

# Questions and Answers

## National Disability Conference Initiative (NDCI)

The following questions and answers are specific to this funding round. Please also refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) for general questions about applying for DSS grants.

### 1. How can I apply for National Disability Conference Initiative (NDCI) funding?

The National Disability Conference Initiative application pack can be found on the [Funding Open for Application](#) page. You can [subscribe to receive alerts](#) when new information is made available (The Department accepts no responsibility to inform applicants of any changes if they do not subscribe to receive alerts and it is the responsibility of organisations applying for DSS grants to keep informed of additional information throughout the application period)

### 2. Who can apply for the 2015-16 National Disability Conference Initiative?

To satisfy eligibility requirements, applicants to the National Disability Conference Initiative (NDCI) 2015-16 must fall into one of the following categories:

- Incorporated Associations (incorporated under State/Territory legislation, commonly have 'Association' or 'Incorporated' or 'Inc.' in their legal name)
- Incorporated Cooperatives (also incorporated under State/Territory legislation, commonly have 'Cooperative' in their legal name)
- Companies (incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* (may be a proprietary company (limited by shares or by guarantee) or a public company)
- Aboriginal Corporations (incorporated under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*)
- Organisations established through a specific piece of Commonwealth or state/territory legislation (public benevolent institutions, churches, universities, unions etc.)
- Partnerships;
- Trustees on behalf of a Trust.

### 3. What can I use the NDCI funding for?

NDCI funding is provided to assist people with disability to participate in nationally-focused disability-related conferences held in Australia.

Funding is available to assist conference organisers to maximise the attendance and/or participation of people with disability (or a family member or carer(s) attending to provide support) and may:

- assist people with disabilities (or family members or carers attending to provide support to a person with disability who is attending) with the costs of attending conferences, e.g. conference fees, accommodation, travel; and/or
- facilitate access so that people with disability can participate in conferences. For example by funding: accessible materials, Auslan interpreters, live captioning services, hearing loops and/or note takers for people who are deaf or hard of hearing; and/or other aids or appliances or other costs of ensuring venue accessibility.

#### **4. What is the definition of a ‘disability-related conference’?**

‘Disability-related conferences’ are considered to be conferences for which at least half of the schedule focuses on people with disability and/or issues that affect the lifetime wellbeing and social participation of people with disability.

#### **5. Is funding available to a carer if the person with a disability is not attending?**

No. NDCI funding only extends to family members or carers if they are accompanying the person with a disability to provide support to that person during the conference. The person with disability needs to be participating in the conference.

#### **6. Is my Organisation eligible to apply for funding if the conference is held during 2015-16 but before the selection process is completed?**

Yes, you may apply for funding even if the conference has taken place (i.e. since 1 July 2015) noting that funding is not guaranteed and will be subject to the outcomes of the selection process.

#### **7. Where can I find information about any other funding to assist a person with disability to attend a conference?**

The [Australian Government Grant finder](#) is available to search for disability conference funding and provides information about government grants and assistance for individuals, businesses and communities.

#### **8. If an application from an eligible organisation is approved, when will the NDCI funding be paid?**

Payment of the approved amount in the Grant Agreement will be made on execution of the Agreement.

#### **9. Can I apply for the 2015-16 National Disability Conference Initiative as an individual?**

No. Individuals are not eligible to apply for the 2015-16 National Disability Conference Initiative. You will need to contact the conference organisers to determine if assistance is available to attend the conference.