



# Disability Employment Assistance – Australian Disability Enterprises

## Feedback summary

### Overview

The Australian Government is committed to supporting employment outcomes for people with disability and a sustainable supported employment sector. It funds Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) to provide supported employment opportunities to people with disability.

Government funding for ADEs is gradually transitioning to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). To assist ADEs prepare for the full roll-out of the NDIS, the Government is offering grant funding to improve ADEs' business development and viability.

This funding round offered grant funding to ADEs to access independent advice from suitably-qualified consultants to improve their transition and business planning.

### Selection process

The Department of Social Services (the Department) received 116 applications for this funding round.

The Department considered each application against a set of mandatory requirements and one selection criterion.

All applicants were required to attach the following mandatory documents to their application form:

1. a completed ADE Self-Assessment Tool
2. a consultancy quote.

Applications that did not include both documents were not compliant and were not assessed by the Department.

Compliant applications were assessed against one selection criterion. Information about strong responses to the selection criterion is set out on page 2.

### Selection results

The Department selected 89 applicants for grant funding.

The selected applicants provided mandatory attachments and a response to the selection criterion that demonstrated their proposal complied with the grant's requirements and objectives.

**Criterion 1: Describe how the implementation of your proposal will achieve the Activity objectives for all stakeholders, including value for money within the Grant funding.**

Strong responses to Criterion 1 demonstrated the following strengths:

Strength	Example
<p>The applicant described how their proposal will achieve the Activity objectives for all stakeholders.</p>	<p>The response to Criterion 1 described:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consultancy service(s) that the ADE would purchase with the grant funding.</li> <li>• How the service(s) would enhance the ADE’s business planning and transition to the NDIS.</li> <li>• How the service(s) would assist the ADE to improve the social and economic participation of supported employees.</li> <li>• How the service(s) would improve social inclusion and standards of living for people with disability, including increased levels of self-esteem and wellbeing.</li> <li>• How the ADE’s achievement of the Activity objectives would benefit all stakeholders in ADEs, such as people with disability, current and future supported employees, local communities and the Australian Government.</li> </ul>
<p>The applicant described how their proposal will achieve value for money within the Grant funding.</p>	<p>In addition to the information outlined above, the response to Criterion 1 described:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approaching two or more consultants before selecting a quote to ensure the final quote offered value for money.</li> <li>• How the selected consultant would provide the most appropriate service(s) to achieve the Activity objectives.</li> <li>• The expected consequences of not funding the proposal and how these consequences would counteract the Activity objectives.</li> </ul>

**Areas for improvement**

Applicants could have strengthened their responses to Criterion 1 by:

- describing how the proposal would achieve the Activity objectives for *all* stakeholders, not only for their ADE(s) or current supported employees, and
- clearly describing how the proposal would achieve value for money.