inc.)	ASPIRE	The project will create new employment pathways for people with psychosocial disability to become peer support workers, through placement support and capacity building for peer workers and employers.	N/A	Psychosocial Disability	\$1,722,582.40	Western Australia	Western Australia
Edge Employment Solutions Incorporated	Charged Up for Work	The project will create individualised employment opportunities for high school students with disabilities not readily available through the Disability Employment Services or National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) models.	N/A	All Disability Types	\$1,797,826.80	Western Australia	Western Australia
Ethnic Community Services Co-operative Limited	Volunteer and Grow Program	The project will promote economic participation by facilitating placements and providing support to people with disability experiencing vulnerabilities to participate in meaningful volunteer roles in local community organisations and businesses.	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities	All Disability Types	\$330,000.00	New South Wales	New South Wales

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Healthy Group of Companies Pty Ltd	The RED Business Club	The project will offer a range of back office, marketing, route to market, and business mentoring functions to enterprises that are run for or by entrepreneurs with a disability.	N/A	All Disability Types	\$1,330,274.00	South Australia	South Australia
Jewish Care (Victoria)	The Campaign	The project will develop an action plan that will increase the employment of people with a disability into small and medium enterprises (SMEs) through engagement, increased knowledge and awareness.	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities	All Disability Types	\$450,599.60	Victoria	Victoria
Julia Farr Association Incorporated	The Road to Employment	The project will take a lifecycle approach to breaking down the barriers to employment to create long-term sustainable change. The program will deliver a series of workshops with families, teachers and people living with disability at key points in their lives, to raise their employment expectations and increase awareness of employment pathways. The program establishes a mentoring program to support students living with disability as well as working alongside with employers, to increase employer's capacity to work with people living with disability.	N/A	All Disability Types	\$942,458.00	South Australia	South Australia
Little Athletics Australia Limited	True inclusion of children with disabilities in competitive athletics	The project will deliver an Australia wide Athletics Inclusion Program to enable children with disabilities and their families' meaningful inclusion in existing community-based Little Athletics Australia activities. Traditional Athletics Competition will be redesigned so that competitors with disability will not be excluded or segregated. The project will also include an extensive education campaign and a quality assurance regime for Little Athletics Australia centres to be upskilled and accredited to deliver athletics to children with disability in a way that is truly inclusive.	N/A	All Disability Types	\$886,731.67	Victoria	National

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Orana Australia Limited	Inclusive Volunteering Project	The project will develop a toolkit of resources and volunteer buddies to Volunteer Involving Organisations to better support people with disabilities in volunteer roles.	N/A	All Disability Types	\$1,258,271.98	South Australia	South Australia
Playgroup Australia Limited	Play and Learn Supported (PALS) Inclusive Playgroups	The project will establish and maintain 40 supported inclusive playgroups nationally for families and children with and without disability to play; focusing on a shared culture, arts, sport or recreational interest. PALS will offer a unique, supportive, inclusive child centred model giving young children with disability the opportunity to develop social and practical skills.	N/A	All Disability Types	\$2,006,425.38	Australian Capital Territory	National
Plumtree Children's Services Incorporated	Libraries as Community Connectors (LCC)	The project is a pilot to develop supportive mechanisms for libraries and librarians to enhance the participation of children with developmental disability and their family members. The project will investigate and record strategies for welcoming and engaging children with disability and families in their local library.	N/A	All Disability Types	\$592,130.00	New South Wales	New South Wales
Side By Side Advocacy Incorporated	Promoting the engagement of people with intellectual disability in the governance of community organisation	The project will investigation of a range of governance structures that can be used to promote the decision making of people with intellectual disability in a community organisation.	N/A	Intellectual Disability	\$320,040.60	New South Wales	New South Wales
Solve Disability Solutions Inc.	My Active Life - Recreational Participation and Freedom Wheels Regional Development	The project will develop open-source, bespoke solutions that improve autonomy, access and enable participation in other areas of sport and recreation in communities across Australia.	N/A	All Disability Types	\$4,104,601.22	Victoria	National
Specialisterne Centre Australia Limited	Employing the Autism and Neurodiversity Advantage at Work	The project will build the capacity of employers to diversify their hiring processes and support more inclusive practices to ensure people with Autism and neurodiverse people can thrive at work.	N/A	Autism	\$579,817.92	Victoria	Queensland New South Wales Australian Capital Territory

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Star Health Group Limited	The UPSTART Program	The project will develop inclusive pathways into employment in health, disability, local council and community organisations for people with psychosocial and related disability with a focus on LGBTQIA+.	LGBTQIA+	Psychosocial Disability	\$1,201,200.00	Victoria	Victoria
Stepping Black Indigenous Corporation Australia	Strong Aboriginal Families and Elders in the North Burnett	The project will use the traditional social platforms of women's business and men's business to work with the community and drive inclusive practices to create opportunities for people with disability to participate in community life, with a focus on arts, culture and recreational activities.	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities; Rural and Remote Communities	All Disability Types	\$645,616.40	Queensland	Queensland
The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane	Residential Aged Care (RAC) Inclusive Employment Program	The project will continue to leverage of the success featured on the Employable Me segment and will support the employment of people with intellectual disabilities within the Residential Aged Care setting.	N/A	Intellectual Disability	\$707,044.80	Queensland	Queensland
The Institute for Family Advocacy & Leadership Development Incorporated	From School to Work	The project will deliver webinars, workshops, resources, conferences, networking and support across the states and territory with the aim to inspire, increase confidence and motivate students with disability and their families to action so the outcome of obtaining meaningful employment can be realised.	N/A	Developmental Disability - disability acquired pre-birth to 18 years	\$3,300,000.00	New South Wales	New South Wales Queensland Australian Capital Territory
The New South Wales Council for Intellectual Disability	More Than Just a Job 2.0	The project will support people with intellectual disability to develop skills and confidence to participate in the workforce through one-on-one programs and the development of peer groups of participants to share experiences and supportive relationships. The project will also work with large/mid-size employers to increase their capacity to employ people with intellectual disability into meaningful work.	N/A	Intellectual Disability	\$2,053,460.20	New South Wales	New South Wales

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The Onemda Association Inc.	Breaking out of Silos	The project will develop a collaborative model which builds stakeholder capacity to support young people with intellectual disabilities into paid & casual employment whilst at school.	N/A	Autism - Intellectual Disability	\$485,167.98	Victoria	Victoria
Top End Association For Mental Health Incorporated	TeamHEALTH	The project will offer a two-way mentorship program to build workplace capacity through peer developed training modules and providing individual peer-led mentorship for people with a psychosocial disability.	Rural and Remote Communities	Psychosocial Disability	\$847,174.90	Northern Territory	Northern Territory
Volunteering and Contact ACT Limited	Inclusive Volunteering Program - Pathways to Employment	The project will work with volunteer involving organisations in the Canberra Region, NSW and Tasmania to support those organisations to involve volunteers living with disability as a pathway to employment and support individuals to find appropriate volunteering roles.	N/A	All Disability Types	\$2,567,437.40	Australian Capital Territory	Australian Capital Territory New South Wales Tasmania
Welcoming Australia	Welcome to the Game	The project will deliver needs-based activities and programs for young people and families from Culturally And Linguistically Diverse backgrounds with a disability including but not exclusive to people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds to increase access to sport and physical activity.	Culturally And Linguistically Diverse Communities	All Disability Types	\$432,257.10	South Australia	Victoria
YWCA Australia	Y Connect	The project will empower women living with a disability through building confidence, connections and professional development. It will assist participants in setting meaningful career goals and building their professional identity while engaging with a mainstream women's organisation.	N/A	All Disability Types	\$502,139.61	Australian Capital Territory	Queensland