**National Disability Services**

Regional and Remote Expansion and Development Fund

# Factsheet

NDIS registered service providers operating in regional or remote Western Australia, can apply to access the Regional and Remote Expansion and Development Fund.

The fund will provide grants for projects that will contribute to the provision of a broader range of sustainable, quality services to people with disability and their families who live in regional and remote areas of WA.

The issues affecting regional and remote service provision and thin markets are well documented. Regional and remote service providers have relationships with the key local stakeholders and are best placed to understand the cause of these challenges and to identify potential solutions.

Through this initiative, grants will be made available to organisations with proposals to address identified regional gaps and shortfalls.

## Who can apply?

To apply, organisations must be NDIS registered at the time the application is lodged and be actively delivering services in the region/s to which their project relates.

The regions are:

* Goldfields/Esperance
* Great Southern
* Kimberley
* Midwest/Gascoyne
* Pilbara
* South West
* Wheatbelt

## What can be applied for?

Funding of up to $100,000 and $200,000 will be provided for successful applicants to trial innovative projects and those that improve or expand the efficient, effective and sustainable delivery of a broad range of quality services to NDIS participants in regional or remote Western Australia.

NDS will consider all proposals. Some of the issues facing service providers in regional and remote areas that may provide a basis for a project include, but are not limited to:

* Innovation in attracting and retaining staff to the area.
* Strategies to improve availability of allied and clinical health services.
* Innovation in training, skill transfer and supervision of staff based in regional and remote areas.
* Building the Aboriginal workforce.

Proposals that are sustainable beyond the term of the grant and can be adapted or replicated for implementation in other regional areas will be favourably considered.

Projects must be completed by 15 May 2023.

## How can I apply?

Applications open 7 May 2021 and must be lodged by 5pm, 4 June 2021.

Contact kelly.cade@nds.org.au or 9208 9861 for an application form or to discuss the grant process.