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Association Italian Families and Friends of People with a Disability Handital NSW Inc.	Information and referral service	This two year project develops a culturally sensitive information and referral service targeting people with disabilities and their carers of Italian origin residing in the Inner West of Sydney Metropolitan region. As an Italian operated organisation, Handital will develop and provide information and resources in Italian and disseminate information via phone, face-to-face, written material or through forums and seminars. Handital will also support individuals in their discussions with services providers to assist clients to make sense of available information and options, thereby making informed decisions about the services they engage.	\$264,574.50 (two year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities	
Down Syndrome Australia	Information for Life Program NSW	Down Syndrome Australia will deliver a comprehensive package of information, linkages and support to promote opportunities for people with Down Syndrome to live an ordinary life. This will include: state-wide face to face, phone, email, and website information and support; state-wide peer support (informal and formal); printing and distribution of information packages; promotion of a Capacity Building Toolkit to mainstream services. Funding will also be directed to the employment of 6 staff to respond to phone, email and social media enquiries from people with Down Syndrome, their families, and interested individuals within the community and mainstream organisations.	\$1,200,000.00 (two year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	Down Syndrome	Consortium: Down Syndrome Association of NSW, VIC, QLD, NT, TAS; Down Syndrome Society of SA, ACT Down Syndrome Association Inc.
Hear For You Limited	Hear For You (HFY)	An automated chat-bot specifically designed to engage socially isolated teenagers who are deaf or hard of hearing will be piloted to reach young people located anywhere in NSW via social media. The project aims to reach 180 deaf and hearing impaired teenagers, connecting them with other deaf and hearing impaired teenagers and mentors, directing them to access HFY programs in an authentic, interesting way.	\$99,411.00 (one year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	Hearing Impairment	
Justiz Community Limited	JUSTYARN groups	This program will run 10 information and support groups for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants who have exited an acute mental health facility or a correctional institution in the Newcastle - Hunter area of NSW. The groups will be co-facilitated by a male and female support workers from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds, and will assist participants to re-engage with services, supports and community life. Individuals are expected to increase their social network, their connection to culture, confidence and their ability to advocate for appropriate disability supports.	\$10,000.00 (one year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities	NSW Mental Health Services, NSW Department of Probation and Parole.

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MacKillop Family Services Limited	The NDIS in the back o' Bourke	This project provides direct assistance to support people with disability, particularly people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background, in eight rural and remote Western NSW towns. Local needs, circumstances and conditions will be addressed for up to 100 people with disability. Specifically, the program will: establish weekly parent support groups, community meetings and community hubs in each town to link families to mainstream services and disability supports to meet the needs of their child, whether eligible for NDIS plans or not and deliver telepractice, to link people with disabilities to mainstream services.	\$499,570.73 (two year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities	
Muscular Dystrophy Association of New South Wales	M-Power Info Hub - 'Be empowered'	This project creates a comprehensive, accessible online information hub that covers all aspects of life with a neuromuscular condition, featuring information, advice and stories of real life experiences from the NSW neuromuscular community. The project will use a co-design approach, developed and delivered by a peer to peer model to capture and share stories told by people with neuromuscular conditions. The hub will be available to 7,500 individuals living with neuromuscular conditions in NSW.	\$300,000.00 (two year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	Neuromuscular conditions	
People with Disability Australia Ltd.	Enable In - Peer Navigator Project	<i>Enable In</i> will work within the community of people with disability who are homeless (including those sleeping rough, in transient accommodation, or living in aggregate accommodation such as boarding houses), institutionalised (including prison or long-term psychiatric or other care) and people who have recently left prison, long-term psychiatric or other forms of care. The project will service all of NSW, working with over 300 individuals to determine their current and anticipated levels of support, and provide both generic and individually tailored information about the NDIS and mainstream supports. In addition, the project will establish peer support groups to facilitate shared experiences, role modelling and to reconnect individuals with their community. Establishing a network of Peer Support Navigators will continue linking other people with disability from hard to reach populations to services and supports.	\$998,590.00 (two year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	All people with disability; Hard to reach populations.	
Regional Disability Advocacy Service Ltd.	Community Engagement Project: Hard to Reach Locations and Communities	This project employs Engagement Workers to work intensively in 20 communities in the Murrumbidgee District in the Southern part of NSW over a two year period. Workers will identify and link people with disability to services and supports, working with up to 100 individuals for up to three months to assist them to overcome barriers to service access. This project will include conducting community events that reach over 1,000 people.	\$510,000.00 (two year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	All people with disability	

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Settlement Services International Limited	Understanding Disability by Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities in NSW	This program delivers in-language information and education sessions to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities in 30 Local Government Areas with high cultural diversity across NSW. Between 60-90 information and education sessions will be delivered using the peer-to-peer model by people with disability from CALD backgrounds and/or by people who have a close personal association with disability.	\$600,000.00 (two year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities	
South Western Sydney Local Health District	'For A Good Life' Refugee Disability Support Group	An information and support group for people living with a disability and their families will be delivered to those who have recently been settled in metropolitan Sydney as part of Australia's Refugee and Humanitarian Program. The program works with newly-arrived refugee families, in the period between arrival in Sydney and provision of services through the NDIS. A specialist Disability Team will provide intensive case management to the anticipated 35 – 50 people with disability referred into the group each year. The monthly education-based group program will include presentations by local services that the group has identified, as well as providing opportunity to develop social connections and friendships.	\$20,000.00 (two year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities	
Synapse Australia Limited	SynapseCarers	Funding will be directed towards developing and establishing the SynapseCarers Support Program throughout NSW. A monthly support program will provide education, various resources, peer support and social connection opportunities for carers of individuals with a Neurocognitive Disability. Funding will also be directed towards the employment of a Family Liaison Officer to provide specific caregiver support, referrals and preparation support for transitioning from care facilities to home.	\$657,379.37 (two year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	Neurocognitive disability	
The Deaf Society	Information for Families of Children with Hearing Loss	A co-designed website will be developed with live chat, telephone and face-to-face information and referral services. The project will also coordinate a parent peer mentoring program to provide psychosocial support to parents coming to terms with their child's diagnosis. 100 unique visitors are expected to the website each month and 40 families are expected to be matched with parent mentors each year.	\$463,326.59 (two year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	Hearing Impairment	

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The University of Wollongong	Establishing a Community of Practice	This project will establish a Community of Practice (CoP) to bring together individuals on the autism spectrum, families, and community members to identify current needs and to develop a model of practice that supports self-determination for individuals and families in rural communities. The model will include information provision and strategies for skill building for individuals and their families. The CoP will involve 20-30 individuals, however the resources created from this will benefit much larger numbers.	\$10,000.00 (one year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	Autism Spectrum Disorder	
Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre Aboriginal Corporation	Who's Who Guide	A written guide will be established for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability in Deniliquin to support them to understand and access local services. The project will also establish a 'Circle of Support' network of at least 11 direct service providers. This will encourage improved responsiveness of services to people with disability, establish processes for client referrals between organisations and build culturally responsive services. The project intends to connect with all 350 members of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.	\$23,119.20 (one year)	Information, Linkages and Referrals	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities	
People with Disability Australia Ltd.	Building Inclusive and Accessible Youth Services in NSW	This program will develop resources to build the capacity for 221 youth service providers in NSW, responsible for approximately 375 programs and services for young people that reach over 60,000 young people with disability. The project will consult young people with disability to understand barriers and common experiences in accessing youth services and use feedback to develop a Disability Inclusion Tool Kit which will include policy, resources, tools and training. Complementing this will be the establishment of an on-line self-advocacy platform which will include resources for youth services co-developed by young people with disability.	\$300,000.00 (one year)	Capacity Building for Mainstream Services	Young Adults	Youth Action and Policy Association (NSW) Inc.
Settlement Services International Limited	Our Voice	This project builds capacity of mainstream services to respond to the accessibility needs of people with disability from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds. The project will recruit 20 Lived Experience Educators (i.e. people with disability from CALD backgrounds) to deliver capacity building activities. Funding is directed towards training the Educators in facilitation, presentation and story-telling with impact, with the goal of creating pathways for future employment as adult educators. Each Lived Experience Educator will deliver a minimum of 10 learning activities, with the project aiming to deliver 200 learning activities overall, benefiting hundreds of mainstream services. The targeted locations will be in Metropolitan Sydney and regional centres with high populations of people from CALD backgrounds.	\$403,726.00 (two year)	Capacity Building for Mainstream Services	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities	

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The Deaf Society	Deaf Awareness Training On Demand	This project will deliver an online version of deaf awareness training to support wider access by regionally-based people and those from community or volunteer organisations across NSW. At least 200 people are expected to access the online training during the building and testing phase. Up to 500 people a year are expected to access the online training once it is fully established.	\$145,814.00 (one year)	Capacity Building for Mainstream Services	Hearing Impairment	
The Benevolent Society	Complex Behaviour management for students with disabilities	This action research program will develop capacity building resources for schools managing very complex behaviour cases for students with disability. The resources will be built from real case studies from a selection of public schools in NSW. Drawing on partnership with NSW Department of Education (DoE) and the NSW Ombudsman Inquiry into Behaviour Management in Schools, The Benevolent Society will work with around 160 students with disability, using their experiences to guide the development of universal resources and toolkits that will build the capacity of school staff to better manage very complex behaviours. The program aims to provide resources to support proactive, preventative and inclusive school environments where staff are confident in addressing behaviours of concern and thereby build the capacity of mainstream services to be more inclusive of people with disability. Following the development of resources, the Benevolent Society will share learnings, contributing to the ongoing knowledge base in this area.	\$300,000.00 (two year)	Capacity Building for Mainstream Services	Children and Youth	NSW Department of Education, NSW Ombudsman Inquiry into Behaviour Management in Schools
Arab Council Australia Inc.	AwareAbilities	<i>AwareAbilities</i> will work with the Arab communities of South Western Sydney (SWS) and Western Sydney (WS) to drive positive change in community attitudes, promoting greater community inclusion of people with disability and mental health concerns. The project will undertake consultation to understand the needs of people with disability, use story-telling and positive language to create awareness and attitudinal changes in community leaders, and provide culturally appropriate education and support. People with disability will have opportunity to participate, share experiences and connect with peers.	\$480,764.00 (two year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities	The Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW, The Multicultural Network, Multicultural Mental Health Australia, The National Ethnic Disability Alliance.

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Autism Queensland Limited	Capacity Building in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities	This project aims to increase awareness of autism and related disabilities in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities in North and North-West NSW. An Indigenous Liaison Worker will coordinate a suite of awareness raising activities in local communities, including community forums, information sessions, events hosted by Aboriginal Councils and community groups and workshops for local service providers and community agencies. The Indigenous Liaison Worker will also support community groups to develop targeted plans to engage children and young adults with autism and design and deliver inclusive community-based activities.	\$170,320.00 (two year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	Autism Spectrum Disorder; Children and Young Adults.	
Blind Sports NSW Incorporated	Main Stream Transition Project	This two year awareness campaign includes a range of initiatives to build the capacity of mainstream sport organisations to provide sporting, active recreation and social group activities for people who are blind or have low vision. Project activities include working within sports and active recreation state organisations to adapt equipment and rules. The program will also mentor people with disabilities to conduct public speaking, leading to greater media and social awareness of inclusive sport and recreation. Further supporting this project is the expansion of the current website to include more content around how to get involved and how sports and recreation organisations can make appropriate adaption.	\$223,000.00 (two year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	Vision Impairment	
Dare Disability Support Limited	Lost Business	The Lost Business initiative will focus on businesses in the Nepean Blue Mountains region of New South Wales, raising disability awareness and demonstrating the economic and social value in meeting the needs of people with a disability. Building greater business understanding and experience is anticipated to lead towards greater confidence of people with disability to use local services. The multifaceted program, initially focusing on the needs of adults with an intellectual disability or Autism, includes: training and creation of resources to assist owners and employees; the creation of a Business Ambassadors scheme; distribution of inclusion awards; published audit self-assessed checklists; and development of a mystery shopper program. The project aims to benefit the 5,000 people in the Blue Mountains region that self-report disability.	\$334,000.00 (two year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	Intellectual disability	Blue Mountains Economic Enterprise

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Diversity and Disability Alliance Incorporated (DDA)	Peers with disability from the Vietnamese community	This project provides culturally appropriate disability awareness sessions to lead to greater inclusion of people with disability in Vietnamese communities. DDA will recruit people with disability to design information and resources and deliver disability awareness sessions to Vietnamese communities in Western and South Western Sydney. A second element of this project is a peer led evaluation to determine whether an increase in disability awareness has led to a change in practices and ultimately greater inclusion. Approximately 100 people are expected to attend presentations with a further 500 accessing information via the DDA website and social media.	\$7,152.80 (one year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities	
Diversity and Disability Alliance Incorporated (DDA)	Peers with disability from the Korean community	This project provides culturally appropriate disability awareness sessions to lead to greater inclusion of people with disability in Korean communities. DDA will recruit people with disability to design information and resources and deliver disability awareness sessions to Korean communities across Sydney. A second element of this project is a peer-led evaluation to determine whether an increase in disability awareness has led to a change in practices and ultimately greater inclusion. Approximately 100 people are expected to attend presentations with a further 500 accessing information via the DDA website and social media.	\$7,152.80 (one year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities	
Eastern Riverina Arts	PLATFORM	PLATFORM is a purpose built portable 'space' created from adapting a 40ft shipping container into an accessible sensory space designed by artists with disability. PLATFORM will be offered to community festivals free of charge as a way to educate them about the engagement of artists with disability and to increase the participation and visibility of artists and people with disability at these community events. A dedicated curator will commission at least 20 artists with disability (both visual arts and performing arts) and coordinate PLATFORM to tour eight regional festivals. Training and advice will also be provided to volunteer based festival organisers to make their events more accessible.	\$588,280.00 (two year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	All people with disability	Consortium: IDEAS Information on Disability & Awareness Services.
Mental Health Coordinating Council Inc.	Community engagement education package	A community education package will assist community workers, volunteers and peers to better support people living with a mental health condition or psychosocial disability who are ineligible or do not want to have an NDIS plan. Two training programs for 20-30 people will be trialled and the feedback refined into a good practice model for further scale up. The program aims to equip community workers to use recovery approaches when assessing the needs of people living with mental health conditions, enabling more effective connections and increased participation in the same community activities as everyone else.	\$517,280.00 (two year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	Psycho-social disability	

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NSW Business Chamber Limited	Inclusion for all	Organisations and community groups will be provided with information, practical advice, solutions, and factual evidence on why being inclusive and accessible is not only good for business, but is also good for the community. Though a comprehensive stakeholder engagement program, the project will tap into the NSW Business Chamber's extensive influence in business, government and community, taking a key focus on supporting regional and remote areas of NSW. Forums, presentations and online resources will be developed and delivered through existing relationships with other peak organisations and people with disability.	\$491,463.76 (two year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	All people with disability	
NSW Goalball Association Incorporated	NSW Goalball for Schools, Universities and TAFE	This program seeks to expand the reach of people playing Goalball socially and professionally. Goalball is a team sport suited to people who are blind or vision impaired. Funding will be directed towards expanding the already successful Goalball in Schools program to Northern River's, Western NSW and Riverina regions. In addition, the project aims to establish a similar program for adults in the TAFE and university sector, thereby potentially extending the exposure of this sport to health professionals and teachers in training. Funding will also be directed to the expansion of the sport delivery. Social training camps and social development mentoring will be undertaken by NSW vision impaired Goalball players to further assist participation and competence in the sport.	\$160,000.00 (two year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	Vision Impairment	
NSW Sports Federation Inc.	Knowledge Exchange Inclusion Program	This program engages people with disability to design and deliver an education and capacity building program for local community organisations. Local clubs, schools, councils, community organisations, universities, local business, health service providers and leisure providers will be targeted to attend education workshops delivered in 10 major regions of NSW: Hunter / Central Coast, Illawarra Riverina / Murray Northern Rivers, South Eastern NSW, Far Western NSW, Blue Mountains, Sydney Southwest, Inner Sydney, Sydney North and Northern Beaches. Workshop participants will be supported with resources including adaptive equipment kits, adaption 'how-to' videos on the Sport NSW YouTube channel, phone service support and a real-time chat portal through the www.sportnsw.com.au website.	\$348,400.00 (two year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	All people with disability	Sport NSW

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St George Youth Services	Disability Youth Engagement Service (YES)	The 'YES' Disability Engagement Service aims to improve how youth activities and programs support, and are accessed by Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) young people with disabilities. Organisations will receive resources, advice and information around making their services more accessible through creative youth-led ways. Program activities include: Disability Youth Action Council of 10 young CALD people with disabilities; a youth-led peer education/social marketing strategy and an advisory service for community activity services. Over 500 young people with disabilities are expected to benefit and participate in this activity.	\$90,811.77 (two year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities; Young Adults.	
The New South Wales Council for Intellectual Disability	Beyond the Mailroom	This project develops training packages to equip Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) and businesses to support people with intellectual disability to find meaningful work in the open employment sector. One package of training is targeted towards increasing the skills, networks and knowledge of 120 businesses and ADE across NSW, bringing the sectors together to understand and create opportunities for transition to open employment for people with disability. The second training package aims to target 75 people with intellectual disability, including young people yet to enter the workforce, and will build skills, confidence and leadership to participate in their community and the workforce. The training resources will be co-designed by people with intellectual disability and will include compelling first person stories of people with intellectual disability who are in open employment.	\$1,000,000.00 (two year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	Intellectual disability	
Vanguard Business Services PTY LTD.	Micro-enterprises	This project builds one urban and one regional network of 30 entrepreneurial people with disability from Western Sydney and Western NSW. The network will be facilitated to provide a supportive group environment with web based mentoring to support the establishment and growth of individual enterprises. The people participating in the network will be connected to a successful micro-enterprise or local business leader to provide mentoring, advice and encouragement. The project aims to attract five community mentors for every network participant. The project will culminate in a Micro Business Forum to share learning.	\$341,298.00 (two year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	All people with disability	Consortium: InCharge, Community Living Project Inc., Centre for Disability Employment Research and Practice.

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Wests Tigers Rugby League Football PTY LTD	Wests Tigers Varying Abilities Program	Over two years, the Wests Tigers staff and physical disability players aim to engage 20,000 primary students across NSW in a one hour anti-bullying program. The interactive session will feature representatives of the Wests Tigers physical disability team showcasing their achievements, exploring fact vs myths about disability in sport and engaging students to experience different elements of disability in sport to build shared understanding. Wests Tigers will drive a substantial media campaign around the activities to extend the reach of the program into the broader community and to build awareness. The program aims to build positive behaviours towards inclusion, celebrate differences, and reduce bullying.	\$300,000.00 (two year)	Community Awareness and Capacity Building	All people with disability; Children.	
Assisted Community Living Limited	Gig Buddies Sydney	<i>Gig Buddies</i> pairs adults with mild to moderate learning disabilities and/or autism with volunteers to regularly attend events or 'gigs', increasing social and community participation. This project expands the successful Gig Buddies program to regional areas of NSW and expands the capacity of the project within Sydney. Funding will be directed towards establishing new partnerships with regional organisations to deliver the Gig Buddies program including the provision of training, support and database and website customisation.	\$149,796.26 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	All people with disability	
Autism Queensland Limited	Talk To Learn Autism Group	This project will provide parents and carers of children with autism or social-communication and behavioural challenges with access to information, links to community activities and practical support to enhance their child's skills and reduce disruptive behaviours. Funding is directed to two groups facilitated by autism experts, available 40 weeks per year for children 0-6 years and 7-12 years in Inverell, Tenterfield, Moree, Narrabri and Armidale. The parent-child groups will run for two hours, supporting up to 50 families.	\$106,857.99 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Autism Spectrum Disorder; Children.	
Birds and Bees Counselling Education Consultancy PTY LTD	Sexuality and Relationships Workshops	Over a two year period, 20 Sexuality and Relationships workshops will be delivered for 800 people with disability regional towns and communities in NSW. The workshops aim to support greater independence and ability to make informed choices regarding personal sexuality, as well as building relationship skills and positive self-regard. The workshop's learning outcomes include: rights and responsibilities, when it comes to sexuality, relationships and the law; peoples' right to healthy and consensual relationships; awareness of respectful relationships; human interaction, social skills and participation; and diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity.	\$97,084.00 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Intellectual disability	

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Blind Citizens Australia (BCA)	Life Ready	Life Ready consists of a range of activities, including a program of teleconferences, mentoring and face-to-face capacity-building opportunities to empower people who are blind or vision impaired via the provision of quality and accessible information. It is intended that at least 800 people will be reached, resulting in increased self-advocacy skills, capacity building around undertaking daily tasks, stronger peer networks, enhanced employment and educational pathways and improved self-confidence. If successful, Life Ready can be marketed externally to increase awareness and participation, and may be used as a sustainable revenue stream for Blind Citizens Australia, a disability led organisation.	\$96,090.00 (one year)	Individual Capacity Building	Vision Impairment	
Central Coast Disability Network Inc.	Community before Corrections	<i>Community before Corrections</i> is a specialised and intensive support model of mentoring and self-advocacy capacity building, targeting up to 300 people with a cognitive impairment and/or intellectual disability at risk of a custodial sentence in Wyong and Gosford. Funding will be directed towards a 6-month series of capacity building sessions targeting: self-awareness, knowledge of rights, communication and leadership. A Peer Mentoring Network will also be established.	\$1,399,986.60 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Intellectual disability	
Challenge Community Services	Start Up	<i>Start Up</i> aims to increase the skills and abilities of young people with intellectual disability to understand and participate in the Gig Economy (contract, temporary and freelance work). The project will recruit 20 people with an intellectual disability in the Hunter region to participate. Program participants will receive training and mentoring in developing business skills, using digital technologies, being 'safe' online and understanding and recognising online risks.	\$190,129.11 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Intellectual disability	
Citizen Advocacy Western Sydney Inc.	CAWS We Matter	This development program will reach people with intellectual disability, providing opportunity to participate in an advisory and consultative committee. The project will establish a 7-15 person Advisory Committee and build the capacity of committee participants, particularly regarding speaking and running a meeting. The Advisory Committee will provide advice to the CAWS Management Committee on the needs of people with intellectual disability, explore issues in the community and raise those issues with relevant bodies.	\$9,000.00 (one year)	Individual Capacity Building	Intellectual disability	

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Hear For You Limited	Greater Western Sydney Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teenagers Linkage Project	This project will deliver the Rock My World programs of personal development workshops, peer mentoring and online engagement to link young people who are deaf or hearing impaired with services and peer support. It is expected that these programs will reach 150+ teenagers in Greater Western Sydney region. The 4-5 hr programs are supported by deaf young adult mentors.	\$249,703.67 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Hearing Impairment; Youth.	
Kurrajong Waratah	The Connect Program	<i>The Connect Program</i> is a peer support initiative that fosters social inclusion by connecting adolescents with intellectual disability and adolescents without disability in the Riverina and Murray regions of NSW. Project staff will work in the school environment to match students based on shared interests. The matched pairs will be supported to plan a schedule of recreational, sporting, cultural and community activities. Students without disability will receive training and support to understand disability, human rights and the importance of inclusion. The project will engage 15 public high schools and 6 independent high schools in the Riverina and Murray regions of south western NSW, with a total of 120 adolescent students with intellectual disability expected to participate.	\$452,654.00 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Intellectual disability; Children and Youth.	
Lifestart Co-operative Ltd	Belong INC	<i>Belong INC</i> is designed to build the capacity of young people aged 12-18 years living with disability to move through adolescence to adulthood. The program will be delivered in Local Government Areas in the Sydney and South East Sydney regions. Funding for the two year program is directed towards: tailored person-centred planning and support including delivering individual supports; providing support and assistance at key transition times, such as the conclusion of high school or onset of puberty; workshops and forums for families and carers, mainstream services and community organisations. More than 250 young people with disability and 1,200 additional individuals (families, carers, peers and community members) are expected to benefit.	\$675,374.02 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	All people with disability; Children and Youth.	
Manning Valley Respite Care Services Incorporated	Taree Inclusive - a Blueprint	The Toastmasters program aims to build skills in conquering nervousness when speaking in a group, improve communication and accelerate self-improvement, as well as building local community networks, relationships and understanding. A collaboration between Taree Toastmasters and About Inclusion (AI) will support people with intellectual disability to learn and practice communication and leadership skills. Up to 25 young people will be mentored through the Toastmasters program and in the process, will develop a manual for other Toastmaster groups to offer the same program.	\$9,817.00 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Intellectual disability	Taree Toastmasters, About Inclusion

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Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW Incorporated	Rights and Information Training Seminars	Seminars will provide in-language information sessions to increase the potential of people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse or Non-English speaking backgrounds to seek justice when rights are violated. This project will deliver half day disability rights training sessions in three regions in Western Sydney, offered in different languages such as Vietnamese, Cantonese, Arabic, Turkish, Spanish, and Serbian. The training sessions aim to strengthen the progress of new and emerging communities towards accepting Australian values about people with disability, as well as enabling people with disability to understand their rights to access services and supports.	\$9,990.00 (one year)	Individual Capacity Building	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities	
Muscular Dystrophy Association of New South Wales	M-Power Peer Support	Muscular Dystrophy NSW will establish a network of 15 facilitated Peer Support Groups across NSW, primarily targeting people without a NDIS plan, their families and carers. Groups will support up to 250 individuals affected by neuromuscular conditions per year. Funding is directed towards a Peer Support Coordinator, peer support groups and volunteer training.	\$77,036.00 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular conditions	
New Horizons Enterprises Limited.	STEP OUT	Volunteers will provide companionship and community access for socially isolated people with psychosocial disability. The Step Out volunteer program will be established in Campbelltown, Guildford, Ashfield and Newcastle. Volunteers, most of whom have a psychosocial disability or personal experience relating to people with psychosocial disability, will be recruited, trained and matched to two socially isolated people with psychosocial disability, providing companionship and facilitating community access. It is anticipated that participants will then experience improved capacity for independently pursuing community opportunities and developing friendships. Service Coordinators, some of whom will have a lived experience of psychosocial disability, will each support and oversee up to 25 volunteers. Over time, the program aims to build the capacity of people with psychosocial disability for sustained community participation, independent development of friendships and pursuit of volunteering opportunities or paid work.	\$850,000.00 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Psycho-social disability	The Centre for Volunteering
Physical Disability Council of NSW Incorporated	PDCN Peer Networks NSW	This project supports the development and delivery of peer led networks for people with a disability throughout NSW. Over two years, approximately 15 networks of 8-10 members will be built and maintained (13 face to face and 2 virtual networks). Monthly peer meetings will increase opportunity for social interaction, role modelling skills and behaviours, transferring knowledge and empowering people to be able to help themselves.	\$406,819.52 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Physical disability	Noah's Shoalhaven

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Rahamim Limited	Down to Earth	This program will establish two permaculture sites (community gardens) in Albury and Orange with accompanying educational programs to build skills in approximately 50 people with disability. Engaging people with disability (including physical, cognitive and sensory disabilities) to design and implement this project will enhance their health and wellbeing. Education programs will take a Project-Based learning approach, engaging participants at every stage in developing permaculture plans, growing food, cooking and selling fresh produce and nursery plants. The community garden will be open to all members of the community to promote shared experiences and change individual attitudes and community culture for people with disabilities.	\$9,865.00 (one year)	Individual Capacity Building	All people with disability	
St Vincent De Paul Society NSW	COMPEER - Mental Health Youth and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Friendship Program	This program extends the Compeer Friendship Program to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities (including Chinese, Arabic and Vietnamese speaking communities) and to the young people within them aged 18-25. People with mental health concern will be matched with a volunteer friend. It is anticipated that the current program of 400 friendships will grow by 20% over 2 years of funding. The program covers 32 Local Government Areas in 6 Regions: Northern Sydney, Sydney-South East, Sydney-South West, Western Sydney, Nepean/Blue Mountains and Central Coast. Funding will support the following activities: develop industry and stakeholder relationships; develop and embed youth and CALD referral pathways; information translation; identify and develop CALD e Youth Ambassadors; and recruit and deliver language specific volunteer training.	\$205,086.00 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities; Young Adults.	
Stroke Recovery Assn Inc.	Stroke Self-Management and Support Programme	Over two years, the grant will be utilised to support 40 existing groups for stroke survivors and carers support groups throughout NSW, as well as the development of new support groups and resources targeting Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities. The program is expected to increase support group participation to over 800 people, enabling stroke survivors to reintegrate into their local community, reduce social isolation and improve confidence, efficacy and resilience.	\$365,871.36 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Stroke; Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities.	
Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation	For Our Resilience (FOR)	This project will develop the skills of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People with disability but without NDIS plans to make decisions that promote their wellbeing. Facilitated workshops will explore aspects of wellbeing, personal safety and harm prevention. Learnings from peer responses will be shared and recorded in a culturally appropriate way. Over 150 people are expected to participate in the 20 week workshops, to be run in the Nepean Blue Mountains and Western Sydney - expanding into South West Sydney.	\$499,420.00 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities	

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Sydwest Multicultural Services	Life Plan and Peer Leadership	Three fulltime workers will be recruited to lead individualised, intensive Life Plan development and leadership capacity building for more than 600 people with disability from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds in Western Sydney and Nepean. The target cohort are people living with disability who have limited informal supports available to them. Through the program, participants will develop skills, knowledge and confidence to access mainstream services and activities, and leadership capabilities to support their peers, advocate and act as a role-model in the community. Participants will be supported to lead independent, engaged and contributing lives in their local communities.	\$659,620.08 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities	
The Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Association of NSW	Preparing for Ageing	This projects delivers education, resources and supports for people with spinal cord injury aged between 45 and 65 years to support them to plan for ageing, including maintaining wellbeing and community participation. Two support network groups will be established for up to 10 participants, facilitated by a Peer Support Officer (person with a disability) and an Allied Health Professional specialised in ageing and/or spinal cord injuries. The groups will provide knowledge, a sense of empowerment and practical tools to support wellbeing and successful ageing.	\$9,804.00 (one year)	Individual Capacity Building	Spinal Cord Injury	
Women's Activities and Self-help House Inc.	Parents on the outside - what I can do when my kids are taken into care	Multi-media resources will be created to support parents with intellectual disability to understand, navigate and effectively engage in the child protection system. Evidence based, peer reviewed resources will be developed that build knowledge and confidence. Parents with an intellectual disability will influence and contribute to all aspects of the program development through a co-design model. A participatory action research approach will be used to develop and trial evidence-informed educational resources for parents. Complementing this will be the development of a peer support program to link parents who have experience negotiating the child protection system with parents on their current journey, empowering and developing their self-advocacy skills.	\$340,000.00 (two year)	Individual Capacity Building	Intellectual disability	Intellectual Disability Rights Service, University of Sydney, Western Sydney NSW.