



National Disability Conference Initiative grant funding

Attending disability-focused conferences provides opportunities for Australians with disability to further their leadership skills and knowledge, and their professional development.

The National Disability Conference Initiative provides funding to assist people with disability to attend disability related conferences that have a national focus and are held in Australia.

The National Disability Conference Initiative 2014-15 is provided under the Disability and Carer Support Activity. Through this initiative, assistance, support and services are provided to people with disability and carers, including advocacy and stakeholder engagement.

What has been offered?

25 organisations have been funded up to \$10 000 each to maximise the participation of people with disability at disability conferences in Australia through to 30 June 2015.

Examples of how this will be achieved include assisting with the costs of conference fees, accommodation and travel for people with disability, and the provision of Auslan interpreters.

What services will be delivered?

Organisations funded under the National Disability Conference Initiative 2014-2015 will:

- assist people with disability (or family members or carer(s) attending to provide support) with the costs of attending conferences
- facilitate access to conferences for people with disability (including a family member or carer(s) attending to provide support).

The new way of working for grants

The Department's 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 for grants, 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 on the new way of working for grants visit www.dss.gov.au/grants.